

LATEST UPDATE – September 10, 2021

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

Proof of vaccination

The Province is launching the [BC Vaccine Card](#), a digital or printed document that shows the stage cardholders are at in their COVID-19 vaccine progress. The BC Vaccine Card will allow vaccinated people to conveniently and securely show their proof of vaccination at higher-risk social and recreational events and settings when new COVID-19 vaccine requirement rules take effect on Sept. 13, 2021.

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.

The BC Vaccine Card will include a secure, individualized QR code and image showing either “vaccinated” or “partially vaccinated.” Businesses can either scan the QR code using a QR reader like a smartphone or tablet or visually verify the person’s proof of vaccination. Information for businesses, including step-by-step instructions can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 vaccine update

As of Sept. 10, 85.5% of eligible people 12 and older in B.C. have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 78.0% received their second dose. In addition, 86.1% of all eligible adults in B.C. have received their first dose and 78.9% received their second dose.

Since December 2020, the Province has administered 7,583,999 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines.

Ministry of Health update

In today's statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, 820 new cases were reported with 135 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 173,158 since the start of the pandemic. There are 5,850 active cases of COVID-19 across B.C. currently.

Nine new COVID-19 related deaths were recorded, while 281 people are currently hospitalized, with 135 of these cases receiving treatment in ICU/critical care. The total number of individuals who have passed away due to COVID-19 is 1,856.

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.

Post-secondary schools

VCH is working with post-secondary institutions throughout our region to help ensure a safe return to campus for all. A new dedicated webpage can be found at vch.ca/postsecondaryinstitutions, with information about safety measures, vaccines and vaccination clinics, as well as printable posters and flyers for download. Students can find a complete and up-to-date list of vaccination clinics, including campus pop-ups, at vch.ca/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine.

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.
- **[Interviews - Patient lifts in ensuite bathrooms and in-patient mental health units](#)**
Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is updating our Facility Design Standards for new healthcare facilities to include the installation of patient lifts in patient bathrooms and in-patient mental health units. Patient lifts are designed to help move patients safely and prevent staff injuries, and we are looking for feedback about the possible impact on patients and families.

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:**

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

- **Vaccine safety information:**

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

- **Aftercare information:**

[\[English\]](#) | [\[العربية Arabic\]](#) | [\[American Sign Language - ASL\]](#) | [\[简体中文 Chinese Simplified\]](#) | [\[繁體中文 Chinese Traditional\]](#) | [\[فارسی Farsi\]](#) | [\[Français French\]](#) | [\[한국어 Korean\]](#) | [\[ਪੰਜਾਬੀ Punjabi\]](#) | [\[Español Spanish\]](#)
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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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