



- [Medical Staff Town Hall | March 2nd](#)
Send in your questions to senior medical leadership today using [Slido](#)
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COVID-19 Updates:

- [British Columbians' COVID-19 efforts allow easing of restrictions](#)

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced on February 15th, the easing of COVID-19 restrictions while maintaining key protective measures to support the health and safety of all British Columbians. While keeping the BC Vaccine Card, indoor masking requirements and COVID-19 safety plans in place, the provincial health officer will **as of Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.** (Pacific time) lift capacity limits for:

- personal gatherings,
- organized gatherings and events,
- nightclubs, bars and restaurants,
- exercise and fitness, and adult sports tournaments.

- [Point of Care Risk Assessment - N95 masks](#)

The BCCDC has updated the [Point of Care Risk Assessment](#) (PCRA) reference document to include scenarios where the donning of an N95 would be appropriate. In addition to wearing an N95 in areas where AGMPs may occur, the new guidance categorizes areas of elevated risk. A reminder that medical staff who are required to wear an N95 as part of their duties must be [fit tested](#) on an annual basis.

- [Doctors of BC Town Hall: Prescribing Therapies for Mild-Moderate COVID-19](#)

Webinar recording now available hosted by Doctors of BC, in partnership with the Provincial Health Services Authority on February 9th, 2022. Topics include new treatment options are available, evidence and known challenges, patients who benefit the most and step-by-step assessment plans.

	Today's New Cases	New Cases since February 9 (last bulletin)	Active Cases	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths
BC	750	6,053	No Data	762(121)	342,282	2,777
Island Health	105	987	No Data	84(12)	30,532	205

** Data from BCCDC public dashboard**

PHO/MHO News Release

BCCDC COVID-19 Canadian and Global Epidemiology

BCCDC COVID-19 Case Reports

BC COVID-19 Dashboard: [Click here](#) for a daily update on COVID-19 numbers for British Columbia, Vancouver Island and other health regions. *Updates made after 4pm daily.

COVID-19 Reports:

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

- [Island Health COVID-19 outbreak updates](#)
Details can be found in [this updated list](#) of active outbreaks.
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COVID-19 Immunization Updates:

- [Updated: Vaccination requirements for health professionals](#)

The province's vaccine mandate for health-care workers is being expanded to include dentists, chiropractors and other health practitioners regulated by BC's health-care colleges.

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

Island Health updated guidance document for COVID-19 immunizers

- 1.1 What if a client presents without an appointment?
- 1.4 What is the difference between a third dose and a booster dose?
- 1.9 How soon after COVID-19 infection can/should someone receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

COVID-19 Immunization Data:

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+) Two Doses & Boosters To Date
1,908,811	92.1%	87.3%	57.6%

Welcome New Medical Leaders:

- [Dr. Tia Pham | Site Medical Leader](#)

- [Dr. Meghan Lobsinger | Medical Lead, Hospitalist RJH](#)
- [Dr. Giang Nguyen | Medical Lead Medical Biochemistry](#)
- [Dr. Jeffrey Bishop | Section Head, Pediatric IC](#)
- [Dr. Andrew Kwasnica | Medical Lead/Division Head, Family Practice SPH](#)
- [Dr. Allon Beck | Division Head, Pediatrics](#)
- [Dr. Trevor Van Oostrom | Section Head, Pain Management](#)

Spotlight:



- [Hospital at Home allied health celebrates 100 rehab visits!](#)
The week of February 7-11, saw a significant milestone for the allied health team at Hospital at Home. Nicole Bracewell, the rehabilitation assistant [RA] with the HaH program, went on her 100th rehab visit!

- [New Rural Programs Liaison: Nicole Baker](#)

The Rural Programs' Liaison role was established to support the administration of funding for the RCME Community Program and will support the Rural Physician Count processes, as well as the Northern Isolation Travel Assistance Outreach Program (NITAOP).

Newsletters:

- [IHealth News for Medical Staff Issue No. 8](#)

Topics covered in this edition include Gorge Road Hospital and VGH AP/LDR go-live, IHealth Support, Physician Skill Sharpeners and more.

Island Health End of Day & CEO Messages:

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Feb 15](#)

- [Island Health Care Provider Accosted: A message from Kathy MacNeil](#)
 - [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Feb 11](#)
 - [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Feb 9](#)
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Upcoming Events:

- [Paxlovid in the ED | Thursday February 17, 9:00-10:00](#)
 - [Cardiology Grand Rounds | Thursday February 17, 12:00-13:00](#)
 - [BC Renal | Dr. Mei Lin Bissonnette, Dr. Alison Harris, Dr. James Nugent | Province Wide Medical Renal Biopsy QI Collaborative Project | Friday February 18, 07:30-08:30](#)
 - [Infection Rounds | Wednesday February 23, 12:00-13:00](#)
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If you have any questions, please email MedStaffCommunications@viha.ca :

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