

LATEST UPDATE – November 19, 2021

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

Support for those impacted by recent climate event

VCH extends its support to individuals, families and communities that have been impacted by the catastrophic flooding and landslides across the region. For additional information regarding the current provincial statement of emergency, please see [here](#).

COVID-19 vaccine update

As of Friday, Nov. 19, 2021, 90.8% of eligible people 12 and older in B.C. have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 87% have received their second dose.

In addition, 91.2% of all eligible adults in B.C. have received their first dose and 87.6% have received their second dose.

Since December 2020, the Province has administered 8,509,185 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines.

Ministry of Health update

In the Nov. 19 statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, 497 new cases were reported, with 64 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 214,636 since the start of the pandemic. There are 3,420 active cases of COVID-19 across B.C. currently.

In the past 48 hours, three new COVID-19 deaths were recorded, while 358 individuals are currently in hospital and 109 of those are receiving treatment in ICU/critical care. The total number of individuals who have passed away due to COVID-19 is 2,293.

Health Canada approves COVID-19 pediatric vaccine

Health Canada has approved the use of Pfizer's COVID-19 pediatric vaccine for children aged five to 11. The rigorous review confirms that this lower-dose vaccine formulated for younger children is safe and effective.

While children are at lower risk of severe illness from COVID-19, it can still result in serious outcomes in some children, including hospitalization and long-term symptoms.

The Province will share detailed information early next week about B.C.'s plan for vaccines for children. In the meantime, parents and guardians are encouraged to register their children to [get vaccinated](#) or by calling 1-833-838-2323. Already, more than 75,000 children have been registered to receive the vaccine.

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 still encouraged to [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.

VCH hosts Open Board Forum dedicated to residents of Steveston

The Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) Board of Directors and senior leadership team will be hosting an Open Board Forum next week focused on healthcare topics relevant to the Steveston neighbourhood and the broader Richmond community.

During this session, the VCH Board Chair and senior leaders will provide updates on variety of healthcare projects, programs and services, including the Richmond Hospital redevelopment project, the new Urgent and Primary Care Centre, as well as long-term care and mental health supports. There will also be a public health update discussing the pandemic.

The meeting will be conducted as a telephone conference call, with participants be able to ask questions during a multi-lingual (English / Cantonese / Mandarin) Q&A period. We invite you to [register](#) to receive a phone call connecting you directly to the forum, which will be taking place on Thursday, November 25 @ 6pm.

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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