



### BCCDC COVID-19 Case Reports

	Today's New Cases	New Cases since September 8 (last bulletin)	Active Cases	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths
<b>BC</b>	661	4,916	5,791	288(137)	176,480	1,873
<b>Island Health</b>	66	527	615	24(15)	7,479	58

\*\* Data from BCCDC public dashboard\*\*

[PHO/MHO News Release. BC COVID-19 Dashboard, BCCDC COVID-19 Canadian and Global Epidemiology](#)

#### Island Health dashboard for new cases:

- Sep 15: [3 North Island Cases, 27 Central Island Cases, 31 South Island](#)
- Sep 14: [9 North Island Cases, 37 Central Island Cases, 31 South Island](#)
- Sep 11-13: [28 North Island Cases, 117 Central Island Cases, 86 South Island](#)
- Sep 10: [19 North Island Cases, 40 Central Island Cases, 25 South Island](#)
- Sep 9: [13 North Island Cases, 27 Central Island Cases, 41 South Island](#)

## COVID-19 Outbreaks:

- **Sunset Lodge** - No new cases identified in staff or residents since the [information bulletin update](#) on September 8, however two additional deaths are reported today.

## COVID-19 Vaccination Information:

- [Mandatory Vaccination for Medical Staff and Healthcare Workers](#)

A message from Dr. Mike Benusic about mandatory COVID-19 vaccination for all healthcare workers.

- Dr. Bonnie Henry announced Monday that BC will mandate COVID-19 vaccines for workers in all health-care facilities. This includes all workers, physicians, residents, students, contractors and volunteers in hospitals and community settings – both public and private. This new PHO order is to come into effect on October 26th, and the PHO order will be shared in the medical staff bulletin once available.
- Provisions of the [existing PHO order for Long-term care, Assisted Living and tertiary mental health sites](#) (Seven Oaks, Cowichan Lodge and Ledger House) come into effect tomorrow.
  - Between Sept 16-Oct 23, any medical staff member who is not fully vaccinated will be required to undergo point of care test for COVID-19 before entering a facility covered by the order.
  - As of October 24, unvaccinated health care providers, including medical staff, will not be allowed access to facilities covered by the order.



- [A third dose of COVID-19 vaccine: People who are moderately to severely immunocompromised](#)

Some people do not develop a strong immune response from two doses of vaccine because of the use of certain medications and treatments, as well as some health conditions. For this group, it takes an additional dose to have a reasonable level of immunity and protection against COVID-19. This page explores who is eligible for a 3rd dose, how to get a 3rd dose and the difference between a 3rd dose and booster shot.



- [COVID-19 Vaccine 3rd dose Summary of Document Updates](#)

- [BC Vaccine Card increases confidence, keeps businesses open, makes events safer](#)

The BC Vaccine Card is now in effect throughout British Columbia, bringing people together to enjoy certain businesses and recreational events safely. Starting Sept. 13, 2021, new COVID-19 vaccine requirements will apply so businesses can stay open and people can feel safe in these settings, while vaccination rates continue to rise.

- [COVID-19 BC Vaccine Card Poster](#)

- [Updated: COVID-19 Vaccination Clinical Guidance](#)

This document has been updated as follows:

- Question #6: What if a client received a vaccine outside of BC?

Island Health region Total Vaccines Administered To Date	% Population Immunized (18+) 1st Dose To Date	% Population Immunized (12+) 1st Dose To Date	% Population Immunized (18+) 2nd Dose To Date
1,300,690	88.8%	88.3%	82.2%

#### COVID-19 Updates:

- [COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control: Guidance for Test Collection & Assessment Centres](#)

Updated information regarding proper safety protocols when it comes to setting up and operating indoor and outdoor test collection and assessment clinics, for COVID-19.

- [Updated - Masking: FAQ's](#)

The following are questions and answers regarding masking during the COVID-19 pandemic within Island Health. This document will be added to/updated as information becomes available. Please see the colour-coded legend in the document to review the updates.

