



**BCCDC COVID-19 Case Reports**

	<b>Today's New Cases</b>	<b>New Cases since October 27 (last bulletin)</b>	<b>Active Cases</b>	<b>Currently hospitalized (ICU)</b>	<b>Cumulative Cases</b>	<b>Total Deaths</b>
<b>BC</b>	406	*not available	4,694	445(137)	206,690	2,186
<b>Island Health</b>	28	*not available	524	63(21)	10,915	97

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

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

**\*\*The BCCDC data is not refreshed at the time of bulletin distribution due to technical issues at the provincial reporting source. The data used for BC was from the communication Pandemic Update dated November 2nd, 2021.\*\***

**Island Health dashboard for new cases:**

- Nov 3: 2 North Island Cases, 10 Central Island Cases, 12 South Island
- Nov 2: 8 North Island Cases, 30 Central Island Cases, 13 South Island
- Oct 30–Nov 1: 30 North Island Cases, 150 Central Island Cases, 46 South Island
- Oct 29: 14 North Island Cases, 58 Central Island Cases, 15 South Island
- Oct 28: 10 North Island Cases, 60 Central Island Cases, 20 South Island

**COVID-19 Outbreaks:**

- Island Health declares COVID-19 outbreak on Transitional Care Unit at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital

Island Health has declared a COVID-19 outbreak on the Transitional Care Unit at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital (NRGH) where four patients have tested positive for COVID-19.

- Outbreak declared at Chartwell Malaspina Care Centre Hummingbird Unit

Island Health’s outbreak response has identified three cases of COVID-19 at Chartwell Malaspina Care Centre’s Hummingbird Unit.

**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>1,385,944</b>	<b>92.2%</b>	<b>92.0%</b>	<b>88.1%</b>

- On Tuesday Oct. 26 Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced that everyone 18 years and older will be offered a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine, starting with people most at risk.
- Seniors 70+ and Indigenous people 18+ are among the first to be scheduled, also health care workers and medical staff who received their first two doses



on a shortened schedule (less than 42 days between doses 1 and 2) are being prioritized.

- You must [be registered in B.C.'s Get Vaccinated registration system](#) in order to receive a booster dose, and easy instructions are available on our [website](#).
  - Some health care workers who were immunized before May, 2021 may not be registered. If you have not registered please do so as soon as possible.
  - After registering you will be notified by email, text, or phone call when it's your turn to book an appointment.
  - A booster dose is not required to be considered fully vaccinated under the BC Vaccine Card program or the vaccine mandate for health care workers.
  - All booster doses will be either the Moderna or Pfizer (mRNA) vaccines, which are interchangeable.

All booster doses will be mRNA vaccines approved in Canada. People will receive either the Moderna or Pfizer (mRNA) vaccine for their booster dose as these vaccines are interchangeable. If you received AstraZeneca for your first or second dose, you will receive Moderna or Pfizer for your booster.

- [Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization, Part 4 – Biological Products](#)

This document has been updated to reflect the latest information on booster doses and doses and scheduling.

- [Exceptions to Vaccination Requirements for Visitors in Long-Term Care and Seniors Assisted Living Care Settings](#)

Overview of Visitors in Long-Term Care and Seniors' Assisted Living guidance, exceptions regarding vaccination requirements (for partially or unimmunized individuals) may be considered on a case by case basis if the visitor has an approved medical exemption, is a child under the age of vaccine eligibility and/or the reason for the visit with a resident is for compassionate reasons such as end of life.

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

This document has been updated with question #1: information about walk-ins and doses before and after November 1, 2021.

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

- [Annual Respirator Fit Tests versus User Seal Checks](#)

A fit test is a procedure to ensure that a staff member is wearing the right make, model, and size of respirator. Going through the fit test processes also helps as a

refresher session for staff who only occasionally need to wear tight fitting respiratory protection as a part of their job.

- [Therapy in Adult Pregnant Patients with COVID 19](#)

This document focuses on therapy uses for Pregnant patients who have COVID-19 that are either hospitalized ICU based, Hospitalized ward based or Ambulatory outpatient.

- [Updated: Order of the Provincial Health Officer - Face Coverings COVID-19](#)

Updated information in regards to the indoor mask mandate being extended. This document touches on what constitutes indoor public spaces, who is mandated to wear face masks within these spaces and who has possible exemption. Masks are required in all public indoor spaces for all people born in 2016 or earlier (5+).



- [Updated: COVID-19 Outbreak Acute Care Playbook](#)

Please see the yellow-highlighted sections and Change Log within the document for the updated information. This COVID-19 Outbreak Acute Care Playbook is designed to enable the best-possible decisions in preparation for and responding to a COVID-19 outbreak in all acute care environments.

- [Update: COVID-19 Therapies Use and Access Documents](#)

This update reflects that there is now Infectious Disease coverage for COVID therapies at VGH, in addition to NRGH and RJH.

