



ISLAND HEALTH MEDICAL STAFF BULLETIN

October 27, 2021

BCCDC COVID-19 Case Reports

	Today's New Cases	New Cases since October 20 (last bulletin)	Active Cases	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths
BC	599	4,038	4,738	422(157)	203,572	2,137
Island Health	51	442	520	56(22)	10,486	89

** 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:

- Oct 27: [11 North Island Cases, 43 Central Island Cases, 19 South Island](#)
- Oct 26: [6 North Island Cases, 31 Central Island Cases, 21 South Island](#)
- Oct 23-25: [21 North Island Cases, 121 Central Island Cases, 42 South Island](#)
- Oct 22: [10 North Island Cases, 59 Central Island Cases, 22 South Island](#)
- Oct 21: [5 North Island Cases, 33 Central Island Cases, 27 South Island](#)

COVID-19 Outbreaks:

- [Island Health declares COVID-19 outbreak over at Tofino General Hospital](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Information:

- [Provincewide Booster Dose is next step in COVID-19 Immunization Plan](#)

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced British Columbia's COVID-19 booster dose immunization plan yesterday for targeted groups and the general population.

- Vaccine booster dose rollout will be in a similar priority order as first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccine were delivered.
- During the final months of 2021, invitations to [book booster doses](#) will be sent to [health-care workers](#) who were immunized early and with shorter intervals between doses (e.g. ICUs, EDs and COVID units) – as well as people over age 70, and Indigenous people aged 12 and up.
- Starting in January, people in BC who had their second dose at least 6 months ago will get an invitation to book a booster dose.



- [Updated: Order of the Provincial Health Officer: Hospital and Community COVID-19 Vaccination Status Information and Preventive Measures](#)

The main update clarifies information for staff who received their first dose before October 12 (hospital and community) but have not received their second dose. This PHO order explains that all employees in the health sector will be required to be fully (two doses) vaccinated against COVID-19 by October 26, 2021.

- [Order of the Provincial Health Officer: Updated - Residential Care COVID-19 Preventive Measures](#)

The main update clarifies information for staff who received their first dose before September 22, but have not received their second dose.

- [Immunization Manual: Additional COVID-19 Vaccine Resources](#)

- The BC Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization (BC Immunization Manual) provides best practice guidelines to direct the provision of immunization services.

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
1,371,762	91.9%	91.6%	87.3%

COVID-19 Updates:

- [Baricitinib oral tablets for COVID-19: Use and Access](#)
The supply of tocilizumab injection and sarilumab injection is unstable due to increased global demand. If tocilizumab or sarilumab are not available for the treatment of severe COVID-19, baricitinib oral is recommended as an alternative.
- [Updated Poster: Guidelines for Visitors to LTC and Seniors' AL Facilities](#)
This updated poster focuses on the most current visitor guidelines put in place at Long-Term Care and Assisted Living facilities, when it comes to COVID-19 vaccination. All visitors must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to enter the facility. Excluding children under 12 years, those with an approved medical exemption or for an end-of-life visit.
- [Province intends to introduce legislation to extend key COVID-19 orders](#)
Due to the ongoing fourth wave of the pandemic, the Province intends to introduce amendments to the COVID-19 Related Measures Act to extend it beyond the repeal date of Dec. 31, 2021.
- [Updated: Order of the Provincial Health Officer: Gatherings & Events](#)
Updates include information regarding indoor events (Section C), proof of vaccination (Section D) in regards to participants of events and gatherings needing proof of full vaccination and much more.

COVID-19 Reports:

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

B.C. COVID-19 pandemic updates:

- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Oct 27](#)
- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Oct 26](#)

Spotlight:

- [Telemetry Unit changes improve patient flow, patient care and reduce wait times](#)

Drawing on critical care and cardiology literature, Dr. Sam Kohen, an Internal Medicine and Critical Care specialist, believed that patients would receive more appropriate and timely care by transitioning the Telemetry Unit to a “closed” model of care, and his team’s work has reduce wait times for transfers from the ED to the Telemetry Unit by 52%.

- [Langford gives thanks in a big way](#)

The City of Langford took out a full-page in the Times Colonist Thursday to give thanks to healthcare workers, first responders and vaccinated residents.

