



# ISLAND HEALTH MEDICAL STAFF BULLETIN

November 10, 2021

Lest We Forget

Island Health honours the service, courage and sacrifice of Canada's Veterans.



	Today's New Cases	New Cases since November 3 (last bulletin)	Active Cases	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths
<b>BC</b>	555	4,068	4,321	379(117)	210,758	2,234
<b>Island Health</b>	88	595	598	62(14)	11,510	106

\*\* 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:**

- Nov 10: 17 North Island Cases, 39 Central Island Cases, 8 South Island
- Nov 9: 10 North Island Cases, 43 Central Island Cases, 16 South Island
- Nov 6-8: 49 North Island Cases, 120 Central Island Cases, 69 South Island
- Nov 5: 11 North Island Cases, 33 Central Island Cases, 9 South Island
- Nov 4: 16 North Island Cases, 44 Central Island Cases, 18 South Island

**COVID-19 Outbreaks:**

- Update to outbreaks at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, Chartwell Malaspina Care Centre

**COVID-19 Vaccine Information:**

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
<b>1,400,691</b>	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>92.3%</b>	<b>88.7%</b>

- Updated: Order of the Provincial Health Officer: Hospital and Community COVID-19 Vaccination Status Information and Preventive Measures  
Updates include changes to Section A, additional information added to Section C (Vaccination Status Information), Section D (Post-secondary Institutions), (Exemption requests and approvals) and more.
- Updated: Vaccination Aftercare Document  
Updates include information in the "things to remember" section which includes: It will take 2-3 weeks after getting the 1st dose to build immunity to the virus. Additional

doses will take several days. For the best protection, get all the recommended doses. Continue to follow public health guidelines.

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

This document provides guidance regarding frequently asked questions related to clinical aspects of COVID-19 vaccination. Question #4: Clarification on booster dose eligibility, prioritization and timing.

- [Vaccine Safety for Youth: 5 things to know for 12-17 year olds](#)

This document explains vaccine safety for youth between 12-17 years old. Over two million youth in Canada and over 250,000 youth in B.C. have already received a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccinated youth are much less likely to get sick from COVID-19 or be hospitalized.

### **COVID-19 Updates:**

- [BC Modeling COVID-19: Provincial Health Officer Update](#)

Updated modeling includes information on Geographic distribution of COVID 19 case rates by local health area of residence, Geographic distribution of COVID 19 vaccinations by local/ community health area of residence, Rate of cases and hospitalizations by vaccination status, Daily case rate by age is shared and more.

- [Updated: Overview of Visitors in Acute Care \(Ministry of Health\)](#)

Effective Monday, November 8, 2021, visitors to Island Health hospitals will need to be fully vaccinated, and show proof of vaccination, to enter.

- [Updated poster: Visitor Restrictions Are in Effect - to reflect new mandates in facilities](#)

- [Updated: Mask Use in Health Care Facilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

This policy was updated to reflect that people age 5 and older should wear masks inside health care facilities.

- [Updated Poster: Guidelines for Visitors to LTC and Seniors' AL Facilities](#)

Updated to reflect the current vaccination protocols. Does not apply to children who are ineligible for the vaccine, those with an approved medical exemption or for an end-of-life visit.

- [Respectful Distancing in Waiting Areas](#)

Terminology shifting from 'physical distancing' to 'respectful distancing'.

### **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 | Nov 10](#)
- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Nov 9](#)

#### Flu Vaccination 2021:

- [A Message about Flu Shots from Dr. Ian Thompson](#)

Getting your influenza vaccination will help protect you, your patients and your community. People need all the protection we can offer them, now more than ever. Please get your flu shot and use the medical staff self-reporting tool.

- [Add another layer of protection this fall and winter, by getting your flu shot](#)

The last of our staff flu shot clinics ends November 10th, at RJH but there are still opportunities to get immunized elsewhere, to reduce the risk of catching influenza or spreading it to others.



#### Spotlight:

- [Laboratory Test Reagent Shortages for Iron and Iron Binding Capacity](#)

Due to world wide supply chain issues, Island Health Laboratories are currently experiencing a number of test reagent shortages and as a result will be forced to centralize some non-stat testing to the Royal Jubilee Hospital (RJH) in order to conserve reagent resources.

- [Shine a Light on Your Fellow Frontline Healthcare Workers this Holiday Season](#)

December is a time to reflect on the past year and celebrate those who make exceptional contributions to our community. The Victoria Hospitals Foundation can't think of anyone more deserving of recognition than our local Hospital Heroes,



whose dedication to keeping our community safe and healthy is nothing short of inspiring—now, more than ever.

- [Clinical Governance Improvement Initiative \(CGII\) Invitation to Join Advisory Committee](#)

This summer, Island Health introduced the Clinical Governance Improvement Initiative (CGII) to help us better align to leading practices and improve our clinical oversight and accountability. To support this work Island Health is forming an Advisory Group of 15 people who are systems thinkers from diverse backgrounds including point of care staff, medical staff and leaders.

- [The Story of the Pandemic through a day in the ICU](#)

Reporter Cindy Harnett from the Victoria Times Colonist recently spent a day observing the care and commitment of health care workers in the Intensive Care Unit at Royal Jubilee Hospital. The article tells the story of the pandemic's fourth wave, and the toll COVID takes on patients, their families, and care providers.

- [Nominations Now Open for UBC Sauder Physician Leadership Program Cohort 17](#)

Are you interested in further developing your leadership knowledge, behaviours and skills to effectively engage in the planning, delivery and transformation of our health care system? The Physician Leadership Program is now open for nominations! Please submit a nominee or self-nomination for this cohort by **November 17, 2021.**

#### **Island Health End of Day & CEO Messages:**

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Nov 9](#)

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

- [Choosing Wisely at Island Health Symposium Registration](#)

**Looking to put your Quality Improvement skills into practice, or want to learn more about practical QI and Choosing Wisely?** November 26, 2021 will be an action-packed 3½ hour zoom symposium to learn, share, and develop *Choosing Wisely at Island Health*.

- [The School for Change Agents](#)

After a successful run of the School for Change Agents during May and June 2021, it will be returning on **15 November 2021.**

- [Province Wide Rounds - Virtual Care in Hemodialysis: What Do We Need to Think About and Why Should We Care | Friday Nov 12, 07:30-08:30](#)
- [Findings from Island Health's Anti-Racism Knowledge Survey | Tuesday Nov 16, 11:00-12:00](#)
- [Infection Rounds: Island Health Lab Investigation of suspected Malaria | Wednesday Nov 17, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Knowledge Management for Continuous Improvement: Finding the Info in Data | Wednesday Nov 17, 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 17th** 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)

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