

ISLAND HEALTH
MEDICAL STAFF BULLETIN
December 8, 2021

COVID 19 Cases:

	Today's New Cases	New Cases since December 1 (last bulletin)	Active Cases	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths
BC	379	2,434	2,874	224(77)	221,235	2,369
Island Health	65	516	595	34(7)	13,304	127

** 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 8: [15 North Island Cases, 18 Central Island Cases, 12 South Island](#)
- Dec 7: [32 North Island Cases, 28 Central Island Cases, 8 South Island](#)
- Dec 4-6: [94 North Island Cases, 86 Central Island Cases, 29 South Island](#)

- Dec 3: [42 North Island Cases, 41 Central Island Cases, 18 South Island](#)
- Dec 2: [39 North Island Cases, 39 Central Island Cases, 13 South Island](#)

COVID-19 Outbreaks:

- No new outbreaks

COVID-19 Vaccine Information:

Island Health region Total Vaccines Administered To Date	% Population Immunized (12+) 2nd Dose To Date	% Population Immunized (5+) 2nd Dose To Date	% Population Immunized (18+) Boosters To Date
1,481,901	90.1%	84.2%	10.3%

COVID-19 Updates:

- [Updated: Order of the Provincial Health Officer: Gatherings & Events](#)

Updates include Section C (# 9 – updated with information about guests attending indoor events and how they must be seated and move around the event when appropriate), Section D (#9 – Proof of vaccination: a person not vaccinated may not work with children in any context or be present at children-focused programs.) Additional information may be found within the document.



- [Updated: COVID-19 vaccination toolkit for health professionals](#)

Special Patient Populations including those who are Clinically Vulnerable. Information to help determine timing considerations or contraindications to COVID-19 vaccines for people with certain medical conditions. The Guidelines include information on recommendations and considerations, vaccine efficacy and safety, and contraindications or exceptions.

COVID-19 Reports:

- [BCCDC COVID-19 LTC, AL & Independent Living Report](#)

B.C. COVID-19 pandemic updates:

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

Spotlight:

- [Snow Rides Available Once Again](#)

The Vancouver Island Toyota 4 x4 Club has once again offered to help those stuck in the snow. These amazing people were an incredible help last winter, providing dozens of rides to and from work, at locations from Campbell River to Victoria.



- [Caring Spirit Awards](#)

Congratulations to Dr. Jessica Nathan, Dr. Anthony Della Siega, Dr. Paul Novak, Dr. Bilal Iqbal, Dr. Chloe Lemire-Elmore and Dr. Elaine Lam who are honoured with Caring Spirit Awards in November, 2021! A grateful donor has recognized you with a Caring Spirit Award and a donation in your honour toward priority medical equipment.

- [RCCbc Launches New Island Node with Island Health to Support Rural Physicians](#)

The Rural Coordination Centre of BC, in partnership with Island Health, has added another dynamic team to its ever-growing roster of health care supports.

- [Hospital at Home Celebrates One Year and 500 Patients](#)

This November, Hospital at Home celebrated its 1 year anniversary! At the same time, the program admitted its 500th patient.

- [Research opportunity: Burnout in healthcare professionals](#)

Medical staff are invited to participate in an Uvic Division of Medical Sciences/ Island Medical Program study on burnout in healthcare professionals. This study is led by Drs. Jane Gair and Olav Krigolson.



IHealth News:

- [Electronic clinical documentation comes to rural Port Alice](#)

Dr. Kevin Garneau-Bégin shares his experiences and emphasizes the importance of EHR in the transfer of patients from the primary care centres to acute care hospitals and back.

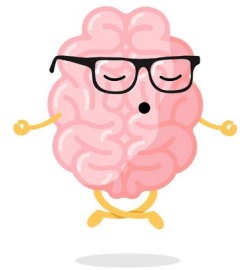
- [Provide Your Feedback on the IHealth RJH and VGH Post-Activation - Medical Staff Survey](#)

Thank you to the Medical Staff members at RJH and VGH who made the transition to electronic clinical documentation such a success. To continue improving the processes for future activations, IHealth asks that you take a few minutes to fill in a post-activation survey.

Newsletters:

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

This edition includes VGH Project Team Supporting Staff Caring for Patients Admitted under the Mental Health Act, Cowichan ICMT and SUIT Teams Support Complex Substance Use Clients, Jade Yehia Receives Celebration of Excellence, VMHC Receives Caring Spirit Award and Strengthening Services at AOT.



Island Health End of Day & CEO Messages:

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Dec 7](#)
- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Dec 3](#)
- [Standing against gender-based violence - a message from Kathy MacNeil, President & CEO](#)

Upcoming Events & education opportunities:

- [Knowledge-to-Action Month recordings are now available](#)
- [How to Get More Psychedelic Experience & Training | Wednesday Dec 8, 07:00-08:30](#)
- [Division of Rheumatology|Reshaping research priorities to match the massive crises we face | Thursday December 9, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Explore@Four@Noon | Thursday December 9, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [BC ECHO for Post-COVID-19 Recovery – Session 6 | Tuesday December 14, 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 **December 15th** 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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