

### [Reminder Pay Parking to Resume March 4, 2022](#)

- Prior year parking permits will not be valid on Island Health parking lots after March 4, 2022. Parking Services is currently issuing 2022 physician parking permits..

### [Medical Staff Town Hall, March 2nd presentation slides](#)

- Drs. Ben Williams, Ian Thompson and Murray Fyfe provide updates on Clinical Governance Initiative, Medical Staff Human Resourcing Planning, COVID-19 update, Medical Staff Engagement and top organizational priorities for the coming year.

### [Physician Caring Spirit Awards- February 2022](#)

- Congratulations to Dr. Alison Ross, Dr. Michael Metcalfe, Dr. Christopher Franco and Dr. Nicholas Ranier-Pope who were honored recently with Caring Spirit Awards in February 2022.

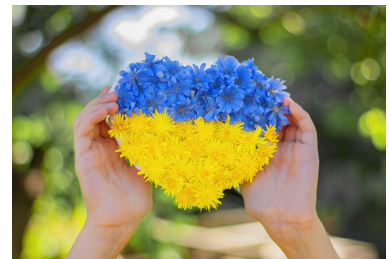


### **Island Health End of Day & CEO Messages:**

- [FROM THE CEO: Message of Support - Ukraine | February 24, 2022](#)

Last week, CEO Kathy MacNeil shared her support for people in Ukraine and for all Island Health employees who are Ukrainian, Russian or in some way impacted by the war with Russia.

- [March 2nd | We stand with Ukraine](#)



- [Pandemic Update: Mar. 1, 2022](#)

Dr. Henry’s update this week encourages people to get their COVID-19 booster; Island Health is shifting COVID-19 mass immunizations clinic to focus on children aged 5-11. For your information, the province has also signaled that reporting of case counts and other data is moving from weekdays to weekly. That change is expected to start next week.

**COVID-19 Updates:**

	Today’s New Cases	New Cases since February 23 (last bulletin)	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths
<b>BC</b>	442	3,017	517(73)	349,213	2,883
<b>Island Health</b>	98	616	60(3)	31,771	217

\*\* 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 Immunization Updates:**

- [Updated: COVID-19 therapies and vaccination](#)  
BCCDC guidance for Health Care Providers on sotrovimab (Xevudy) and nirmatrelvir/ritonavir (Paxlovid) was updated to remove the recommendation to wait 90 days following treatment with monoclonal antibodies before vaccination.
- [BCCDC updates for Novavax vaccine:](#)
  - [BCCDC Communicable Disease manual updated with Novavax](#)
  - [BCCDC vaccination tool kit updated with Novavax](#)

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
1,937,548	93%	89.1%	60.4%

### Newsletters:

- [Island Health Research Dispatch Newsletter February 2022](#)  
 This edition includes funding opportunities, upcoming events and more.
- [MHSU Newsletter - February 2022](#)  
 February highlights include: Appreciation for Medical Staff Contract Management Team, Launch the New MHSU Services Regional Orientation Curriculum, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) Skills Groups and MHA Tracking & Database Orientation eLearning Module.
- [Rural Continuing Medical Education Community Program Newsletter | Winter 2022 Edition](#)  
 Winter highlights include the upcoming 2022 BC Rural Health Conference: May 13-15, 2022 in Penticton, British Columbia.

### Upcoming Events and Education :

- [Rural CME:Real-Time Virtual POCUS practice support](#)  
 Point of Care Ultrasound guidance drop-in sessions are being led by Dr. Virginia Robinson. The virtual sessions are run through Real-Time Support Zoom rooms on Wednesdays from 12 to 1 PST.
- [Introduction to Quality Improvement - Day 2 | Thursday March 3, 08:30-12:30](#)
- [Medicine Grand Rounds | Thursday March 3, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Dementia Neuroimaging Rounds | Thursday March 3, 16:00-17:00](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday March 9, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Primary Care Grand Rounds|Thursday March 10, 18:30-19:30](#)  
 Topic: **COVID-19 Anti-Viral Medications and How to Prescribe Them.** By Dr. Eric Partlow MD, Division Head Infectious Disease

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 9th** unless additional updates are necessary. The [medical staff website](#) is updated Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

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