

LATEST UPDATE – June 4, 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 joint statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, reported 199 new cases, 68 of those cases were in the Vancouver Coastal Health area.

The total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 in B.C. now stands at 144,866 since the start of the pandemic. There are 2,563 active cases of COVID-19 across B.C. currently.

Across the province, there were two new COVID-19 related deaths, while 224 people are currently hospitalized, with 62 of these cases receiving treatment in ICU/critical care. The total number of individuals who have passed away due to COVID-19 is 1,709.

Health Minister Adrian Dix said major hospitals, including Vancouver General Hospital, UBC Hospital and Lions Gate Hospital, are on track to be operating at full surgical capacity by June 7.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Since the start of immunizations, 3,426,827 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in B.C., 229,585 of which are second doses. This means 71.8 per cent of all adults and 68.9 per cent of those 12 years and older have received their first dose.

If you received a first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine, you have a choice to get a second dose of the same vaccine, or you can choose to have an mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna) vaccine instead. Dr. Henry said this approach is safe and effective. It is based on scientific evidence and under the guidance of the National Advisory Committee on Immunization and B.C.'s immunization committee.

If you received your vaccine at a pharmacy, the pharmacy will contact you to book your second AstraZeneca appointment. Please don't contact the pharmacies to book – they will contact you.

If you decide to have an mRNA vaccine instead, you'll be able to book online for an appointment at one of the mass vaccination clinics. Starting Monday, everyone who received the AstraZeneca vaccine will be notified eight weeks after their first dose to book their second vaccine. Once you receive this invitation, you can book your vaccine.

Based on the available vaccine supply, everyone 12 years or older in B.C. can expect to be fully immunized with their first and second doses by the end of August.

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

Currently, everyone aged 12 years and older (born in 2009 or earlier) is eligible to book their COVID-19 vaccine. You are encouraged to register:

- online at: www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated
- by telephone at 1-833-838-2323
- or in person at any Service BC centre

VCH is also offering vaccinations for people aged 12 years and older (born in 2009 or earlier) by appointment-only at a new vaccination clinic at H.J. Cambie Secondary School (4151 Jacombs Road) in Richmond. The clinic will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on various dates until June 5.

VCH encourages family, friends, neighbours and social services agencies to help get the word out to people aged 12 and older about registering to receive their COVID-19 vaccine.

VCH Open Board Meeting – Save the Date

Vancouver Coastal Health's Board of Directors and senior leadership team invite you to its virtual Open Board Forum, which is open to all. The virtual forum is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The virtual Open Board Forum is an opportunity to join a conversation with our board. The board chair and senior leaders will provide updates on COVID-19, the vaccine roll-out and available health services.

The meeting, which will also be available in Cantonese, will stream online and we invite you to register and send questions in advance at vch.ca/boardforum. We will send you a link to the Open Board Forum video stream before the meeting.

Testing

Anyone in the Vancouver Coastal Health region with cold, influenza or COVID-19-like symptoms, however mild, can be assessed for and get a COVID-19 test. Visit the BCCDC website [here](#) for more information.

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:**

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

- **Vaccine safety information:**

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

- **Aftercare information:**

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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**

[\[English\]](#)