

Thank You for Your Dedication to Care – May 4, 2022

For about two years, family doctors and nurse practitioners have risen to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic – our sincerest thanks for your dedication to care. As waves of COVID-19 have come and passed, you have supported mass immunization efforts, adjusted infection control practices, and been flexible in your work so that the health care system could focus on the areas of highest need. National Physicians Day recently passed on May 1st and it's important to pause and reflect on the work we are doing together. Please watch a [special thank you video](#) acknowledging the contribution of physicians in the Island Health region during this extraordinary time, and look for May 19th celebrations honouring BC Family Doctor Day.

Island Health Region Total Vaccines Administered To Date	% Population Immunized (12+) 2nd Dose To Date	% Population Immunized (5+) 2nd Dose To Date	% Population Immunized (12+) Two Doses & Boosters To Date
1,979,364	93.5%	90.5%	64.0%

NEW RESOURCES

[Post-COVID Recovery Clinics in British Columbia](#)

- Five post-COVID-19 Recovery Clinics in British Columbia have been established under the umbrella of the provincial Post-COVID-19 Interdisciplinary Clinical Care Network.

[BCCDC COVID-19 Viral Testing Guidelines](#)

- This testing guidance does not replace the need for clinical judgment, which remains critical in determining whether a COVID-19 test should be offered to a patient. COVID-19-like symptoms are not unique and, where appropriate, testing for other infections may need to be considered.

[BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#)

- The Ministry of Health, in partnership with Thrive Health, created this self-assessment tool to provide up-to-date guidance and recommendations for testing and follow-up for COVID-19 that follows BCCDC guidance. You can complete this assessment for yourself or on behalf of someone else; this tool is not recommend for children under 2 years old.

[BCCDC COVID-19: Wastewater Surveillance Report](#)

- Data for week 14 (April 3 - April 9, 2022) may differ from the data published in the BCCDC weekly report. Data was extracted on April 18, 2022 for this situation report compared to April 20, 2022 for the latest weekly report.

[BCCDC COVID-19: Weekly Report COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths](#)

- Weekly Reporting of COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths up to April 16, 2022.

[BCCDC COVID-19: Variant of Concern Report](#)

- Weekly update on Variants of Concern (VOC)

Island Health Research Month: Five Days in May – Starting May 3rd

- Island Health's flagship health research month, designed to educate, inform, inspire and stimulate anyone interested in participating. Every year, we bring together researchers and students, patients and healthcare providers, decision-makers and members of the public to learn, share ideas and spark innovation. Our events are open to all.

UBC Graduate Certificate in Primary Care

- Developed by the UBC Faculty of Medicine to support health care professionals in this transformation – attendees will build skills and apply the principles of team-based care, contribute meaningfully to an interprofessional team and lead change wherever they are working.

Primary Care Grand Rounds

- The Greening of Healthcare – [Add Event to Calendar](#)
- Dr. Caroline Stigant & Dr. Jean Maskey & Dr. Valeria Stoyanova
- May 17, 2022 – 6:30-7:30pm
- Objectives:
 - 1) Understand that the climate crisis is a health crisis
 - 2) Understand the sources of health care related carbon pollution
 - 3) Identify three ways in which you can use a planetary health lens to fight climate change in your practice.

Outpatient COVID Therapeutics (OCTC) Clinic Looking for More Physicians

Are you interested in working virtually with a supportive interdisciplinary team (nursing, pharmacy) to assess and treat patients with COVID-19? Clinic runs seven days a week. Compensation at GP sessional rate. For more information, contact Dr. Kelsey Kozoriz (Kelsey.Kozoriz@islandhealth.ca).

Past Issues of the Island Health Primary Care Update

The Island Health Archive for past issues of the Primary Care Update.

LINKS & FAQs

BCCDC Resources:

- [New Today](#): This section of the website highlights the latest guidance documents and updates to the website for health professionals.
- [About the vaccines](#)
- [Resources for Health Professionals](#)
- [Reporting adverse events](#)

Doctors of BC:

- [Info for doctors getting or giving the vaccine](#)
- [Updated toolkit for doctors' offices](#)

Frequently Asked Questions:

- [ImmunizeBC FAQ](#)

