

May 26, 2021 – British Columbia (BC) launches Restart Plan

With more than 60% of adults vaccinated with their first dose and COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations steadily declining, BC is moving forward with the cautious first step of a four-step [Restart Plan](#). The step-by-step plan will follow approximate timelines and will ease people and businesses slowly out of the pandemic. If we continue on trend, and the vaccination rate keeps rising while hospitalizations and case numbers drop, people in BC could have practically normal social lives as early as September according to yesterday's [update](#) from Premier Horgan and Dr. Bonnie Henry.

STEP	Criteria	PHO Guidance	Personal Gatherings	Organized Gatherings	Travel	Sports & Activities	Businesses	Offices & Workplaces
1 MAY 25	C: stable H: stable D1: 60%	Masks mandatory, indoor public spaces Physical distancing If sick, stay home and get tested	Outdoor personal gatherings – up to 10 people Indoor visitors – up to 5 people or 1 household	Indoor seated organized gatherings – up to 10 people Outdoor seated organized gatherings – up to 50 people	Recreational travel within your zone Non-essential travel between zones restricted	Low-intensity indoor fitness classes Outdoor local team games and practices for all ages – no spectators	Indoor & outdoor dining – up to 6 people Liquor service - 10PM Existing WorkSafeBC Safety Plans remain in place	Start gradual return to workplaces and offices Existing Safety Plans remain in place
2 JUNE 15 (Earliest date)	C: declining H: declining D1: 65%	Masks mandatory, indoor public spaces Physical distancing If sick, stay home and get tested	Outdoor personal gatherings – up to 50 people Indoor visitors – up to 5 people or 1 household Playdates	Indoor seated organized gatherings – up to 50 people Sector consultations on next steps on indoor and outdoor gatherings	BC recreational travel BC Transit and BC Ferries – increased services as needed	High-intensity indoor fitness classes - reduced capacity Indoor team games for all ages – no spectators Spectators for outdoor sports – up to 50 people	Liquor service – midnight Banquet halls reopen – limited capacity, Safety Plans Sector consultations on next steps on easing of restrictions	Continue return to work Small in-person meetings
3 JULY 1 (Earliest date)	C: low H: declining D1: 70%	Masks – recommended Careful social contact If sick, stay home and get tested	Return to usual on indoor and outdoor personal gatherings Sleepovers	Increased capacity, indoor and outdoor gatherings – Safety Plan Fairs & festivals with Safety Plan	Canada recreational travel	All indoor fitness classes – increased capacity Limited spectators for indoor sports	Dining – no group limit Bingo halls, casinos and nightclubs – limited capacity Operate based on new Safety Plans	Seminars and bigger meetings Operate based on new Safety Plans
4 SEPT 7 (Earliest date)	C: low H: low D1: 70%+	Masks – personal choice Normal social contact If sick, stay home and get tested	Normal social contact	Increased capacity on large organized gatherings (i.e. concerts)	Canada recreational travel	Increased indoor and outdoor spectators Return of normal sport competitions – Safety Plans	Continue to operate based on new Safety Plans	Fully re-opened offices and workplaces

C: C-19 case counts H: C-19 hospitalizations D1: minimum % of people 18+ with dose 1

For clarity, the following is effective May 25th until we move to Step 2:

- Maximum of five visitors or one household allowed for indoor personal gatherings
- Maximum of 10 people for outdoor personal gatherings
- Maximum of 10 people for seated indoor organized gatherings, with safety protocols
- Maximum of 50 people for seated outdoor organized gatherings, with safety protocols
- Recreational travel only within travel region (travel restrictions extended)
- Indoor and outdoor dining for up to six people with safety protocols
- Resume outdoor sports (games) with no spectators, low-intensity fitness with safety protocols
- Start gradual return to workplaces
- Province-wide mask mandate, business safety protocols and physical distancing measures remain in place
- Return of indoor in-person faith-based gatherings (reduced capacity) based on consultation with public health

Over the weekend and past several days, our mass immunization [clinics adapted to accept 12-17 year olds](#) who booked their own appointment or were accompanied family members with existing appointments. Plans are on track to have all eligible people 12 years of age or older to have their 1st dose immunization before the end of June. Sincere thanks to our entire mass immunization team – together we have administered over half-a-million doses in the Island Health region.

Island Health Total Vaccines Administered To Date	% Population Immunized - 1st Dose To Date
515,617	61.2%

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

[Child Health BC – Lunchtime Training Sessions for the BC Pediatric Early Warning System \(PEWS\)](#)

June 24, 2021 – 1200 Noon

Physicians and nurses who use [BC PEWS](#) in either the inpatient or emergency departments in BC can benefit from virtual training.

Join the Virtual Training Session here:

<https://phsa.zoom.us/j/64673257278?pwd=UGVFam9qNUFFUG1sVTVrZVEvak9Gdz09>

Meeting ID: 646 7325 7278

Password: 903038

Can't join by computer or mobile device? Join by telephone: 1-833-955-1088 (Toll-free)

Your hosts for the event are facilitator, Trish and technical support contact, Nicole. If you have any technical issues joining or during the session, please email Nicole.Cave@fraserhealth.ca

LINKS, RESOURCES & FAQs

BCCDC Resources:

- [New Today](#): This section of the website highlights the latest guidance documents and updates to the website for health professionals.
- [About the vaccines](#)
- [Resources for Health Professionals](#)
- [Reporting adverse events](#)

Doctors of BC:

- [Info for doctors getting or giving the vaccine](#)
- [Updated toolkit for doctors' offices](#)
- <https://www.doctorsofbc.ca/news/cev-attestation-form-available-doctors>

Frequently Asked Questions:

- [ImmunizeBC FAQ](#)