

LATEST UPDATE – AUGUST 06, 2021

In an effort to keep our community partners connected, we are providing you with regular COVID-19 updates.

Ministry of Health update

In yesterday's statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, 402 new cases were reported with 41 of those in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) area.

The total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 in B.C. now stands at 151,375 since the start of the pandemic. There are 2,066 active cases of COVID-19 across B.C. currently.

There have been no COVID-19 related deaths, while 58 people are currently hospitalized, with 21 of these cases receiving treatment in ICU/critical care. The total number of individuals who have passed away due to COVID-19 is 1,772.

COVID-19 vaccine update

As of yesterday, 81.7 per cent of all eligible individuals 12 years and older have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. While 68.4 per cent of those 12 and older have received their second dose.

Since December 2020, the Province has administered 6,965,062 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines.

More than 33,000 British Columbians showed up at clinics to be vaccinated at this week's [Walk-in Wednesday](#). On August 4, the Province set aside 20,000 doses for drop-in first and second doses. More than 80% of those doses were administered, with 37.6 per cent being first doses. VCH brought a sense of celebration and fun to many of its clinics with performances by musicians and dancers.

VCH vaccination clinics are listed on our [website](#) including locations and hours of operation and all are accepting drop-ins for first and second doses. All are welcome at our clinics, including those without personal health numbers and people who are not residents of B.C. Clinic staff are available to help people register and book appointments at other clinics throughout the region if needed, and can help answer any vaccine-related questions.

All residents are encouraged to still register on the [provincial system](#) to ensure they receive an alert once they are eligible to book their second dose vaccination appointment.

VCH transitions COVID-19 clinic operations

As more residents receive their first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccine, VCH has started recording a significant reduction in the number of people attending immunization clinics. To best support the next phase of the vaccine campaign, VCH is transitioning clinic operations through the month of August to ensure resources continue to be allocated most effectively.

Several mass vaccination clinics will continue to operate throughout the VCH region to ensure easy and ongoing access to COVID-19 vaccines for everyone in the health authority. Resources from transitioning clinics will be redirected to support targeted outreach efforts in specific communities, where vaccine uptake has been slower or there is need for additional capacity.

VCH remains committed to ensuring everyone who wants to get immunized against COVID-19 will have access to two doses. Moving forward, the following mass vaccination clinics will continue to operate after September 1:

- ICBC Test Collection Site, 255 Lloyd Ave., North Vancouver
- Italian Cultural Centre, 3075 Slocan St., Vancouver
- River Rock Theatre, 8811 River Rd., Richmond

Eligible residents are welcome to attend any of these mass clinics for their first or second dose by dropping-in during operating hours or booking an appointment through the BC [Get Vaccinated](#) registration system. Further details for mass clinics can be found on the VCH website [here](#).

Additional clinics will continue to be added in specific areas where vaccine uptake has been slower or there is need for additional capacity. These clinics will be opened on an as-needed basis and published on the VCH website [here](#). The location, duration and operating hours of pop-up clinics will be provided at the time of their announcement. Drop-in or appointment-based vaccine clinics will also continue to be offered in rural communities, based on local need.

The increase in vaccination rates has also led to a decrease in demand for COVID-19 testing services. VCH will continue to provide COVID-19 testing services at multiple clinics located across the health authority. Information regarding testing service locations can be found on the VCH website [here](#).

How to access your vaccine records

[Register for the Health Gateway](#) is an online website that provides a single place for B.C. residents to access their health records. After getting your COVID-19 vaccine, be sure to keep a paper copy of your immunization record in a safe place. By registering for B.C.'s Health Gateway, you will also be able to access a digital copy of your COVID-19 vaccine record.

You can check on your vaccination status here: <https://immunizebc.ca/covid-vaccination-status-indicator>. Enter your date of birth and Personal Health Number (PHN) to confirm your immunization record. The COVID-19 Vaccination Status Indicator confirms the provincial immunization registry contains an immunization record. No specific vaccination details are provided.

Community Engagement Opportunities

VCH values community input. Please consider participating in or sharing the featured community engagement opportunities below:

- **[Family Advisor - Carlile Youth Concurrent Disorders Centre Quality Council](#)**
The Carlile Youth Concurrent Disorders Centre ("The Carlile Centre") is seeking a family advisor/liaison for their monthly Quality Council. The Carlile Centre's Quality Council helps make services delivered at the centre better for patients, their families and for staff.
- **[Richmond Primary Care Network \(RPCN\) Advisory Committee Members](#)**
Community members are needed for a planned advisory body to advise the Richmond Primary Care Network (RPCN). The Richmond Primary Care Network (RPCN) is a partnership between the Richmond Division of Family Practice, Ministry of Health, and Vancouver Coastal Health.

New home support resource pamphlet

VCH has recently developed some new resource material for home support services and how to access it. This information is available in various languages.

- **Home support pamphlet**

[\[English\]](#) | [\[العربية Arabic\]](#) | [\[فارسی Farsi\]](#) | [\[Français French\]](#) | [\[Español Spanish\]](#) | [\[Tagalog\]](#) | [\[Tiếng Việt Vietnamese\]](#)

- **Home support client handbook:**

[\[English\]](#) | [\[فارسی Farsi\]](#)

Other resources

Find the Provincial Health Officer's orders [here](#).

To see a map of **COVID-19 cases by local health area**, [visit here](#).

For the **latest medical updates**, including case counts, prevention, risks and testing, visit: <http://www.bccdc.ca/>
For **community engagement opportunities** at VCH, see: <https://engage.vch.ca/>

COVID-19 vaccination resource toolkit:

- **COVID-19 vaccine registration poster:**

[\[English\]](#) | [\[العربية Arabic\]](#) | [\[简体中文 Chinese Simplified\]](#) | [\[繁體中文 Chinese Traditional\]](#) | [\[فارسی Farsi\]](#)
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- **Vaccine safety information:**

[\[English\]](#) | [\[简体中文 Chinese Simplified\]](#) | [\[繁體中文 Chinese Traditional\]](#) | [\[한국어 Korean\]](#) | [\[ਪੰਜਾਬੀ Punjabi\]](#)
[\[Tagalog\]](#)

- **Aftercare information:**

[\[English\]](#) | [\[العربية Arabic\]](#) | [\[American Sign Language - ASL\]](#) | [\[简体中文 Chinese Simplified\]](#) | [\[繁體中文 Chinese Traditional\]](#) | [\[فارسی Farsi\]](#) | [\[Français French\]](#) | [\[한국어 Korean\]](#) | [\[ਪੰਜਾਬੀ Punjabi\]](#) | [\[Español Spanish\]](#)
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- COVID-19 vaccine information sessions hosted by S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and VCH (Cantonese and Mandarin)
[\[Cantonese\]](#) | [\[Mandarin\]](#)
- COVID-19 vaccine Q&A with Dr. Ray Chaboyer
[\[English\]](#)
- COVID-19 vaccine info session by VCH Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Patricia Daly
[\[English\]](#)

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