## COVID-19 Reports:

- [Situation Report](#)
- [Geographic distribution of COVID-19 by local health area of case residence](#)
- [BCCDC COVID-19 LTC, AL & Independent Living Report](#)
- [BCCDC Weekly Data Summary August](#)

## B.C. COVID-19 pandemic updates:

- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Sept 15](#)
- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Sept 14](#)

## Spotlight:

- [A Message from Dr. Ben Williams: Thank you to all the Medical Staff](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has been with us for about 18-months. I think it is important to pause and reflect on that fact – for a year and half, we have been working together at the forefront of a public health emergency which continues to evolve as we enter the fourth wave.



- [A message from Dr. Ian Thompson, Executive Medical Director, Medical Staff Governance](#)

Information about the annual Doctors of BC Health Authority Physician Engagement Survey which launched today. Enhanced understanding of physician engagement, both within Island Health and comparatively across other health authorities, enables us to improve and adapt our approaches to better work with physicians and advance excellent care.

- [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

This year, the Canadian Government has designated September 30th as Canada's first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

- [Recognizing World Sepsis Day as HAMAC Endorses Sepsis QI Project move to Phase 4](#)

Today, September 13, is World Sepsis Day!

Coinciding with World Sepsis Day, we are excited to announce that the Sepsis QI Project is now ready to move to Phase 4 following endorsement by the Health Authority Medical Advisory Committee (HAMAC).



- [Island Health Chief Medical Health Officer is retiring](#)

With tremendous gratitude and appreciation for more than 25 years of service to the population and population health of Vancouver Island residents, today Kathy MacNeil is announcing Dr. Richard Stanwick will be retiring as Island Health's Vice President, Population Health & Chief Medical Health Officer effective December 31, 2021.

- [Physician Health Program: Brief Program Overview](#)

The Physician Health Program of British Columbia is available to support and advocate for BC physicians, resident doctors, and medical students, as well as their partners and dependent children.

#### **IHealth:**

- [Support for Medical Staff during electronic clinical documentation go-live](#)

Medical staff will have access to 24/7 support during go-live for electronic clinical documentation. Look for in-person, at-your-elbow support from peer mentors, project staff and staff rounding in your area throughout go-live, or call for remote support to get help with your questions on the phone, or through remote computer support. For 24/7 remote support during go-live, call 1-877-755-7001.

You can also join daily medical staff huddles taking place during go-live from 08:00 to 08:30 daily in physician lounges at RGH and VGH. If you are working remotely, join by Zoom at the link below:

<https://viha-ca.zoom.us/j/61366038396?pwd=d0cvWXZXVm42RDdlaEErSEl0Yjc4dz09>

#### **Island Health End of Day Message:**

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update](#)

As an additional protection for healthcare staff and physicians, and the people we serve, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced on September 13th that BC will mandate COVID-19 vaccines for workers in all health-care facilities.

- [President & CEO COVID Update | Friday September 10](#)

On Monday, the new provincial Vaccine Card will be required to access non-essential events and businesses – and we are aware of protests planned against the Provincial Health Officer order. I hope each of you know these protests are not directed at you or the care you provide.

#### **Upcoming Events & education opportunities:**

- [PQI Fundamentals Coming to You! Virtual Morning Workshops](#)

Learn Quality Improvement (QI) skills that can help improve care in your area of work! Registration open to Physicians, leadership dyads and any approved Island Health staff member directly involved in physician-led QI work.

- [Explore@Four@Noon | Thursday Sept 16, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [COVID and Transplantation: A Canadian Perspective | Friday Sept 17, 07:30-08:30](#)
- [Ethics Lunch & Learn | Wednesday Sept 22, 12:00-12:45](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday Sept 22, 12:00-13:00](#)

These rounds are held every Wednesday at Noon.

**If you wish to add a Calendar Event to your personal Outlook Calendar, click this button at the top of the calendar pop-up**



*All upcoming events found on the [Calendar of Events page](#).*

The next email bulletin will occur **Wednesday September 22** unless additional updates are necessary. The [medical staff website](#) is updated Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

If you have any questions, please email [MedStaffCommunications@viha.ca](mailto:MedStaffCommunications@viha.ca) (Note: [MedStaffEngagement@viha.ca](mailto:MedStaffEngagement@viha.ca) email changed to [MedStaffCommunications@viha.ca](mailto:MedStaffCommunications@viha.ca) )

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