



Spotlight:

- [Medical staff-authored documentation release coming to MyHealth patient portal April 27; education course now available](#)

On April 27, 2022, Island Health medical staff (physicians, midwives, nurse practitioners as well as their learners) will have the ability to select their authored clinical notes for release to patients who are enrolled in the MyHealth patient portal.

- [Help us celebrate the first BC Indigenous Nurses Day](#)

The inaugural BC Indigenous Nurses Day will occur on April 10, to celebrate in honour of Charlotte Edith Anderson Monture (born April 10, 1890), the first Indigenous person in Canada to become a registered nurse.

- [Healthcare Heroes art story now on Shaw](#)

Shannon Holms helped to pay tribute to healthcare workers with their own images and words last month in Courage and Compassion: B.C. Healthcare Heroes, an exhibit at Victoria's Gage Gallery in Bastion Square. A video about artist Shannon Holms' tribute to healthcare workers is now in rotation on Shaw TV's Spotlight.

- [Help us celebrate nurses at upcoming events!](#)

At Island Health, we are so proud of our amazing and dedicated nurses. In anticipation of two upcoming opportunities to recognize and celebrate your important and unique contributions, we'd like to invite your participation in the following: The



inaugural Indigenous BC Nurses Day is April 10 & National Nursing Week is May 9-15.

- [Staff and Medical Staff invited to San'yas Cultural Safety and Humility on-line Course](#)

The award-winning San'yas Indigenous Cultural Safety & Humility training is available for all Medical Staff at Island Health. Consider registering for the self-paced virtual Core Training or the Advanced "Bystander to Ally" Training.

- [2022/2023 VIHA Approved HSR Projects](#)

Island Health HSR Projects include: Accessing Community Health Services, Caregiver Resilience and Experience, Choosing Wisely Level 2 Designation, Comox Valley Inpatient Care and more.

- [Electronic Clinical Documentation RJH/VGH Early Learnings Summary from Medical Staff](#)

The IHealth Medical Staff Leadership team is pleased to share this summary of "early learnings" from medical staff following activation of electronic clinical documentation at RJH and VGH. This summary is the result of engagement with many individuals and stakeholder groups in dialogue around lessons learned.

- [RJH Fitness Society's Update](#)

The RJH Fitness Society is happy to open up for the five-month term from May 1 – Sept. 30, 2022 to all staff with an active prox card.

COVID-19 Updates:

- [Updated: Mask Policy](#)

Island Health mask policy has been updated to clarify some of the wording (though the essence of the policy is unchanged).

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

Island Health PPE Guidelines have been updated to indicate staff are to do a Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA) to determine the need for wearing eye protection with a patient who isn't already on precautions.



	Today's New Cases	New Cases since March 23 (last bulletin)	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths
BC	291	1,649	276(43)	356,252	2,996
Island Health	57	395	43(4)	33,221	239

** 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:

- [Therapies for mild-moderate COVID-19 have been revised](#)
Therapies for mild-moderate COVID-19 have been revised. There is a new Island Health one-page resource document guide prescribing COVID-19 therapies. Outdated documents have been removed. Target audience: All Island Health Physicians. Impact on medical staff: Ongoing adjustment of practice around the evolving treatment of COVID-19 patients.

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
1,956,822	93.3%	90%	80.3%

Newsletters:

- [CME Offerings April 2022 Newsletter](#)

A list of monthly courses, workshops, conferences and more.

- [MHSU Update - March 2022](#)

The MHSU Update is a monthly communication that is intended to connect Island Health staff with developments and achievements across the portfolio.

Upcoming Events and Education :

- [Annual BC Rural Health Conference | May 13 - 15, 2022](#)

This conference program is designed for physicians, nurse practitioners, allied health professionals, residents, and medical students. It offers a dynamic and unique program, focusing on rural medicine.

- [Connecting Indigenous Cultural Safety and Addressing Racism in the Health Care System](#)

April 12th, 2022 – Harley Eagle will make the connection between Indigenous Cultural Safety and addressing systemic racism and identify some possible ways forward in light of the *In Plain Sight* report. Registration for this event is free! Learn more about the event here.

- [Division of General Internal Medicine | Thursday March 31, 12:00-13:00](#)

- [Pediatric Resident Rounds: Diarrhea & Imaging of Non-Accidental Trauma | Thursday March 31, 12:00-13:00](#)

- [BC Renal | Promoting organ donation by prioritizing registered donors in organ allocation – The Israeli experience | Friday April 1, 07:30-08:30](#)

- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday April 6, 12:00-13:00](#)

- [COVID-19 Update: Expert Q&A with Public Health, Primary Care, Vaccine, Epidemiology, and Lab Specialists | Wednesday April 6, 18:30-20:00](#)



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 **April 6th** 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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