- [PharmaNet PRIME Enrollment](#)

The Ministry of Health requires all healthcare professionals working in British Columbia and using PharmaNet to deliver patient care to enroll in PRIME. PRIME is a simple online application that you can complete in about 15 minutes.

- [Electronic Clinical Documentation Go-Live Update](#)

Remaining areas at VGH go live using clinical documentation on Monday, October 25; support ramps up at VGH, scales back at RJH.

- [Movember is back](#)

Throughout the month of Movember, many Island Health staff and medical staff put down their razors and let their Mo’s grow!

- [VHF Launches \\$10 Million Campaign for Priority Equipment](#)

The Victoria Hospitals Foundation (VHF) has announced a commitment of **\$10 million for priority equipment needs** at Royal Jubilee Hospital (RJH), Victoria General Hospital (VGH), and Gorge Road Hospital (GRH).

- [Courses on LearningHub Will Not Be Available between 7:00 a.m., and 11:55 p.m. Thursday, October 28th, 2021.](#)

From 7:00 a.m., until 11:55 p.m. on Thursday, October 28th, **LearningHub** (Island Health’s learning management system) will be undergoing maintenance. During this time LearningHub and all associated applications will not be available.



- [Knowledge to Action \(K2A\)Month!](#)
Every November, the Research Department hosts Knowledge-to-Action month, a month of collaborative events, bringing together leaders and researchers, healthcare providers and patients to learn about the importance of translating evidence into practice to improve care and outcomes. This year, K2A month events are focused on achieving clinical excellence through continuous improvement cycles.

Flu Vaccination 2021:

[Doctors of BC](#) and the Government of British Columbia are warning of a severe flu season, and are strongly encouraging vaccination from influenza this season.

Whether you receive the vaccination from an Island Health flu clinic, a Peer Flu Champion, a community pharmacy, family physician or from Public Health it needs to be reported online.

- **Please be aware that Medical staff (physicians, NPs, midwives and dentists):**
 - have a [separate reporting tool](#), available on the medical staff [influenza page](#).
 - Can ask direct questions to MedicalStaffFlu@islandhealth.ca
 - Will have to wear a mask if they do not receive vaccination, and will be followed-up with to ensure proper masking.



Newsletters:

- [Primary Care Update](#)
This issue provides an update on the COVID-19 booster dose for all of British Columbia.

IHealth Updates:

- [Success! Launching Clinical Documentation in Cerner EHR at RJH](#)
Thanks to the dedication and engagement of hundreds of staff at Royal Jubilee Hospital (RJH), the launch this fall of electronic clinical documentation is emerging as a smooth and successful experience.

Island Health End of Day & CEO Messages:

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Oct 26](#)
- [COVID-19 Update from the CEO | Oct 25](#)

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Oct 22](#)

Upcoming Events & education opportunities:

- [Explore@Four@Noon | Thursday Oct 28, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Doctors of BC Physician Safety Webinar | Thursday Oct 28, 18:00-19:30](#)
- [Pediatric Resident Rounds: Muscular Dystrophy with Dr. Nina Howatt and Nephrotic Syndrome with Dr. Louann Claasen | Thursday Oct 28, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Medicine Grand Rounds | Friday Oct 29, 08:00-09:00](#)
- [The Climate Emergency: Prescription for the Turnaround \(Online\) | Saturday Oct 30, 08:00-09:00](#)
- [BCCDC Grand Rounds | Tuesday Nov 2, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [The Emergency Medicine Network & Health Data Platform Partnership | Wednesday Nov 3, 10:00-11:00](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday Nov 3, 12:00-13:00](#)

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

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



The next email bulletin will occur **November 3rd** 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

Health, Wellness & Urgent Support Services available for medical staff



FUTURE

Be sure to Save the Date November 26 - Sarah Porter request (Taylor) TBD

Primary Care In –Person visits - ??????? – Matt B.

Updates on Memo Preparation and Distribution Plan for PharmaNet PRIME ????
Maybe the 20th

Life Labs Job Action messaging see email chain from October 22nd. Messaging in the works.

Flu Reporting (Matt currently working on it)

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- **Story: Comox Valley Internal Medicine Department Restructuring to Improve Patient Care and Health Care Provider Experience [link](#)**
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