LATEST UPDATE – July 22, 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, 78 new cases were reported with 23 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 148,641 since the start of the pandemic. There are 729 active cases of COVID-19 across B.C. currently.

There have been no new COVID-19 related deaths, while 48 people are currently hospitalized, with 16 of these cases receiving treatment in ICU/critical care. The total number of individuals who have passed away due to COVID-19 is 1,763.

COVID-19 vaccine update
As of Wednesday, 80.1 per cent of those 12 years and older have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. While 55.6 per cent of those 12 and older have received their second dose.

Since December 2020, the Province has administered 6,297,149 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.

Summer clinics running throughout the VCH region
COVID-19 vaccination clinics continue to run in communities through the VCH region. As well as appointments booked through the provincial Get Vaccinated system, the clinics listed below can also offer first-dose vaccinations to people aged 12 and older who wish to drop in. If there is capacity at the clinic, second doses will also be available for those who received their first dose at least seven weeks ago.

PLAYLAND COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
2901 East Hastings St., Vancouver
No admission ticket is needed for entry
Saturday, July 24: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

THE PIPE SHOP IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
115 Victory Ship Way, North Vancouver
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.

SQUAMISH – BRENNAN PARK RECREATION CENTRE
1009 Centennial Way, Squamish
Wednesday, July 21: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday, July 27: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday, July 28: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

PEMBERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
7390 Cottonwood St, Pemberton
Thursday, July 22: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Monday, July 26: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday, July 29: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WHISTLER CONFERENCE CENTRE
4010 Whistler Way, Whistler
Friday, July 23: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SECHELT SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE
5604 Trail Ave., Sechelt
Wednesday, July 21: 9 a.m. – noon; 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday, July 23: 9 a.m. – noon; 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday, July 28: 9 a.m. – noon; 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday, July 30: 9 a.m. – noon; 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

GIBSONS LEGION
747 Gibsons Way, Gibsons
Thursday, July 22: 9 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.; 12:45 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday, July 29: 9 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.; 12:45 p.m. - 5 p.m.

POWELL RIVER RECREATION CENTRE
5001 Joyce Ave., Powell River
Thursday, July 22: 9:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, July 27: 9:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, July 28: 9:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Thursday, July 29: 9:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Enhanced safety measures and protocols are in place at all Vancouver Coastal Health COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Visitors are reminded to wear a short-sleeve shirt as the vaccine will be delivered to the upper arm. Everyone receiving a vaccine will be monitored for 15 minutes following their appointment.

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 launches mobile interpretation devices at COVID-19 vaccination
VCH has launched 12 mobile interpretation devices at its COVID-19 vaccination clinics to offer broader interpretation service options to residents. Within seconds, the devices connect patients to live, medically trained interpreters who offer virtual services in over 240 spoken languages.
To date, the mobile devices have facilitated over 18,000 minutes of live interpretation across VCH COVID-19 vaccination clinics, while the top languages requested include Cantonese (42 per cent), Mandarin (39 per cent), Vietnamese (4 per cent), Farsi and Korean (3 per cent). This service augments in-person translation support offered by multilingual VCH staff members, community partners and volunteers who work across all vaccination clinics, in addition to formal in-person and pre-scheduled virtual interpretation services, as well as on-demand phone interpreting services offered by Provincial Language Services through the Provincial Health Services Authority.

Seventy-four additional devices will be implemented across the VCH region through 2021 to further support patients on their health care journey.

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

- Home support client handbook:
  - [English](English) | [فارسی Farsi]

Other resources
Find the Provincial Health Officer’s orders [here](http://www.bccdc.ca/).
To see a map of COVID-19 cases by local health area, [visit here](http://www.bccdc.ca/).
For the latest medical updates, including case counts, prevention, risks and testing, visit: [http://www.bccdc.ca/](http://www.bccdc.ca/)
For community engagement opportunities at VCH, see: [https://engage.vch.ca/](https://engage.vch.ca/)

COVID-19 vaccination resource toolkit:

- COVID-19 vaccine registration poster:
  - [English](English) | [العربية Arabic] | [簡体中文 Chinese Simplified] | [繁體中文 Chinese Traditional] | [فارسی Farsi] | [한국어 Korean] | [ਪੰਜਾਬੀ Punjabi] | [Español Spanish] | [Tagalog] | [Tiếng Việt Vietnamese]

- Vaccine safety information:
  - [English](English) | [簡体中文 Chinese Simplified] | [繁體中文 Chinese Traditional] | [한국어 Korean] | [ਪੰਜਾਬੀ Punjabi] | [Tagalog]

- Aftercare information:
  - [English](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](Cantonese) | [Mandarin](Mandarin)

- COVID-19 vaccine Q&A with Dr. Ray Chaboyer
  - [English](English)

- COVID-19 vaccine info session by VCH Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Patricia Daly
  - [English](English)
Thank you
We appreciate the time you spend reading these updates and hope you find the information and resources useful. If you no longer wish to receive the VCH Community Partner Update, please reply or send an email to ce@vch.ca with the word “unsubscribe”. Thank you.