

oneVCH COVID-19 Bulletin

February 1, 2021

COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM

What's coming up next ...

This week: Second dose clinics for those who were vaccinated Dec. 15 to 24

Although we are working with short-term delays in the delivery of vaccines, we remain committed to vaccinating our priority populations as quickly and as safely as possible. This week, we continue to prioritize second doses of COVID-19 vaccine for staff and medical staff who received their first dose between Tuesday, Dec. 15 and Thursday, Dec. 24. These clinics will be held in Vancouver, Richmond, and on the North Shore. Please note: only staff and medical staff who received their first dose between Dec. 15 and 24 will receive their second dose at this time.

Please bring your paper record of immunization to the clinic. Those who don't bring it will have their eligibility confirmed through the provincial immunization database which includes a record of all COVID-19 vaccinations given, but this may result in a longer wait. Those who received their first dose after Dec. 24 will be notified when it's their turn to receive their second dose.

Thank you to our clinic staff

Vaccine delivery delays mean we are often scheduling clinics on short notice, and sometimes must reschedule them as we navigate uncertainties in the planning process. We know how challenging this can be for staff who have volunteered to work with us on this important campaign. We appreciate your patience, understanding and flexibility. Thank you!

Important reminder: Provincial orders and Public Health guidelines, including strict adherence to personal protective equipment use, remain in place for everyone, even if you have received the vaccine.

To date, 138,892 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in B.C., 4,491 of which are second doses. Immunization data is available on the COVID-19 dashboard: www.bccdc.ca

For the most up-to-date information on the vaccination rollout, please visit our [VCH intranet site](#).

[Vaccination program updates and more →](#)

QUESTION OF THE DAY

COVID-19 vaccine

Q: I have a family member who will be eligible for their COVID-19 vaccination in the coming weeks. How will they know when it's their turn?

A: As this is a provincial vaccination program, the B.C. government will be providing regular updates about whose turn it is and who is coming up next on [their website](#), as well as on the [BCCDC website](#). People will be able to pre-register online and by phone up before they are eligible to book their appointment.

oneVCH COVID-19 VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Join us for the next town hall on Feb. 4

You are invited to participate in a virtual town hall on Thursday, February 4, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The focus will be on public health and the COVID-19 vaccination campaign.

To join the virtual town hall, please click on the link below:

[VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH COVID-19 TOWN HALL UPDATE – FEB 4 2021 11:00 AM WEBCAST](#)

VIRTUAL MEDICAL STAFF FORUM (PHYSICIANS, MIDWIVES, NURSE PRACTITIONERS & DENTISTS)

Feb. 3 forum will focus on vaccinations and therapeutics

Stay up to date on the latest vaccine updates from the experts, and hear from Dr. David Sweet on antimicrobial and immunomodulatory therapy in adult patients with COVID-19 by severity of illness.

Join us **Wednesday, February 3, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** for the Virtual Medical Staff Forum (physicians, midwives, nurse practitioners, dentists).

Topic: COVID-19 vaccines updates & COVID-19 therapeutics

Panelists: Dr. Ross Brown, Dr. Patricia Daly, Dr. Chad Kim Sing, Dr. David Sweet and Dr. Jennifer Grant

We want to hear from you! Submit questions in advance on the Zoom registration page, Slack, or email laurie.kilburn@vch.ca

REGISTER AT: <http://bit.ly/3pagAXC>

See [VCH Medical Staff Intranet](#) and [Slack](#) for previous Medical staff forum recordings, transcripts, Q&A.

MEDICAL STAFF COVID-19 Q&A (PHYSICIANS, MIDWIVES, NURSE PRACTITIONERS & DENTISTS)

Limitations of rapid home testing for COVID-19

Q: The National Health Service (NHS) has provided rapid home testing to health-care workers (HCW) in the UK, with many HCWs testing positive, yet being asymptomatic. Is there any plan to bring in rapid testing regardless of symptoms?

A: We are using rapid testing in outbreak facilities. They do reasonably well in areas with high prevalence (i.e. outbreak facilities). The test characteristics are not known for widespread use, but there are concerns that the false positive rate may be high, which is very problematic when the prevalence is not high. So yes, for outbreaks investigations we are using it, but not beyond that.

Medical staff Q&A were generated during the Jan. 20 medical staff forum. The recording of the sessions, the transcript and a running list of Q&A is available [here](#).

UPDATE ON NEW AND EXISTING COVID-19 CASES (as of February 1, 2021)

- There were 1,158 new cases of COVID-19 over the last three days (408 on Jan. 30, 473 on Jan. 31 and 277 on Feb. 1) for a total of 67,937 cases in the province.

- Active cases: 4,134
 - Vancouver Coastal Health: 295 new cases
 - Fraser: 493 new cases
 - Interior Health: 194 new cases
 - Island Health: 78 new cases
 - Northern Health: 98 new cases
 - People who normally reside outside of Canada: 0 new cases

- 289 hospitalized

- 79 currently admitted to ICU

- 60,117 recovered

- 21 new deaths and 1,210 confirmed deaths in total

[Click here to see more updates on the BC COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

Incident and prevalent cases of COVID-19 in hospital and critical care across VCH/PHC

Reporting from 3/12/2020 to midnight of 1/31/2021

	New Cases (Since Yesterday)	Today's Total Cases	Cumulative Cases
Hospitalized Patients	1 New hospitalized cases	86 Total hospitalized cases	909 Cumulative total hospitalized cases
Critical Care Patients	0 New critical care cases	16 Total critical care cases	279 Cumulative total critical care cases
Critical Care Patients on Ventilator	0 New ventilation cases	8 Total ventilation cases	140 Cumulative total ventilation cases
Discharged / off COVID Precautions Patients	2 Discharged case(s) from yesterday	15 Current hospitalized off COVID precautions cases	704 Cumulative total discharged cases
Readmission		7 Current hospitalized readmitted cases	49 Cumulative readmitted cases
Death		1 Death(s) from yesterday	126 Cumulative total deaths

Note:
1) The patient hospitalization status and location is based on their discharge status and may be subject to change due to data refresh
2) Patient case attributed using earliest collection date if patient was admitted before collection date or collection date was before patient admission
3) Cumulative cases refer to number of distinct patients
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COVID-19 DATA

Long-term care, assisted living and independent living sites

COVID-19 data is available on the B.C. Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) website, including outbreak and case information. The [January 21, 2021 weekly COVID-19 long-term care outbreak report](#) is also available on the website.

The website also includes situation reports, maps of cases in the province and more.

[Click here to go to the BCCDC site →](#)

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[COVID-19 Richmond EOC](#)

[COVID-19 Providence Health Care \(PHC\) EOC](#)

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