

LATEST UPDATE – NOVEMBER 5, 2021

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

COVID-19 vaccine update

As of Friday, Nov. 5, 2021, 90.2% of eligible people 12 and older in B.C. have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 85.7% received their second dose.

In addition, 90.6% of all eligible adults have received their first dose and 86.3% received their second dose.

Since December 2020, the Province has administered 8,311,858 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines.

Ministry of Health update

In the Nov. 5 statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, 549 new cases were reported with 78 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 208,265 since the start of the pandemic. There are 4,483 active cases of COVID-19 across B.C. currently.

In the past 24 hours, one new COVID-19 death was recorded, with 129 of these cases receiving treatment in ICU/critical care. The total number of individuals who have passed away due to COVID-19 is 2,201.

COVID-19 booster shots for those with two doses of AstraZeneca

After expanding booster doses to seniors in long-term care and the immune compromised, those who have received two doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine will also get their invite for a booster mRNA dose in the coming months. Dr. Bonnie Henry noted data showing that individuals who received two doses of AstraZeneca vaccine have had waning protection from infection over time.

Data has shown that an mRNA booster dose, in combination to AstraZeneca's viral vector doses, has been very effective and long-lasting.

Adults who work or volunteer with children in youth sports require proof of vaccination

The Provincial Health Officer announced a new requirement that people working with young children, either as a volunteer or a coach leading or supporting youth sports and activities, must confirm proof of vaccination to continue in these roles.

Federal proof of vaccination for travelers

Residents can now access the Canadian COVID-19 proof of vaccination for travel. This proof of vaccination will be required when travelling in Canada by air, rail or cruise ship.

The Government of Canada has said the federal proof of vaccination can also be used for international travel. Before leaving, all travelers are encouraged to check the Government of Canada's [travel requirements](#) and the requirements of the country to which they are travelling.

Residents of B.C. can request their BC Vaccine Card or Canadian COVID-19 proof of vaccination:

- through Health Gateway online: at gov.bc.ca/covidtravel
- by phone (toll-free) at 1 833 838-2323; or
- in person at most Service BC offices.

Mask mandate indoors extended

The Provincial Health Officer has extended the mask mandate that requires masks be worn in all indoor public spaces throughout B.C.

The previous order, which was set to expire on Oct. 31, 2021, has been extended to continue to slow the transmission of COVID-19. [Read more.](#)

Flu vaccine prevents serious illness

Influenza vaccination is free in B.C. and everyone six months and older is encouraged to get a flu shot.

Seasonal influenza and other respiratory viruses will be in communities alongside COVID-19 this fall and winter. Last year's low influenza rates means our immunity against influenza is lower than usual.

Use Immunize B.C.'s [Flu Clinic Finder](#) to find a flu immunization clinic near you.

VCH vaccination clinics

VCH continues to operate several mass-vaccination and pop-up clinics across the region. For a full list of VCH vaccination clinics, including pop-up clinics, please visit <http://www.vch.ca/vaccine>.

All clinics are accepting drop-ins for first and second doses. 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.

A reminder that people can get their BC Vaccine Card online at gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard. Once verified, a person will be able to save a digital copy to their mobile device or print a hard copy to present along with their government-issued photo identification when entering designated businesses and events.

People without access to a computer can get their card from a Service BC Centre or by calling 1-833-838-2323 at the Get Vaccinated call centre.

Fall prevention resources

Every 30 minutes, a British Columbian aged 65 or older is hospitalized due to a fall. And 83 per cent of these injuries happen to older adults living in the community.

To mark Seniors' Fall Prevention Awareness Week this year, Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is sharing resources with families and health-care providers to increase education about the health consequences of falls, and ways we can proactively protect ourselves and those around us from the risk of falls and fall-related injuries. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Community engagement opportunities

VCH values community input. Please consider participating in or sharing the featured community engagement opportunities below:

- [Become a Mental Health & Substance Use Interview Panel Advisor](#)
The Client and Family Support and Involvement Team for Vancouver Acute, Community & Regional Tertiary are seeking a number of client and family advisors that can be part of leadership interview panels in all of our Vancouver Mental Health and Substance Use areas: Vancouver Community, Vancouver Acute, and Regional Tertiary.
- [Tertiary Mental Health Substance Use Mandate Review](#)
VCH is reviewing the Tertiary Mental Health Substance Use mandate in order to make improvements to the program. The review seeks input from up to 20 persons with lived or living experience (either personal lived experience or as a family member / caregiver) of the tertiary mental health and substance use services at VCH.

VCH community engagement opportunities can be found on our [Engage VCH](#) homepage.

Home support resource pamphlet

VCH has developed some 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**

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- **Vaccine safety information**

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- **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**

[\[English\]](#)

Thank you

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