



Island Health End of Day & CEO Messages:

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | March 10](#)
Island Health Pandemic Planning leadership summarizes Dr. Henry's March 10th updates for masks, vaccine passports and regulated health professionals order.
- [We stand with Ukraine](#)
Earlier this month, CEO Kathy MacNeil shared her support for people who are impacted by the war. Since the invasion began, Island Health has been able to respond to a call for specific equipment, by providing the following: 20 beds, 4 cribs, 2 equipment chairs and 2 Broda chairs.

Spotlight:

- [Urgent Shortage: 0.9% Sodium Chloride \(NS\) Injection 10 mL vials](#)
There is a national shortage of 0.9% Sodium Chloride (NS) Injection 10 mL vials and mitigation strategies are being deployed.
- [Privileging dictionary evaluation survey | BC MQI](#)
All medical staff members are invited to participate in a BC Medical Quality Initiative (BC MQI) survey to evaluate the use of privileging dictionaries.

- [Virtual Care expands at Island Health](#)

Virtual tools are becoming more deeply integrated into our health system, and Island Health clients are seeing some of the biggest benefits as the range of virtual services expand. Community Virtual Care offers virtual visits and the phone to support clients at home.

- [Celebrating Canadian Women Physicians Day](#)

March 11th is the second ever Canadian Women Physicians Day, a time to recognize and honour the many amazing contributions of women who practice medicine in this country.

- [Set up your Self-Service Password Recovery service](#)

Save time by using the new Self-Service Password Reset (SSPR) tool. SSPR allows you to reset forgotten Window/Network passwords on your own and unlock your account without the need to call the Service Desk and wait for assistance. After March 29th, all staff are expected to be set up to use SSPR and should not call the service desk unless they are unable to utilize the SSPR tool to reset their password.

COVID-19 Updates:

- [B.C. takes next step in balanced plan to lift COVID-19 restrictions](#)

As of Friday, March 11, 2022, [B.C.'s indoor mask order](#) is being repealed along with eased restrictions on long-term care visitors, faith gatherings and overnight camps for children and youth. The [March 10th Order of The Provincial Health Officer announcement](#) also sets a pathway to lift additional COVID-19 restrictions, including the BC Vaccine Card requiring proof of vaccination, on April 8.

- [Updated: PPE guidance during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

- [Rapid tests available for people 40+ at pharmacies](#)

As of Tuesday, March 15, 2022, rapid antigen test kits will be available through community pharmacies to people aged 40 and older.

- [Joint statement on National Day of Observance](#)

"Two years ago, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a global pandemic." Premier John Horgan, Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, and Dr. Bonnie Henry, provincial health officer, have issued the following joint statement to acknowledge the National Day of Observance for COVID-19.

| | Today's New Cases | New Cases since March 9 (last bulletin) | Currently hospitalized (ICU) | Cumulative Cases | Total Deaths |
|----------------------|-------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| BC | 235 | 1,724 | 329(51) | 353,139 | 2953 |
| Island Health | 30 | 266 | 35(1) | 32,537 | 228 |

** 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.

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

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

COVID-19 Therapeutics Updates:

- [Presentation: COVID-19 Antiviral Medications and How To Prescribe Them](#)
Presentation from March 10th Primary Care Rounds. Topics include: New therapies for mild/moderate covid-19, provincial data and treatment eligibility criteria, Provincial Covid Virtual Clinic – CATE line, OCTC (Outpatient Covid Therapeutics Clinic) in Island Health, Practical aspects of patient assessment and management & Support and resources for assessment and prescribing.
- [People at high risk benefit from new COVID-19 therapies](#)
Adults at high risk of serious outcomes due to COVID-19 infection are benefitting from two new outpatient therapeutic options now available throughout Island Health.

COVID-19 Immunization Updates:

| Island Health region Total Vaccines Administered To Date | % Population Immunized (12+) 2nd Dose To Date | % Population Immunized (5+) 2nd Dose To Date | % Population Immunized (12+) Two Doses & Boosters To Date |
|---|--|---|--|
| 1,948,675 | 93.1% | 89.7% | 80.9% |

Newsletters:

- [Primary Care Update | March 11](#)

Upcoming Events and Education :

- [BCCDC Grand Rounds | Tuesday March 22, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday March 23, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Doctors of BC | Human Safety Optimization Safety Webinar | April 28, 07:00](#)
- [Indigenous Cultural Safety Training available for Medical Staff | San'yas](#)

San'yas Indigenous Cultural Safety and Humility learning is a facilitated online education being offered to medical staff members.



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 **March 23rd** 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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