



[BCCDC COVID-19 Case Reports](#)

	Today's New Cases	New Cases since September 1 (last bulletin)	Active Cases	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths
BC	814	4,711	5,550	261(129)	171,564	1,842
Island Health	90	402	485	18(12)	6,952	52

** 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 8: [6 North Island Cases, 30 Central Island Cases, 26 South Island](#)
- Sep 4-7: [40 North Island Cases, 103 Central Island Cases, 70 South Island](#)
- Sep 3: [10 North Island Cases, 19 Central Island Cases, 24 South Island](#)
- Sep 2: [10 North Island Cases, 25 Central Island Cases, 41 South Island](#)

[COVID-19 Outbreaks:](#)

- [Updated: COVID-19 outbreak at Sunset Lodge long-term care home in Victoria](#)
On September 3, Island Health’s outbreak response identified one additional case of COVID-19 related to the outbreak declared at Sunset Lodge long-term care home on August 27, no additional cases since.

COVID-19 Vaccination Information:

- [Vaccine card enhances confidence, increases safety at B.C. events](#)

The BC Vaccine Card will allow vaccinated people to conveniently and securely show their proof of vaccination at higher-risk social and recreational events and settings when new COVID-19 vaccine requirement rules take effect on Sept. 13, 2021.

- [Vaccination for LTC, Assisted Living and Provincial Mental Health Facility](#)

Reminder that as of **October 12, 2021**, all care providers, including medical staff, must provide official proof of vaccination to the community facilities in which they work.

- [Immunization Manual Updated](#)

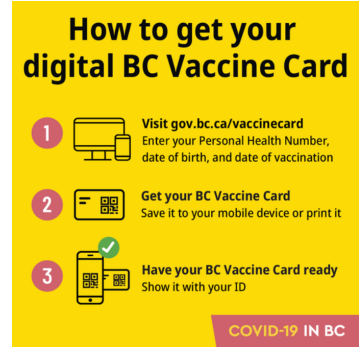
Updated to indicate the Moderna vaccine can now be offered to people born in 2009 or older. Other updates were also made to the immunization manual including the storage temperature for Pfizer, the removal of precautions for people with a history of myocarditis or pericarditis and more.

- [Updated: COVID-19 Vaccination Information Children Aged 12-17](#)

Information about COVID-19 vaccine, why children 12-17 should get vaccinated, what vaccine they can get, how to get vaccinated if in the 12-17 age gap and adult consent for children being vaccinated.

- [COVID-19 Vaccination Status Information and Preventive Measures Order](#)

Information about the most recent COVID-19 protocols and safety measures put in place by the PHO for staff, residents and guests of Long-Term Care, Private Hospitals, Stand Alone Extended Care Hospitals, Outside Support and Providers.



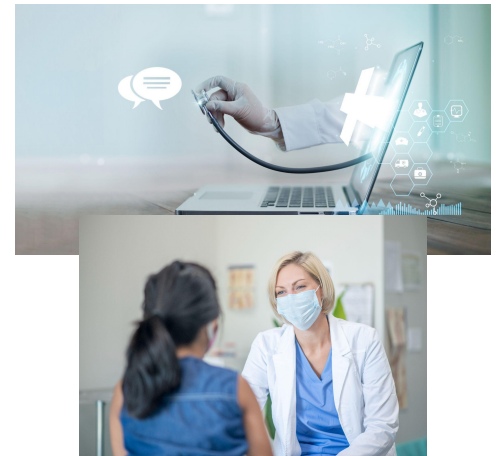
Island Health region	% Population Immunized (18+)	% Population Immunized (12+)	% Population Immunized (18+)
Total Vaccines Administered To Date	1st Dose To Date	1st Dose To Date	2nd Dose To Date

1,287,858	83.3%	82.9%	77.8%
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COVID-19 Updates:

- [In person & virtual care | Joint message from Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Health, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC](#)

It is the joint position of the Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Health, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC that health care that includes in-person assessments and preventative health measures (such as Pap tests and childhood immunizations) is an important determinant of health. Given broad vaccination coverage, COVID-19 should no longer pose a barrier to in-person practice.



- [Primary Care: What is the Ethical Duty of Health-Care Workers to Provide Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic?](#)

This document discusses what ethical duty is required of primary care providers, when ethical duties can be discharged, how providers can stay safe, virtual and in-person care and much more.

- [Updated: IPC Guidance for Primary Care Practitioners, Community-Based Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses and Midwives in Clinic Settings](#)

This document provides a practical guide to support appropriate office-based infection prevention and control (IPC) practices to mitigate the impact of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), the causative agent of COVID-19.

- [Visitor Guidelines in Acute Care Facilities](#)

Please review the updated Island Health Visitor Guidelines for acute care facilities, and share the resources with your teams to help them support safe visits between patients and their families.

