

LATEST UPDATE – July 15, 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, 54 new cases were reported with nine 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 148,282 since the start of the pandemic. There are 650 active cases of COVID-19 across B.C. currently.

There has been one new COVID-19 related death, while 63 people are currently hospitalized, with 12 of these cases receiving treatment in ICU/critical care. The total number of individuals who have passed away due to COVID-19 is 1,761.

COVID-19 vaccine update

As of Thursday, 80.5 percent of those 12 years and older have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. While 51.9 percent of those 12 and older have received their second dose.

Since December 2020, the Province has administered 5,942,064 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines.

Updates to VCH's implementation of B.C.'s Immunization Plan

All vaccination clinics in the VCH region welcomes drop-in appointments for individuals eligible for their first dose. Eligible people aged 12 and older who haven't received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, can drop-in to a clinic location most convenient for them. VCH vaccination clinics are listed on our [website](#) including locations and hours of operation.

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 brings COVID-19 vaccine to summer fun spots this July

While the importance of immunization against COVID-19 is widely known, it can be hard to take a break from fun in the sun to travel to a vaccination clinic. That's why this month, Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is taking the vaccine to them at easily accessible clinics that meet people where they are, out enjoying the summer.

THE SHIPYARDS DISTRICT

Next week, from July 19 – 23, we're heading to the North Shore and The Shipyards District, a hot spot among young adults and families who may be looking for additional opportunities to get their COVID-19 vaccination. First-dose vaccinations will be offered to people aged 12 and older at the Pipe Shop at The Shipyards. If there is capacity at the clinic, second doses will be available for those who received their first dose at least seven weeks ago.

THE PIPE SHOP IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

115 Victory Ship Way, North Vancouver

- Monday, July 19: 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 20: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 21: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Thursday, July 22: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Friday, July 23: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

TROUT LAKE FARMER'S MARKET

This Saturday, VCH is holding a drop-in vaccination clinic in Trout Lake Park — a popular destination for families and young people, and site of the must-do Trout Lake Farmer's Market on Saturdays. First doses are available for anyone 12 and older, and if there is capacity at the clinic, second doses are available for those who received their first dose at least seven weeks ago.

TROUT LAKE PARK COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

13th Ave. & Lakewood Dr., Vancouver

Saturday, July 17: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Those attending summer immunization clinics are reminded to take precautions from the heat including wearing sunscreen, staying hydrated, and having something to eat and drink before your vaccination.

VCH Demobilizing Alternate Care Site at Vancouver Convention Centre

The Alternate Care Site (ACS) located at the Vancouver Convention Centre was established in April 2020 and was one of several ACS's established throughout the province to ensure B.C. had sufficient capacity should there be a significant influx in patient volumes due to the pandemic.

The site was in a state of preparedness to be operationalized from April 9, 2020, to July 2, 2021, and had a capacity of 271 beds.

VCH anticipates the demobilization process will be concluded by July 16. Plans have been put in place to support a site remobilization, if needed. VCH deeply appreciates the support of all partners and frontline workers who helped to mobilize and maintain this ACS during the pandemic. These include the B.C. Ministry of Health and health authorities, Health Emergency Management B.C., PHSA's Mobile Medical Unit, the Canadian Red, St. John Ambulance, B.C. Pavilion Corporation and the Vancouver Convention Centre. Learn more: <http://www.vch.ca/about-us/news/news-releases/vancouver-coastal-health-demobilizing-alternate-care-site-at-vancouver-convention-centre>

Full steam ahead for expanded Richmond Hospital

A new state-of-the-art emergency department and intensive care unit are just two of the improvements people in Richmond will see with more services and better health care as the Province moves ahead with an approved business plan for an expanded Richmond Hospital.

The four-phase project will add 113 new beds to the hospital, bringing the total to 353. A new nine-floor patient care tower, the Yurkovich Family Pavilion, will have an emergency department with 82 spaces, up from 60, and 11 operating rooms, up from eight. There will be also more pre- and post-surgical care spaces, increasing from 26 to 69.

The tower will also include an intensive care unit; a fully equipped medical imaging department with four CT scanners and two MRIs; a pharmacy; and short-stay pediatrics.

Further improvements to the Richmond Hospital include redevelopment of the south tower to create new inpatient psychiatry and psychiatric emergency units so existing services will be in one location and brought up to modern standards. The South Tower will also have a maternity ward and neonatal intensive care unit.

The North Tower is expected to open to patients in 2028. South Tower and additional Milan Ilich Pavilion completion is scheduled for 2029. The cost is approximately \$860.8 million and will be shared by the provincial government through Vancouver Coastal Health and the Richmond Hospital Foundation. Learn more:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0126-001359>

Community Engagement Opportunities

- [#Hellomynameis Campaign](#)
- [Richmond Primary Care Network \(RPCN\) Advisory Committee Members](#)
- [Family Member Recruitment, Recovery College Implementation Team](#)
- [Member, Vancouver Family Advisory Council for Mental Health and Substance Use Services](#)
- [Interview Participant, Virtual Health Evaluation Project](#)

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:**

[\[English\]](#) | [\[العربية Arabic\]](#) | [\[American Sign Language - ASL\]](#) | [\[简体中文 Chinese Simplified\]](#) | [\[繁體中文 Chinese Traditional\]](#) | [\[فارسی Farsi\]](#) | [\[Français French\]](#) | [\[한국어 Korean\]](#) | [\[ਪੰਜਾਬੀ Punjabi\]](#) | [\[Español Spanish\]](#) | [\[Tigrinya\]](#) | [\[Tiếng Việt Vietnamese\]](#)

- **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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