#### **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 3](#)
- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Nov 2](#)

#### **Spotlight:**

- [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**.

- [Its Knowledge-to-Action \(K2A\) Month!](#)

Every November, Island Health's 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.

- [K2A - Nov 4: Beyond Quality Improvement to an LHS Framework in Long-Term Care: the LTC QI Initiative](#)

In this presentation, three of the regional leads will provide an overview of the development of the provincial initiative focused on translating research into practice to enhance the experiences and outcomes for residents, families and LTC staff in British Columbia.

- [Shedding light on mental health](#)

During a global pandemic, it's not surprising to hear half of Canadians say their mental health has deteriorated. But even before COVID-19, one-in-four people on Vancouver Island had mental health challenges.

- [From Acute Care to Home and Community: electronic charting of patient behaviour improves quality for patient and care teams](#)

Dealing with an agitated patient kicked off some valuable insights for LPN Laura Martin, who learned how the electronic health record can follow patients wherever they interact with health services, and make a difference in plans for their care.

- [Setup BC Services Card App in Preparation for Future PharmaNet PRIME Enrollments](#)

- Medical staff will need to enroll in PRIME in the coming months. Start preparing now by setting up BC Services Card App.

#### **Celebration Stories and Kudos:**

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

Congratulations to the following physicians Drs. **John Sun, Christopher Franco, Charlotte Mursell, Layne Woodburn, Robert Barclay, Erin Wishart, Sohrab Khorasani, Cailan MacPherson, John Kinahan, Jason Gray and Stanley Shortt** who are honoured with Caring Spirit Awards in October, 2021! A grateful donor has recognized you with a **Caring Spirit Award** and a donation in your honour toward priority medical equipment.

- [Forget the Weather Bomb – It's a Love Bomb!](#)

In response to those (icky) protests outside hospitals this year (CVH included), members of our local Strathcona Sunrise Rotary Club in the Comox Valley were talking among themselves about how to remind healthcare workers that the community loves and supports them. It culminated in a LOVE BOMB-ing at CVH this Thursday.

- [NRGH teams pull together to manage capacity surge](#)

Staff from across NRGH are leaning into a team-based care approach that allows them to support colleagues and care for seriously ill patients through a capacity surge driven by an increase in COVID-19.

#### **Flu Vaccination 2021:**

- [Flu shot clinics for staff and medical staff running through next week](#)

Getting a flu shot is particularly important this season – not only for influenza prevention, but also to stay healthy while COVID-19 continues to circulate in our communities. Internal clinics are still running and pharmacies are offering flu shots in communities across Island Health. Please get your flu shot soon – and don't forget to report.



#### **Newsletters:**

- [Mental Health & Substance Use Update: October 2021](#)

This update highlights Change Leadership Excellence in the Comox Valley, Improved Access to Inhalation Services Coming to Cowichan and Victoria and Virtual Spiritual Care Service Success at CDH.

- [The Fall issue of Currents now available](#)

Read about your colleagues' activities, learn about Island Health programs, celebrate achievements and see lots of photos of Island Health employees at work and play.

- [Primary Care Update](#)

This week's Primary Care update includes information about registering for COVID-19 booster doses, and much more.

- [IHealth News for Medical Staff Issue No. 4](#)

In this issue topics covered include support changes for Go-Live RJH & VGH news, remaining nursing and clinical staff now live at VGH, answers about nursing documentation in electronic health records, and much more!

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

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Nov 1](#)
- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Oct 29](#)

#### **Medical Leader Announcements:**

- [Welcome Dr. Keith Menard - Medical Director, Medical Staff Human Resources Planning](#)

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

- [Pandemic Chats-An open discussion about the ethical dilemmas of the COVID-19 pandemic|Thursday November 4, 12:00-12:45](#)
- [Beyond Quality Improvement to an LHS Framework in Long-Term Care | Thursday Nov 4, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Explore@Four@Noon | Thursday Nov 4, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [BC ECHO for Post-COVID-19 Recovery – Session 5 | Tuesday Nov 9, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Impact and Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic | Tuesday Nov 9, 12:00-16:30](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday Nov 10, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Discovering Your Inner Detective: How to Write Effective Inquiry Questions | Wednesday Nov 10, 13:00-14:00](#)
- [The Failed Promise of Modern Psychiatry | Wednesday Nov 10, 19:00-20:30](#)
- [Mental Health Act Information Session \(Overview\)](#)

The upcoming webinars will assist physicians, leaders and health care professionals

in hospital and community settings to alleviate confusion and support practice when working with patients/clients who may be undergoing involuntary psychiatric treatment.

- [Registration is now live for Choosing Wisely at Island Health](#), our second virtual symposium on November 26, 2021 from 8:00-11:30 AM. [Click here to register](#). \*Google Chrome recommended\*.
  - Want to learn more about the event? [Click here](#) to visit our dedicated Choosing Wisely Symposium page on the Medical Staff Website.

*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 10th** 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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