

## LATEST UPDATE – JULY 30, 2021

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

**HEAT WARNING issued for Fraser Valley, Howe Sound, Metro Vancouver and the Sunshine Coast. [Learn more.](#)**

### Heat warning

A [heat warning](#) issued Tuesday by Environment Canada advises of increasing temperatures in our region this week. Although this week's temperatures are not expected to reach the levels experienced during the extreme heat event at the end of last month, consecutive days and nights of high temperatures do pose a risk of heat-related illness.

The warning has been issued for the Fraser Valley, Howe Sound, Metro Vancouver and the Sunshine Coast. It advises that a building ridge of high pressure will lead to rising temperatures for Thursday and into the weekend. Daytime highs near 30 degrees Celsius combined with overnight lows in the upper teens are forecast Thursday through Sunday morning, with slightly cooler daytime temperatures expected near the water.

Although an Extreme Heat Alert has not been issued at this time, the higher temperatures may lead to an increase in heat-related illness or death and require closer monitoring of clients, residents and patients. Spending time in a cool space and drinking plenty of liquids is the best way to prevent heat-related illness.

There are a variety of mild to severe symptoms linked with heat-related illness, including thirst, dizziness, confusion, weakness and fainting or collapsing. Medical Health Officers remind residents to take precautions to protect themselves and others from the heat, including stay hydrated, keep cool and check on others. Please visit our [website](#) for more information on how to protect yourself from the heat.

### Ministry of Health update

In yesterday's statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, 243 new cases were reported with 32 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 149,889 since the start of the pandemic. There are 1,231 active cases of COVID-19 across B.C. currently.

There have been no COVID-19 related deaths, while 47 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 1,771.

### COVID-19 vaccine update

As of Wednesday, 81.1 per cent of all eligible individuals 12 years and older have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. While 64.9 per cent of those 12 and older have received their second dose.

Since December 2020, the Province has administered 6,774,257 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines.

Data from the BC Centre of Disease Control (BCCDC) shows that less than 5% of COVID-19 cases from June 15 to July 15 were among fully vaccinated people. In addition, during the same time period, 78% of people hospitalized in B.C. with COVID-19 were unvaccinated.

### Vax for BC launches to get more people vaccinated

The Province is making it easier than ever for people to get vaccinated with the launch of [Vax for BC](#), the next step in the Province's campaign to help as many eligible people as possible get vaccinated.

Lasting throughout the month of August, community events, vax vans and mobile clinics will be up and running in dozens of communities in B.C. to get more people vaccinated with their first and second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. While registration and booking using the provincial [Get Vaccinated](#) system is still encouraged, these events will allow eligible people to walk-in and receive a vaccine without a scheduled appointment.

Along with regional events held by health authorities, Vax for BC will also include the first province-wide Walk-in Wednesday. On Aug. 4, 2021, clinics throughout the province will reserve approximately 20,000 doses for walk-in vaccinations for anyone 12 years and older still needing their first dose or people eligible to receive their second dose. Click [here](#) for VCH Walk-in Wednesday vaccination clinics.

As more British Columbians step up and get vaccinated through Vax for BC, the Province will gradually refocus its vaccine efforts from mass clinics onto programs targeting the hardest to reach people. In the weeks ahead, B.C.'s vaccine strategy

will shift toward more local public health clinics, community outreach efforts, mobile programs and pop-up clinics. These will take place within specific communities and populations throughout the province, where the need is greatest.

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

COVID-19 vaccination clinics continue to run in communities through the VCH region. As well as appointments booked through the provincial [Get Vaccinated](#) system, walk-ins are now welcome at all VCH clinics on a first-come, first-served basis, depending on your eligibility and vaccine availability. People 12+ are eligible to be vaccinated and you are eligible for a second dose at 49 days after your first dose. 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.

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.

#### 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.
- **[#Hellomynameis Campaign](#)**  
VCH wants to acknowledge and celebrate the #hellomynameis campaign, which raises awareness about the importance of introductions in health care. The VCH Patient Experience Program would love to hear how you as patients, families & caregivers have experienced human connections being created between you and your health care providers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **[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.

Find more engagement opportunities on our [EngageVCH](https://engage.vch.ca/) webpage (<https://engage.vch.ca/>)

#### 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/>

**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:**

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

**Thank you**

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