

Dear Community Partner,

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Thank you.



LATEST UPDATE – July 9, 2021

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Ministry of Health update

In yesterday's statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, 59 new cases were reported with ten 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 147,915 since the start of the pandemic. There are 649 active cases of COVID-19 across B.C. currently.

There was one new COVID-19 related death, while 74 people are currently hospitalized, with 19 of these cases receiving treatment in ICU/critical care. The total number of individuals who have passed away due to COVID-19 is 1,760.

COVID-19 vaccine update

As of Thursday, 78.4 percent of those 12 years and older have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. 40 percent of those 12 and older have received their second dose.

Since December 2020, the Province has administered 5,497,150 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.

Eased visitation restrictions for long-term care and assisting living

People in long-term care and seniors' assisted living and their loved ones will have more ways to spend time together safely, with a further easing of visitation rules coming into effect on July 19. More details can be found [here](#).

Changes to long-term care (LTC) and seniors' assisted living include:

- Visitors will no longer need to schedule or book in advance to visit loved ones, and the limit on the number of visitors for each resident will be removed.
- Fully immunized visitors can visit with residents without wearing a mask.
- Larger, facility-wide social events or gatherings are safe to begin again.
- Indoor gatherings may include residents and staff across units of a facility, while outdoor gatherings may include family and friends.
- Adult day programs and in-facility respite can fully resume, providing additional health and well-being benefits for seniors and caregivers in community.

The screening of visitors and practices such as hand hygiene, use of medical masks and physical distancing will remain in place when visitation restrictions are eased. It is strongly recommended that visitors choose to get fully immunized against COVID-19, in order to lower the risk to people in long-term care settings.

At the same time, new public health requirements around vaccinations will add protections for people in long-term care. Effective July 19, new requirements to better protect seniors will include:

- A PHO order will require all LTC and seniors' assisted living facilities to provide public health with information on all residents, staff, personal service providers and volunteers so their immunization status can be determined.
- Workers that are not fully vaccinated will be required to wear a mask at work and be tested for COVID-19 regularly using rapid tests.
- Volunteers and personal service providers entering long-term care settings must be fully vaccinated.
- Masks are required for visitors who are not fully vaccinated. Masks will not be required for visitors who are fully vaccinated, except for when travelling through common areas.
- Each site will continue to maintain a sign-in list for contact tracing purposes and actively promote adherence to all infection prevention control protocols.

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](#)]

[[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](#)] | [[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](#)]

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.

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