

## LATEST UPDATE – June 8, 2021

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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. Réka Gustafson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, reported 481 new cases over three days and 70 of those cases were in the Vancouver Coastal Health area.

- Friday to Saturday – 217 new cases
- Saturday to Sunday – 131 new cases
- Sunday to Monday – 133 new cases

The total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 in B.C. now stands at 145,530 since the start of the pandemic. There are 2,102 active cases of COVID-19 across B.C. currently.

Across the province, there were 12 new COVID-19 related deaths, while 199 people are currently hospitalized, with 63 of these cases receiving treatment in ICU/critical care. The total number of individuals who have passed away due to COVID-19 is 1,722.

Dr. Gustafson said the immediate goal is to get as many people as possible fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as we can. Registering with the [Get Vaccinated](#) system is your ticket to getting your second dose.

### COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Since the start of immunizations, 3,635,795 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in B.C., 314,246 of which are second doses. This means 73.9 per cent of all adults and 71.5 per cent of those 12 years and older have received their first dose.

People who got the AstraZeneca/COVIDSHIELD vaccine at a pharmacy will have a choice for their second dose – get AstraZeneca again, or an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna). The same pharmacy will reach out to you about booking a second dose of AstraZeneca. You don't need to call them – no action is required on your part to be invited to get a second dose of AstraZeneca from a pharmacy.

You can book that appointment or you can get Pfizer or Moderna through a vaccination clinic using the *Get Vaccinated* booking system. When it's your turn, you will be sent an invitation to book your second dose.

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

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](http://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:**

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

- **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**

[\[English\]](#)