

**ISLAND
HEALTH**

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**MEDICAL STAFF
BULLETIN**

COVID-19 Updates:



- [Proof of Vaccination and mask rules still in place for hospitals](#)
Public events, services and businesses are no longer required to check for proof of vaccination, and indoor masking is no longer mandated, but these changes do not apply to healthcare facilities. Ambassadors will continue to screen visitors and proof of vaccination is still required for visitors entering acute care facilities (exceptions are made for compassionate care reasons such as emergency / critical care, end-of-life, pediatric care or labour and delivery). Masking is also still required.
- [Provincial Health Officer COVID-19 modeling update: April 5th](#)
The Provincial Health Officer April 5th, 2022 COVID-19 modeling update includes immunization data, cases, hospitalizations and deaths. As of April 8th BC's Vaccine Card is no longer required.
- [B.C. shifts to weekly COVID-19 data reporting](#)
Beginning Thursday April 7th, the Province has transitioned from daily to weekly (Thursday) COVID-19 reporting.

- **BC COVID-19 Data:**

- [Click here](#) for data on COVID-19 numbers for British Columbia, Vancouver Island and other health regions. *Provincial case numbers will be reported weekly on Thursdays starting April 7.
- [PHO/MHO News Release](#)
- [BCCDC COVID-19 Canadian and Global Epidemiology](#)
- [Island Health COVID-19 outbreak updates](#)

COVID-19 Therapeutics Updates:

- [Therapeutic Update | Operationalizing Remdesivir](#)
The BC CTC and CTRAWG recommend that remdesivir be used as the first-line alternative IV treatment if nirmatrelvir-ritonavir (PAXLOVID) cannot be prescribed.
 - [The Post COVID-19 Recovery Clinic opened at RJH](#)
Information on Covid-19 Recovery Clinic referrals. The program serves the entire Island delivering care both virtually and in person.
 - [Updated: Prescribing Therapies for Mild-Moderate COVID-19 / Q&A for health care providers](#)
The British Columbia COVID-19 Therapeutics Committee (CTC) provides updated guidance including evidence for prescribing therapies for mild-moderate COVID-19, prescribing practices and processes.
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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 (based on eligibility)
1,963,041	93.3%	90.2%	80%

Spotlight:

- [Improving access to primary care on south Vancouver Island](#)
The Province is providing approximately \$3.46 million in short-term stabilization funding to support five walk-in clinics on the South Island: Esquimalt Medical Clinic; Shoreline Medical clinics in Brentwood Bay and Sidney; West Coast Family Medical Clinic in Sooke; and West Saanich Medical Clinic.
- [NEW and Revised Order Sets available](#)
Notice of updated Order Sets for: Anesthesia, Ambulatory Care, Cardiology, Cath Lab, Covid-19, Emergency, Gynecology, Medicine & Primary Care, Obstetrics, Pediatrics, and Trauma.



SAN'YAS ANTI-RACISM INDIGENOUS CULTURAL SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM

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

San'yas is a facilitated online 8-10 hour course that is offered over 8 weeks. Staff should start off with Core Health Training and should sign up for Advanced training 4-6 months after taking Core Health.

Newsletters:

- [The Spring 2022 feature of Currents is now available](#)

Read about your colleagues' activities, Island Health programs, celebrate achievements and photos of Island Health employees at work and play.

Upcoming Events and Education:

- [Five Days in May is celebrating its 10th anniversary!](#)
Themes for this year's virtual event series include Mental Health & Substance Use, Community Health, COVID-19; Indigenous Health, Seniors Health, Rural Health as well as Practical Skills Sessions. Events will take place each Tuesday in May (May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31).
- [BC Rural Health Conference: A Place to Reconnect in May 2022](#)
Rural physicians and other healthcare providers from across and beyond BC are invited to join the Rural Coordination Centre of BC (RCCbc) on May 13–15, 2022, for this unique and dynamic rural medicine conference.
- [Pediatric Resident Rounds | Thursday April 14, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Respiratory Medicine Grand Rounds | Thursday April 14, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Cognitive Behavioural Therapy \(CBT\) Physician Wellness Group Training Courses: Cohort L | Tuesday April 19, 16:30-18:30](#)
- [Cognitive Behavioural Therapy \(CBT\) Physician Wellness Group Training Courses: Cohort I: | Tuesday April 19, 18:00-20:00](#)
- [Cognitive Behavioural Therapy \(CBT\) Physician Wellness Group Training Courses: Cohort K | Tuesday April 19, 19:00-21:00](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday April 20, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [FPON Webinar: Cervical Cancer Screening to Treatment | Thursday April 21, 08:00-09:00](#)
- [Rural POCUS Rounds: Biliary Ultrasound | Friday April 22, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Cognitive Behavioural Therapy \(CBT\) Physician Wellness Group Training Courses: Cohort L | Tuesday April 26, 16:30-18:30](#)
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- [Cognitive Behavioural Therapy \(CBT\) Physician Wellness Group Training Courses: Cohort K | Tuesday April 26, 19:00-21:00](#)
 - [Medical Leader Town Hall | Wednesday April 27, 07:30-08:30](#)
 - [Infection Rounds | Wednesday April 27, 12:00-13:00](#)
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If you have any questions, please email MedStaffCommunications@viha.ca :

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Thank you for reading the Medical Staff Bulletin.
