

LATEST UPDATE – September 3, 2021

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

Ministry of Health update

As of Thursday's statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, 801 new cases were reported with 128 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 167,654 since the start of the pandemic. There are 5,931 active cases of COVID-19 across B.C. currently.

There have been two new COVID-19-related deaths, while 199 people are currently hospitalized, with 116 of these cases receiving treatment in ICU/critical care. The total number of individuals who have passed away due to COVID-19 is 1,824.

COVID-19 modelling data in B.C. shows that unvaccinated people are 10 times more likely to contract the virus and 17 times more likely to end up in the hospital. Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry says the data collected over the past month indicates COVID-19 is largely spreading through people who have yet to be immunized. The latest modelling data can be found [here](#).

The ministry has also confirmed the details of a previously announced province wide mandatory mask order [in a formal Public Health Order \(PHO\)](#). The PHO reinstates many of the previous requirements that were in the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General mandatory mask order. It is set to expire on October 31. Find other PHOs on the ministry's [website](#).

COVID-19 vaccine update

As of today, 84.6 per cent of all eligible individuals 12 years and older have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 76.9 per cent of those 12 and older have received their second dose. In addition, 85.3 per cent of all eligible adults in B.C. have received their first dose and 77.9 per cent received their second dose.

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 upcoming pop-up clinics, please visit 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 appointment.

VCH observes International Overdose Awareness Day

International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD), on Monday, August 31, was an opportunity to remember those lost to overdose as well as increase awareness and reduce stigma of substance use, overdose and drug-related deaths.

A moment of silence was observed across VCH to acknowledge the grief experienced by thousands of families and friends, remembering those who have died or had a permanent injury as a result of an overdose. We also acknowledge the many staff who work tirelessly to prevent, respond to and treat overdoses.

VCH also partnered with artists with lived and living experience and launched *Not Just an Art Show: The Overdose Crisis on Canvas*, an art exhibition held this week at the InterUrban Gallery in the Downtown Eastside. [Learn more](#) about the exhibition.

While we have put a number of measures and supports in place, this is the fifth year of the opioid overdose public health emergency in B.C. and the number of overdose deaths for the last three months have been almost equivalent to the total COVID-19 deaths in B.C.

Dr. Patricia Daly, Chief Medical Health Officer, VCH shares the [following video message](#). Read this story on VCH.ca and learn more about our [overdose prevention and response to date](#).

Vancouver Coastal Health Impact Report

We have just published our first ever **2020-21 Vancouver Coastal Health Impact Report: An unstoppable force for good: How we came together to face an unprecedented challenge**. It provides a small glimpse into some of the important work we've done together during this extraordinary year—from our response to COVID-19 to our continued journey of truth and reconciliation and our work on the opioid crisis.

Please find a brief [video message](#) where our President and CEO, Vivian Eliopoulos introduces the 2020/21 VCH Impact Report. And, be sure to visit the [interactive site](#) where the full report can be downloaded in eight different languages.

This report is dedicated to all VCH staff, medical staff, and to all of our community partners, who tirelessly worked together over the past year to deliver exceptional care to the communities we serve, during a global pandemic.

Community Engagement Opportunities

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

- [Interviews - Improving patient discharges at Lions Gate Hospital](#)

The Lions Gate Hospital is looking for feedback for how to make patient discharges to their homes better after receiving care at the hospital.

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:**

[\[English\]](#) | [\[العربية Arabic\]](#) | [\[简体中文 Chinese Simplified\]](#) | [\[繁體中文 Chinese Traditional\]](#) | [\[فارسی Farsi\]](#)

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- **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**

[\[English\]](#)

Thank you

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