

LATEST UPDATE – August 26, 2021

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

Ministry of Health update

In today's statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, 724 new cases were reported with 142 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 162,693 since the start of the pandemic. There are 5,640 active cases of COVID-19 across B.C. currently.

There have been no new COVID-19 related deaths, while 149 people are currently hospitalized, with 83 of these cases receiving treatment in ICU/critical care. The total number of individuals who have passed away due to COVID-19 is 1,804.

COVID-19 vaccine update

As of today, 83.7 per cent of all eligible individuals 12 years and older have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 75.6 per cent of those 12 and older have received their second dose. In addition, 84.4 per cent of all eligible adults in B.C. have received their first dose and 76.7 per cent received their second dose.

VCH vaccination clinics

VCH continues to operate several mass-vaccination and pop-up clinics across the region. Recently, it was sports fans who scored with clinic locations. [Click here](#) to read about VCH at the BC Lions and Vancouver Whitecaps home openers.

For a full list of VCH vaccination clinics, including upcoming pop-up clinics, please visit www.vch.ca/vaccine.

All clinics 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.

New provincial mask mandate

A new order from the provincial health officer will require people 12 and older to wear masks in indoor public settings, regardless of vaccination status. These settings include:

- malls, shopping centres, coffee shops and retail and grocery stores;
- liquor and drug stores;
- airports, city halls, libraries, community and recreation centres;
- restaurants, pubs and bars (unless seated);
- on public transportation, in a taxi or ride-sharing vehicle;
- areas of office buildings where services to the public are provided;
- common areas of sport and fitness centres when not engaged in physical activity;
- common areas of post-secondary institutions and non-profit organizations; and
- inside schools for all K-12 staff, visitors and students in grades 4-12.

This temporary order will be reassessed as the B.C. vaccine card requirement is fully implemented in certain social and recreational settings. To learn more, click [here](#).

B.C. launches proof of vaccination requirement

A [new order](#) from the provincial health officer will require individuals to provide proof of vaccination to access a broad range of social, recreational, and discretionary events and businesses throughout the province.

Starting Sept. 13, one dose of vaccine will be required for entry to these settings. By Oct. 24, entry to these settings will require people to be fully vaccinated at least seven days after receiving both doses.

To enter certain spaces, including indoor ticketed sporting events, indoor and patio dining in restaurants, fitness centres, casinos and indoor organized events, like conferences and weddings, people aged 12 and older will be required to show their proof of vaccination.

Prior to Sept. 13, a secure weblink will be provided and publicized where people will be able to confidentially access their proof of vaccination. Individuals will be able to save a copy of their proof of vaccination to their phone to show it when

entering or using designated businesses and events. Individuals who cannot access their proof of vaccination online will be provided with a secure alternative option.

Guidance on returning to school this fall

The provincial government [announced](#) a return to school next month will include full-time, in-person learning and a resumption of sports, music and other extracurricular activities.

The return to school will include the continuation of indoor mask requirements for all K-12 staff, visitors, and students in grades 4 to 12. Health authorities will also have the ability to introduce additional regional measures specific to individual schools or school districts in instances where community transmission rates are higher.

Students, faculty and staff at B.C.'s colleges and universities will also be back for in-person learning this fall with added health and safety measures ordered by the provincial health officer. The safety measures include a new mask mandate for college and university campuses that will apply in all indoor public areas on campus including lobbies, hallways, stairwells, elevators, classrooms and labs.

As part of the new provincial vaccine requirement, accessing some non-essential services on campus will now require a proof of vaccination. This will apply to on-campus indoor venues, including but not limited to gyms, nightclubs, restaurants and a variety of indoor events, such as sporting events and concerts. Students who are living in on-campus housing will also require proof of vaccination.

Additional information regarding post-secondary institutions can be found on our website [here](#).

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:**

[\[English\]](#) | [\[العربية Arabic\]](#) | [\[简体中文 Chinese Simplified\]](#) | [\[繁體中文 Chinese Traditional\]](#) | [\[فارسی Farsi\]](#)

| [\[한국어 Korean\]](#) | [\[ਪੰਜਾਬੀ Punjabi\]](#) | [\[Español Spanish\]](#) | [\[Tagalog\]](#) | [\[Tiếng Việt Vietnamese\]](#)

- **Vaccine safety information:**

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

| [\[Tagalog\]](#)

- **Aftercare information:**

[\[English\]](#) | [\[العربية Arabic\]](#) | [\[American Sign Language - ASL\]](#) | [\[简体中文 Chinese Simplified\]](#) | [\[繁體中文 Chinese Traditional\]](#)

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| [\[Tigrinya\]](#) | [\[Tiếng Việt Vietnamese\]](#)

- **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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