

ISLAND HEALTH MEDICAL STAFF BULLETIN

February 9, 2022



- [New Virtual Medical Staff Town Hall | March 2nd](#)

Join us on March 2nd for the inaugural Medical Staff Town Hall. This virtual event will provide updates and answers to your questions from Dr. Ben Williams VP of Medicine, Quality and Chief Medical Executive, Dr. Ian Thompson Executive Medical Director, Medical Staff Governance and other senior medical and administrative leaders.

BCCDC COVID-19 Case Reports

COVID 19 Cases:

	Today's New Cases	New Cases since February 2 (last bulletin)	Active Cases	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths
BC	1,187	10,378	21,974	893(143)	336,229	2,725
Island Health	163	1,251	1,336	104(13)	29,545	195

** 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 Outbreak Management Protocol for Acute Care Settings](#)

This BCCDC document provides guidance to prepare for, detect and respond to outbreaks of COVID-19 in acute care. A separate BCCDC guidance document now exists for long-term care and seniors' assisted living settings (see below)

- [COVID-19 Outbreak Management Protocol for Long-Term Care and Seniors' Assisted Living Settings](#)

This BCCDC document provides guidance for managing COVID-19 cases and contacts during an outbreak in a long-term care (LTC) facility or seniors' assisted living (AL) units/facilities that are located within or functionally connected to a LTC setting.

- [Updated: MOH - Overview of Visitors in Long-Term Care and Seniors' AL](#)

This document provides updated guidance for visitors in these settings. With these updates, Dr. Bonnie Henry hopes to strike the balance between minimizing the risk of transmission with the all-important social contact needed by those in care. In addition to a designated essential visitor, each resident can also have one other designated visitor.



- [Updated: sotrovimab injection for COVID-19: Use and Access](#)
Island Health Pharmacy department leadership and the Infection Management Advisory Committee (IMAC) have updated the sotrovimab injection memo to clarify inpatient and outpatient pathways.
- [Updated: COVID Management and Treatment Page](#)
Provincial patient information sheets for nirmatrelvir-ritonavir (PAXLOVID) oral and sotrovimab injection have been added. Casirivimab + imdevimab (REGEN-COV, REGNERON, RONAPREVE) injection documents have been removed. A general therapeutics update has been provided by the BC CTC and CTRAWG.
- [Updated: Antimicrobial and Immunomodulatory Therapy in Adult Patients with COVID-19](#)
This updated BCCDC guidance document addresses key therapeutic areas of concern for clinicians with recommendations sorted by severity of patient illness.

COVID-19 Outbreaks:

- [Island Health COVID-19 outbreak updates](#)

Details can be found in [this updated list](#) of active outbreaks.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information:

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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, 883,849	91.9%	86.6%	55.1%



- [NACI updates guidance on booster doses for people who have had COVID](#)
Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has updated its guidance on booster doses for people who have had COVID, and is now recommending they wait three months before getting a booster shot.
- [Island Health COVID-19 booster campaign a group effort](#)
Acknowledgement to the progress of the Island Health booster campaign which has delivered over 400,000 boosters.
- [Updated: Staff and Medical Staff Booster Clinics](#)
New dates for Island Health's Occupational Health & Safety on-site COVID-19 booster clinics available for ALL staff and medical staff, volunteers and those working in Primary Care.
- [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?,
 - 1.5 Is there a preferred vaccine for Third Dose and Booster Dose?,
 - 1.9 How soon after COVID-19 infection can/should someone receive a COVID-19 vaccine?
- [Updated: Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization, Part 4 – Biological Products](#)
This BCCDC manual was updated to indicate young people ages 12 to 17 will be invited to get a booster dose and that children ages 5 to 11 who are part of the

clinically extremely vulnerable group (CEV) will get a third dose as part of their primary series.

- [Updated: Guidance Document on the Management of Inadvertent Vaccine Errors](#)

This BCCDC guidance document is intended to assist healthcare providers by providing an approach to managing COVID-19 vaccines that are administered in a manner that differs from the recommendations of the manufacturer and/or the NACI (vaccine administration errors).

COVID-19 Reports:

- [BCCDC COVID-19 LTC, AL&Independent Living Report](#)
 - [Geographic distribution of COVID-19 by local health area of case residence | Feb 9, 2022](#)
 - [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update Feb 9](#)
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Spotlight:

- [Physician Guide to WorkSafeBC Registration and Insurance Coverage](#)

This guide, developed with Doctors of BC, assists physicians in determining if they are employers required to register with WorkSafeBC and pay premiums - and if so, how to apply to register.

- [The drug poisoning crisis continues to devastate our communities](#)

It's been nearly six years since the drug poisoning crisis was declared and this public health crisis is not improving. In 2021, there were 2,224 deaths caused by illicit drug poisoning in BC, a 26% increase over the number of deaths in 2020 (1,767).

- [The Case for Quality: Major Hemorrhage Protocol](#)

In an effort to improve quality, transparency and safety, the Health Authority Medical Quality Committee is sharing real stories about events for the learning of all. Island Health is dedicated to providing care at the highest levels of quality and safety and everyone has a role.

Newsletters:

- [Primary Care Update - February 9](#)
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Island Health End of Day & CEO Messages:

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Feb 9](#)

Upcoming Events:

- [Rural Rounds: Pediatric Dermatology Emergencies | Thursday February 10, 08:00-09:00](#)
- [Division of Allergy and Immunology | Drug Allergy Overview | Thursday February 10, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [BC Renal | Dr. Andrew Adams | Xenotransplantation | Friday February 11, 07:30-08:30](#)
- [Partners in Care: Bolstering Patient Care and Return to Work Through a WorkSafeBC/Physician Collaboration | Tuesday February 15, 18:00-19:30](#)
- [Medical Leader Town Hall | Wednesday February 16, 07:30-08:00](#)
- [Cognitive Health Initiative Lunch and Learn | Wednesday February 16, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday February 16, 12:00-13:00](#)

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The next email bulletin will occur **February 16th** unless additional updates are necessary. The [medical staff website](#) is updated Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

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Thank you for reading the Medical Staff Bulletin.
