

oneVCH COVID-19 Bulletin

February 8, 2021

COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM

What's coming up next ...

By the numbers: COVID-19 vaccine doses given as of Feb. 8

As of February 8, 2021 at 4:30 p.m., more than 150,000 doses of vaccine have been administered across the province. We are pleased to share that Vancouver Coastal Health has administered 25 per cent of those doses, for a total of 38,422 doses across our region.

For more of the latest COVID-19 data, visit the [B.C. COVID-19 dashboard](#).

Further data becoming available to support longer intervals between vaccine doses

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry said in her briefing today that data continues to accumulate about the optimal interval length between vaccine doses. As the vaccine is administered across the country, more information is becoming available about the level of protection one has from the vaccine and how long it lasts. From some clinical trial data from the Astra Zeneca vaccine, and from experience with other types of vaccines, protection can be higher when waiting for longer intervals between doses. Dr. Henry also said evidence is being gathered about the effectiveness of using different vaccination products in the two-dose series (for example, one dose of Pfizer and one dose of Moderna).

Important reminder: [Provincial Health Officer \(PHO\) 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, 154,496 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in B.C., 12,111 of which are second doses. Immunization data is available on the B.C. Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) [COVID-19 dashboard](#).

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: There have been some delays in vaccine delivery this month. Do you expect this to happen again in future months?

At her briefing today, Dr. Bonnie Henry acknowledged that with a mass production of this size of vaccines with new formulations, challenges may still arise. While we expect that the current delay of vaccine delivery will end in mid-February, Dr. Penny Ballem, who has taken executive lead on the provincial vaccination program, and her team are working on preparing for these scenarios to ensure that vaccine is administered to everyone in B.C. by the end of September 2021.

More questions? Check out the [COVID-19 vaccine page for FAQs](#).

MEDICAL STAFF COVID-19 (PHYSICIANS, MIDWIVES, NURSE PRACTITIONERS & DENTISTS) COVID-19 virtual medical staff forum

Stay up to date on the latest vaccine updates from the experts, and hear from Dr. Zachary Schwartz, General Internal Medicine at UBC, on long-term symptoms of COVID-19 and available resources.

Join us Wednesday, Feb. 16, 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 Pandemic Long Term Sequelae

Panelists: Dr. Patricia Daly, Vivian Eliopoulos, Dr. Chad Kim Sing (host), Dr. Zachary Schwartz, Dr. Titus Wong and Dr. Ross Brown (TBC).

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/3izEmOX>

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

COVID-19 physician occupational safety & health (POSH) update

Please see the latest [POSH update \(#13, Feb 2, 2021\) – Are VCH health-care workers safe?](#)

Please refer to [VCH Medical Staff intranet](#) and [Slack](#) for a complete list of all POSH infographics.

UPDATE ON NEW AND EXISTING COVID-19 CASES (as of February 8, 2021)

- There were 1,236 new cases of COVID-19 over the last three days (428 on Feb. 6, 465 on Feb. 7 and 343 on Feb. 8) for a total of 70,952 cases in the province.
- Active cases: 3,976
 - Vancouver Coastal Health: 266 new cases
 - Fraser: 601 new cases
 - Interior Health: 152 new cases
 - Island Health: 86 new cases
 - Northern Health: 131 new cases
 - People who normally reside outside of Canada: 0 new cases
- 234 hospitalized
- 69 currently admitted to ICU
- 65,605 recovered
- 13 new deaths and 1,259 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 5/12/2020 to midnight of 2/7/2021

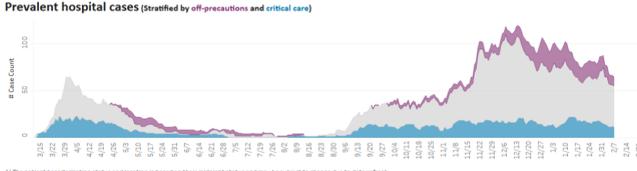
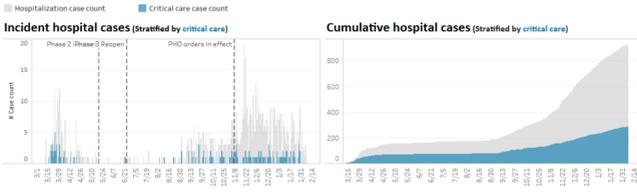
	New Cases (Since Yesterday)	Today's Total Cases	Cumulative Cases
Hospitalized Patients	0 New hospitalized cases	65 Total hospitalized cases	924 Cumulative total hospitalized cases
Critical Care Patients	0 New critical care cases	12 Total critical care cases	284 Cumulative total critical care cases
Critical Care Patients on Ventilator	0 New ventilation cases	8 Total ventilation cases	143 Cumulative total ventilation cases
Discharged / off COVID precautions Patients	1 Discharged case(s) from yesterday	10 Current hospitalized off COVID precautions cases	730 Cumulative total discharged cases
Readmission		3 Current hospitalized readmitted cases	51 Cumulative readmitted cases
Death		0 Death(s) from yesterday	132 Cumulative total deaths

Note:
1) Patient hospitalization status and location is based on their midnight 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; case attributed using admission date if collection date was before patient admission.
3) Cumulative case refers to number of distinct patients.
4) Excludes: 1) 2 additional COVID patients discharged before March 22, 2020; 1) LIS + 24 hrs.
5) Dashboard only includes COVID patients who were hospitalized within 30 days of their result notification date.

Data Source:
1) Quality Patient and Safety
2) Central Database from Decision Support

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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 [February 3, 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 →](#)

KEY LINKS

- [Text Alerts: Physician sign up keyword: COVID19](#)
- [Text Alerts: Staff sign up keyword: ALERT](#)
- [Staff supports during COVID-19](#)
- [Medical staff resources during COVID-19](#)

REMINDER ABOUT MEDIA

If you receive a media inquiry, please contact our Public Affairs team immediately for support. Our media line is **604-202-2012** or email media@vch.ca.

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

[Please click here to submit questions or comments on our VCH COVID-19 intranet page.](#)

KEY LINKS

- [BC COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment Tool](#)
- [Wellness Together Canada: Mental Health and Substance Use Support](#)
- [COVID-19 Multilingual Resources](#)
- [Coping with COVID: Additional Employee Wellness/EFAP services](#)
- [VCH Virtual Health website](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control \(IPAC\) website](#); Staff resources on how to assess, test and treat patients and protect patients and staff.
- [Infection Prevention and Control Policy](#); Ministry of Health
- [VCH Regional Pandemic Outbreak Response Plan](#); VCH Communicable Disease Control website
- [VCH Intranet](#); COVID-19 updates

REGIONAL AND LOCAL EOC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES

- [COVID-19 VCH-PHC Regional EOC](#)
- [COVID-19 Vancouver Acute EOC](#)
- [COVID-19 Vancouver Community EOC](#)
- [COVID-19 Coastal EOC](#)
- [COVID-19 Richmond EOC](#)
- [COVID-19 Providence Health Care \(PHC\) EOC](#)

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