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- [Island residents to benefit from increased access to surgeries](#)

The Ministry of Health and Island Health announced on April 28 that Island Health will acquire the assets of the View Royal Surgical Center (VRSC) in Victoria and Seafeld Surgical Center (SSC) in Nanaimo from Surgical Centers Inc. (SCI).

- [10 mL Sterile Water for Injection vials SHORTAGE - Stage 1](#)

There is a national shortage of Sterile Water for Injection (SWFI) 10 mL vials/polyamps, which is anticipated to last for the next year.

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## COVID-19 Updates:

- [Interim Guidance: Public Health Management of Cases and Contacts Associated with Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in the Community](#)

This BCCDC has updated this guidance document from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) for Regional Health Authorities (RHA). Updated sections include surveillance and reporting, contact identification and management. This and more within the document.

## BC Covid-19 Data:

- [Data on COVID-19 numbers for BC, Vancouver Island and other health regions](#)
- [PHO/MHO News Release](#)

- [BCCDC COVID-19 Canadian and Global Epidemiology](#)
- [Island Health COVID-19 outbreak updates](#)
  - [RJH 4SW outbreak declared over](#)  
The outbreak declared April 22, 2022 affecting 4 SW at Royal Jubilee Hospital has been declared over.

## COVID-19 Immunization Updates:

- [Preventing long COVID in children a cause for vaccination](#)  
A recent pre-print meta-analyses that has yet to be peer-reviewed has received significant media attention and claims that 1 in 4 children who contract COVID will develop long COVID. Read more about how a child diagnosed with long COVID is referred to the RJH clinic and how pediatricians collaborate with the clinic.

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)
1,987,015	93.5%	90.5%	78.4%

## Spotlight:



- [National Physicians Day 2022](#)  
May 1st was National Physicians' Day. Read comments from Dr. Williams, recognizing the hard work, expertise and dedication of all physicians working in the Island Health region.
- [It's Time to Rebuild Our Social Connection Muscles](#)  
Being social and building a sense of belonging helps boost mental health by lessening symptoms of anxiety and depression, and improving self-esteem, empathy and trust.
- [Study Investigates Psychological Impacts of COVID-19 on Healthcare Workers](#)  
Researchers from the University of Victoria are inviting healthcare workers to

take part in an online survey examining the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on healthcare workers' wellbeing.

- [Occupational Safety & Health Professionals Day](#)

On May 4th, leaders of the Health, Safety and Wellness celebrated Occupational Safety and Health Professionals (OSHP) Day - to recognize health and safety professionals for their efforts towards reducing workplace risks and hazards.

- [Red Dress Day for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women](#)

May 5th marked the National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2 Spirited peoples (MMWIG2S) also known as Red Dress Day.

- [National Nursing Week 2022](#)

Nurses play an essential role in providing quality care, and during National Nursing Week (May 9-15) – and the Inaugural BC Indigenous Nurses Day on April 10th – we celebrate nurses for the extraordinary contributions they make to improve the lives of others.

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## Newsletters:

- [Patient Safety Learning Summary | Heat Wave Impacts on Home Support Clients](#)

Heat Wave Impacts on Home Support Clients is the newest Learning Summary to be published. Find all Learning Summaries on the [Patient Safety Learning Summary intranet page](#).

- [Nursing Policy Secretariat - Spring Newsletter](#)

## Upcoming Events and Education:

- [Island Medicine 2022: Updates, Skills, Simulation & Networking](#)  
UBC Continual Professional Development (UBC CPD) is hosting an Island Medicine Conference in Victoria on Jun 10-11, at the Victoria Conference Centre.
- [Physician Psychological Safety 2022 Webinar Series](#)  
Please Join Dr. Mamta Gautam, MD, MBA, FRCPC, CPDC, CCPE, CPE psychiatrist at The Ottawa Hospital, in a series of five virtual psychological safety webinars aimed at promoting psychological safety in health care teams. These sessions are open to specialist and family practice physicians working in the facility and community.
- [Hands-On Ultrasound Education Obstetrics \(HOUSE-OB\) | Thursday May 12, 08:30-16:00](#)
- [Infectious Diseases Grand Rounds | Thursday May 12, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [19th Annual Pediatric Emergency Medicine Update | Friday May 13, 07:30-15:50](#)
- [Ethics Lunch and Learn: Wednesday, May 18th 2022!](#)
- [4th Annual BC Substance Use Conference | Monday May 16 & Tuesday May 17, 09:00-15:00](#)
- [BCCDC Grand Rounds Population-based SARS-CoV-2 Sero-Prevalence and Vaccine Effectiveness Update from BC, Dr. Danuta Skowronski | Tuesday May 17, 12:00-13:00](#)

- [Upcoming Cognitive Behavioural Therapy \(CBT\) Physician Wellness Group Training Courses | Tuesday May 17 & 24, Varying times](#)
- [Primary Care Grand Rounds- The Greening of Healthcare | Tuesday May 17, 18:30-19:30](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday May 18, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [FPON Webinar: Approach to Oncologic Emergencies | Thursday May 19, 08:00-09:00](#)
- [Rural POCUS Rounds: First Trimester Scanning and CPoCUS Q&A | Friday May 20, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday May 25, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Webinar: Supporting Children and Youth Presenting with Aggression and Violence | Wednesday May 25, 18:30-20:00](#)

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