- [The following message has been sent to Island Health staff at LTC, Seniors' AL or Provincial Mental Health Facilities](#)

Important Update on Vaccination, Masks and Rapid Testing.

- [Order of the PHO: Face Coverings COVID-19](#)

The presence of virus variants of concern in the Province, in particular the Delta variant, has heightened the risk to the population generally due to the highly transmissible nature of the virus. This document explains the reasoning behind the mandatory use of face coverings in British Columbia, where they are mandatory, how to wear them, who is exempt and much more.

- [Updated COVID-19 Therapy Guidance](#)

Updated documents for: Antimicrobial and Immunomodulatory Therapy in Adult Patients with COVID-19, BCCDC Clinical Reference Group Recommendation: Therapies for COVID-19, BC COVID-19 Therapeutic Committee Report on Therapies for COVID-19: Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendations.

COVID-19 Reports:

- [Geographic distribution of COVID-19 by local health area of case residence | Sept 8](#)
- [Geographic distribution of COVID-19 by local health area of case residence | Sept 1](#)
- [Weekly COVID-19 Long Term Care, Assisted Living & Independent Living Outbreak Report](#)
- [Covid-19 Situation Report | Sept 8](#)

Spotlight:

- [Wellness Webinars Are Back!](#)

The September schedule of wellness webinars is now available. Homewood Health (Island Health's EFAP provider) is offering another series of personal health webinars open to all Island Health staff. You can self-register by clicking on any of the links below.

- [Caring Spirit Awards | August 2021](#)

Congratulations to the below physicians who are honoured with Caring Spirit Awards in August, 2021! A grateful donor has recognized you with a **Caring Spirit Award** and a donation in your honour toward priority medical equipment.

- [September 13 is World Sepsis Day!](#)

Island Health is dedicated to improving sepsis recognition and care for patients.

Sepsis is the number one preventable death in Canada.

[**NEW! Sepsis Order Sets for Emergency & Medicine -AVAILABLE NOW**](#)

- [Letter from grieving brother to RJH ICU staff](#)

On August 30, Cory Ronningen's 44 year old sister, Kelly, died at Royal Jubilee Hospital from complications of COVID-19. Cory has bravely shared his grief with Island Health and the media, urging people to get vaccinated.

- [Save the Date to Choose Wisely with Island Health at our second Virtual Symposium, November 26.](#)

We would love to hear from you!

Did you join us at the Choosing Wisely at Island Health symposium last November? Did you miss it but wish you had attended? We would love to hear from you!



Newsletter:

- [Primary Care Update](#)

Highlights in this edition include: Premier John Horgan officially launched the B.C. Vaccine Card, a digital or printed document British Columbians will need to access non-essential activities and services.

- [MHO Message: Primary Care Providers and Other Physicians](#)

As we continue in Phase 3 of BC's Restart plan, and look to transition to Phase 4 over the fall months, the Island Health Medical Health Officers are providing an update to Primary Care Providers.

- [MHSU Update - August 2021](#)

Highlights from this edition include: Cycling to Reduce Substance Use Stigma, Max the Therapy Dog joins CYFMH, PES Moves Back after Flood, Executive Directors Express their Gratitude.

B.C. COVID-19 pandemic updates:

- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Sept 8](#)
- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Sept 7](#)
- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Sept 3](#)
- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Sept 2](#)

Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Updates:

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | September 7](#)

In Support of Health-Care Workers:

- [Island Health's President and CEO on protests at health care facilities](#)
- [A message from Island Health Board Chair Leah Hollins](#)

A message from Leah Hollins, Chair, Island Health Board of Directors, on the protests at our Island Health hospitals and vaccination centres, and how the Island Health Board of Directors stands with the great staff working for Island Health, both on the front lines and behind the scenes.



- [Community support for health care workers pouring in](#)

So many people are showing their support for care providers after the misguided and misdirected protests at hospitals on Wednesday.

- [Premier's statement in support of health-care workers](#)

Premier John Horgan has issued the following statement in support of health-care workers in light of protests.

- [Thank you to our Community Care partners](#)

After a long week of sorting through the new MHO orders and the protest, Dufferin was surprised by a visit from our Community Care partners at Grant Avenue who came over and chalked words of encouragement and thankfulness across the front entrance.

Upcoming Events & education opportunities:

- [PLP Series Psychedelics and Complementary Techniques: Session 4 - Ketamine: From Anesthetic to Antidepressant and Beyond | Wednesday Sept 8, 19:00-20:30](#)
- [Explore@Four@Noon | Thursday Sept 9, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Improving care for patients in BC after acute kidney injury | Friday Sept 10, 07:30-08:30](#)

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 15** 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 (Note: MedStaffEngagement@viha.ca email changed to MedStaffCommunications@viha.ca)

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