

# ISLAND HEALTH MEDICAL STAFF BULLETIN

February 2, 2022



- [Adult COVID-19 Site Planning Cohorting HLOC Transport and Repatriation Procedure](#)

Changes to Island Health cohorting procedure will allow for more patient care to occur closer to home and supports. This message is sent on behalf of Matt Erickson Director Access & Flow, CERT Team.

**BCCDC COVID-19 Case Reports**

|                      | Today's New Cases | New Cases since January 26 (last bulletin) | Active Cases | Currently hospitalized (ICU) | Cumulative Cases | Total Deaths |
|----------------------|-------------------|--|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>BC</b>            | 1,236             | 8,978                                      | 25,959       | 1,035(136)                   | 325,851          | 2,643        |
| <b>Island Health</b> | 222               | 1,583                                      | 1,593        | 120(8)                       | 28,294           | 177          |

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

**PHO/MHO News Release**

**BCCDC COVID-19 Canadian and Global Epidemiology**

**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 Updates:

- [COVID-19 Hospitalizations BC](#)  
Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry provided an update on COVID-19 hospitalizations in BC during the February 1st briefing.
- [Updated visitation guidance for long-term care](#)  
Dr. Henry announced during her February 1st briefing updated visitation guidance for long-term care, which she hopes strikes the balance between minimizing the risk of transmission with the all important social contact needed by those in care.
- [COVID-19: Viral Testing Guidelines for British Columbia](#)  
The BC COVID-19 Viral Testing guidance document has been updated to align with the new eligibility criteria for treatment of people with mild to moderate COVID-19. Included in the document is information regarding general guidance for people with new or worsening symptoms compatible with COVID-19, additional guidance for children, rapid antigen tests and more.



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

The Government of British Columbia Order of the Provincial Health Officer removed the prohibition on individual or group fitness, exercise and dance exercise as of Jan. 20, 2022. Sports tournaments for children and youth are allowed as of Feb. 1, 2022. The order will change the proof of vaccination requirement for 12-year-olds to only require one dose of vaccine for entry to an event or setting where proof of vaccination is required.

- [Physician Clinical Practice Tools to Navigate COVID-19 Therapies](#)

The BC COVID-19 Therapeutics Committee (BC CTC) has created a comprehensive set of new clinical practice tools to help physicians navigate the multiple therapies for COVID-19. These tools work together as a package.

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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 Vaccine Information:

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| Island Health region<br>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, 836,792  | 91.8%   | 86.0%  | 55.0%   |

- [Updated: World Health Organization Emergency Use Authorization Qualified COVID-19 Vaccines](#)  
BCCDC vaccine document updated to include a note in footnote 2 about dosage if a Moderna vaccine is provided. This document is intended to provide health care providers with approaches for individuals who have received COVID-19 vaccination outside of Canada.
  - [Updated: Staff and Medical Staff Booster Clinics](#)  
On-site COVID-19 booster clinics for ALL staff and medical staff, volunteers and those working in Primary Care.
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## COVID-19 Reports:

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

- [Pulling Together in Cowichan and Across Island Health](#)  
Message of gratitude for pulling together in Cowichan and across Island health.
- [Human Safety Optimization training for physicians](#) Human Safety Optimization training for physicians. Space is limited - register early.
- [It's not too late to vaccinate against influenza](#)  
As of January 28, Island Health's staff influenza vaccination rate was 56%, compared to 65% for the same period last year. Island Health encourages Island Health staff and medical staff to get their shot if they haven't yet done so. Immunizations are available through Occupational Health and Safety, local pharmacists and family physicians.
- [Caring Spirit Awards](#)  
Congratulations to Drs. John Cooper, Iain McAuley and Daniel Warder who were awarded with Caring Spirit Awards in January, 2022! A grateful donor has

recognized you with a [Caring Spirit Award](#) and a donation in your honour toward priority medical equipment.

- [GoOrca Rideshare Service](#)

Island Health has joined forces with Vancouver Coastal Health, to bring a new and exciting alternative to single occupant vehicles, and provide additional commuting options for our staff and medical staff.

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## Newsletters:

- [Mental Health & Substance Use Update: January 2022](#)

January highlights include: Impromptu Jam at Seven Oaks, Article Published by MHSU Team Member, Client Expresses Thanks to PES Staff and MHSU Education Sessions Provided to the Mount Tolmie Community.

## Island Health End of Day & CEO Messages:

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Feb 1](#)
  - [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | January 28](#)
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## Upcoming Events:

- [BC Renal | Women with Kidney disease - facing the challenges | Friday February 4, 07:30-08:30](#)
  - [Principles of Medical Leadership - Presented by the Canadian Medical Protective Association \(CMPA\) | Tuesday February 8, 08:00-11:30](#)
  - [Infection Rounds | Wednesday February 9, 12:00-13:00](#)
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The next email bulletin will occur **February 9th** unless additional updates are necessary.

The [medical staff website](#) is updated Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

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