

ISLAND HEALTH MEDICAL STAFF BULLETIN

December 1, 2021

Booster Doses for Medical Staff

Reminder: In order to receive an invitation for your booster dose when you become eligible, medical staff must be registered on the [Get Vaccinated](#) online system AND need to self-identify as a *health care worker* on the Get Vaccinated system in [one of five categories](#).

If you self-identified as a health-care worker, you are in the priority queue for a booster invitation. Those who received their second dose on or before March 15, 2021 should expect to receive a booster by the end of the year. If you won't hit the six month mark (after dose two) by the end of the year, you will not be invited until your full six month timeline is reached. A booster dose given 6-8 months after dose two will help you maintain and lengthen your protection against COVID-19.



Provincial state of emergency, fuel order extended

With coastal and southwestern B.C. facing heavy rainfall while recovering from severe flooding, the Province is extending the provincial state of emergency and this includes the temporary measure to limit non-essential vehicles to 30 litres of fuel (gas and diesel) per fill until Dec. 14, 2021.



COVID 19 Cases:

	Today's New Cases	New Cases since November 24 (last bulletin)	Active Cases	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths
BC	375	2,467	2,936	301(98)	218,801	2,340
Island Health	76	502	569	49(15)	12,788	122

** 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:

- Dec 1: [24 North Island Cases, 31 Central Island Cases, 18 South Island](#)
- Nov 30: [21 North Island Cases, 21 Central Island Cases, 12 South Island](#)
- Nov 27-29: [74 North Island Cases, 104 Central Island Cases, 47 South Island](#)
- Nov 26: [25 North Island Cases, 30 Central Island Cases, 18 South Island](#)
- Nov 25: [20 North Island Cases, 27 Central Island Cases, 14 South Island](#)

COVID-19 Outbreaks:

- No new outbreaks

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
1,455,745	93.1%	92.9%	90.1%

- [Vaccination for children 5-11 years old](#)

BCCDC Poster information resource for COVID-19 vaccine in children. All BC children aged 5-11 are now eligible to receive [the pediatric dose of COVID-19 vaccine](#).

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

This Island Health document provides guidance regarding frequently asked questions related to clinical aspects of COVID-19 vaccination. Questions #1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 2.1, 2.5 and 4.2 have been updated.

COVID-19 Updates:

- [Approach to assessment and management of long-term COVID-19 symptoms in primary care](#)

This BCCDC guidance document outlines an initial approach to the assessment and management of adult patients (age ≥19 years) who have had COVID-19 infection (patients who either tested positive or were suspected by their primary care provider to have had COVID-19) and are still experiencing persistent symptoms more than 12 weeks post-infection.

- [Antimicrobial and Immunomodulatory Therapy in Adult Patients with COVID-19](#)

BC COVID-19 Therapeutics Committee (CTC) and COVID-19 Therapeutics Review and Advisory Working Group Clinical Practice Guidance for Antimicrobial and Immunomodulatory Therapy in Adult Patients with COVID-19.

- [Joint statement on new COVID-19 variant](#)

Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, have issued the following statement regarding a new variant of concern (VOC), Omicron.

- [COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control: Guidance for Home and Community Health-Care](#)

BCCDC guidance for COVID-19 Home and Community Care Infection Prevention and Control. [Click here for the preparing for your home health visit poster.](#)



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 | Dec 1](#)
- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Nov 30](#)

Spotlight:

- All Island Health staff immunization clinics for influenza closed on November 10th. Locate [community providers with vaccine in stock](#) with ImmunizeBC. Medical staff [reporting tool](#) for influenza vaccination. Direct questions to MedicalStaffFlu@islandhealth.ca

- [It takes more than flooding, road closures and power failures to stop dedicated COVID-19 immunization teams](#)

Island Health's "small but mighty" Sooke COVID-19 vaccination clinic lived up to that description when the skies opened on November 15th. Located at the Evergreen Shopping Centre in downtown Sooke, the clinic has 68 booked appointments and immunizes between 70-90 people in a typical day, says Kirsten Hull, Public Health Nurse Clinician.

- [Local Businesses Support Hospital Heroes Week](#)

During Hospital Heroes Week (November 22–26), the Victoria Hospitals Foundation and leaders from Greater Victoria's business community recognized local caregivers for their incredible dedication and tireless efforts.

- [In Plain Sight anniversary](#)

Indigenous-specific racism – and any other form of racism – has no place in any hospital or health-care setting, or elsewhere in Canadian society. It most certainly has no place at Island Health, and we are committed to ending the racism that still continues today. [Read more](#) about the provincial response from Health Minister Adrian Dix to Mary-Ellen Turpel-Lafond's update.



IHealth News:

- [Clinical Documentation Support is Transitioning to Operations](#)

With most units at Royal Jubilee Hospital and Victoria General Hospital now using electronic clinical documentation (ClinDoc) for a month or more, calls for support are dropping in number. This is a sign that most health care professionals have successfully made the change to the new EHR.

Newsletters:

- [IHealth News for Medical Staff Issue No. 5](#)

This edition of the IHealth News for Medical Staff focuses on Go-live support transitions @ RJH and VGH, Skills sharpening sessions on Zoom, Enhancement Highlight: New work list created for LTC medical staff and much more.

- [Primary Care Update | Dec 1](#)

This issue contains information and resources on the COVID-19 pediatric vaccine rollout and context on the new Omicron variant of concern. [Past issues of the Primary Care Update](#)

- [SSC 'The Wrap' Meeting Summary - November 2021](#)

Island Health End of Day & CEO Messages:

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Nov 30](#)
- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Nov 26](#)

Upcoming Events & education opportunities:

- [Request an Accreditation Certificate of Attendance for 2021 Rounds](#)
- [Explore@Four@Noon | Thursday Dec 2, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [BC Virtual Health Grand Rounds: Virtual Exam Perspectives from CPSBC and Rheumatology | Friday Dec 3, 08:00-09:00](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday Dec 8, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [How to Get More Psychedelic Experience & Training | Wednesday Dec 8, 19:00-20:30](#)
- [Principles of Medical Leadership | Tuesday, February 1 and 8, 08:00-11:00](#)

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 **December 8th** 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

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