

# oneVCH COVID-19 Bulletin

May 6, 2021

## COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM

### New vaccine process for health-care workers: REGISTER NOW!

Effective immediately, health-care workers in the Vancouver Coastal Health region will book vaccine appointments through the provincial booking system. The links we have used to book appointments for health-care workers in Vancouver Coastal Health to date are now discontinued.

If you need a **first dose** of vaccine, register at [www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/?variant=frontline](http://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/?variant=frontline), which is a dedicated booking page for frontline and essential workers. Enter your personal and contact information and the health-care worker access code provided to you in a VCH memo. Upon successful registration, you will receive a confirmation number followed by a text/email within 24 hours with a unique link for booking your vaccination appointment. You will be automatically notified when it's time to book an appointment for your second dose.

If you need a **second dose** of vaccine, you must be registered in the provincial booking system. Your first dose of vaccine was recorded in the system, and now must be attached to your registration profile. If you haven't already done so, register at [www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated](http://www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated). You will be automatically notified when it's time to book a second dose of vaccine.

Following provincial and national [recommendations](#), we are offering second doses of COVID-19 vaccines 16 weeks after the first dose. This week, we are offering second doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for staff and medical staff who received their first dose on or before Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021.

### Two million-dose milestone expected to be reached in B.C. today

At today's Ministry of Health briefing, Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry said 1,995,496 doses of COVID-19 vaccine had been administered to date in B.C., and she expects that number to surpass two million by day's end. The pace of vaccination is now accelerating in B.C., and the age-based vaccination program is quickly reaching younger cohorts.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY

**Q:** I tried to book an appointment for my first dose of vaccine as a health-care worker, but the online system is not working for me. What should I do?

**A:** If you experience difficulty booking, please call 1-833-838-2323 (open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) for assistance.

[Questions? Check out our COVID-19 vaccine page for FAQs →](#)

## BC COVID-19 SPEAK survey on population experience

### Round two of COVID-19 survey open until May 9

Last year, almost 400,000 British Columbians participated in the [BC COVID-19 SPEAK: Your story, our future](#) public health survey from the B.C. Centre for Disease Control & Prevention (BCCDC). Responses provided valuable information about how British Columbians experienced the first wave of the pandemic.

The B.C. Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) is now launching [BC COVID-19 SPEAK Round 2](#) and is again asking for your participation. The province is especially encouraging people from rural areas; males; Black and Indigenous people; people of colour; and seniors to complete the survey.

Data from this survey will help the BCCDC examine how British Columbians have been affected one year into the pandemic, and how their experiences may inform recovery and re-opening.

The survey is currently open to all British Columbia residents aged 18 years and older until the May 9, 2021. Take the survey [here](#).

## Daily COVID-19 self-screening health checks

The health and safety of Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) staff and medical staff is a priority as we continue to manage the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the most important measures we need to take to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the workplace to protect our colleagues, patients, residents and clients, is to stay at home if you are unwell.

Under the Order of the Provincial Health Officer, [Workplace and Post-Secondary Institution Safety – April 21, 2021](#), Section 2, 3, and 4, all VCH staff and medical staff are required to complete daily self-screening health checks before leaving for work.

Please check-in with yourself by following the [Daily COVID-19 Staff and Medical Staff Self-Screening instruction sheet](#) to determine if you have any new or worsening symptoms.

If you are unwell, please stay home and do not come to work. Please let your supervisor know and report your absence to the [Absence Call Line](#). If you are symptomatic, please go to a [COVID-19 testing site](#) to get tested and follow the advice of testing site staff until your results become available.

If you come to work, you are indicating that you have completed the daily self-screening health check and are not exhibiting any symptoms.

Please continue to be vigilant in the workplace by practicing exceptional hand hygiene, adhering to [Infection Prevention and Control](#) and personal protective equipment (PPE) guidelines, regularly cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces (e.g., work stations) and maintaining physical distance – even after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

Reminders for staff to do daily health checks will be posted at staff entryways and shared in the oneVCH COVID-19 Bulletin. Unit leadership should also reinforce the requirement for daily self-screening health checks at staff meetings and huddles.

Thank you for doing your part to ensure the safety of everyone at VCH. If you have any questions, please contact [EmployeeSafety@vch.ca](mailto:EmployeeSafety@vch.ca).

## UPDATE ON NEW AND EXISTING COVID-19 CASES (as of May 6, 2021)

- We are reporting reporting 694 new cases. This results in a total of 133,619 cases in British Columbia.
- Active cases: 6,802
  - Vancouver Coastal Health: 153 new cases
  - Fraser: 445 new cases
  - Interior Health: 52 new cases
  - Island Health: 17 new cases
  - Northern Health: 27 new cases
  - People who normally reside outside of Canada: none
- 457 hospitalized
- 154 currently admitted to ICU
- 125,025 people who tested positive have recovered
- 1 new death for a total of 1,595 confirmed deaths
- 1,995,496 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in B.C., 95,868 of which are second doses.

[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

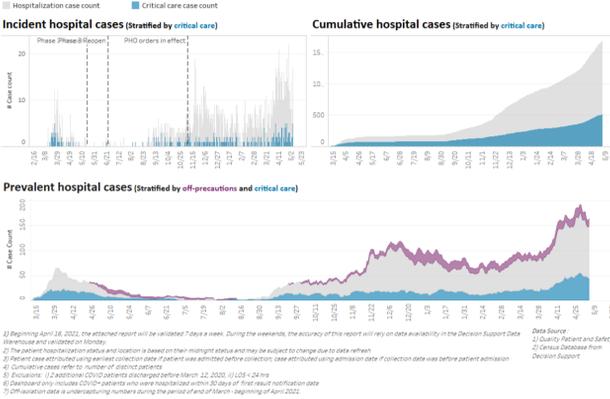
Reporting from 3/12/2020 to midnight of 5/5/2021

	New Cases (Since Yesterday)	Today's Total Cases	Cumulative Cases
<b>Hospitalized Patients</b>	<b>17</b> New hospitalized cases	<b>164</b> Total hospitalized cases	<b>1,682</b> Cumulative total hospitalized cases
<b>Critical Care Patients</b>	<b>5</b> New critical care cases	<b>50</b> Total critical care cases	<b>508</b> Cumulative total critical care cases
<b>Critical Care Patients on Ventilator</b>	<b>1</b> New ventilation cases	<b>39</b> Total ventilation cases	<b>251</b> Cumulative total ventilation cases
<b>Discharged / Off COVID Precautions Patients</b>	<b>8</b> Discharged case(s) from yesterday	<b>16</b> Current hospitalized off COVID precautions cases	<b>1,331</b> Cumulative total discharged cases
<b>Readmission</b>		<b>3</b> Current hospitalized readmitted cases	<b>79</b> Cumulative readmitted cases
<b>Death</b>		<b>4</b> Death(s) from yesterday	<b>191</b> Cumulative total deaths

Note: 1) Beginning April 16, 2021, the attached report will be validated 7 days a week. During the weekends, the accuracy of this report will rely on data availability in the Decision Support Data Warehouse and validated on Monday.  
2) The patient hospitalization status and location is based on their midnight status and may be subject to change due to data refresh.  
3) 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.  
4) Cumulative cases refer to number of distinct patients.  
5) Exclusions: 1) 2 additional COVID patients discharged before March 12, 2020. 1) LOS < 24 hrs.  
6) Dashboard only includes COVID patients who were hospitalized within 30 days of first result notification date.  
7) If notification date is missing due to an existing critical circumstance in today's report, the information would be updated in the following day's report.  
8) Off-hospital data is undercounting numbers during the period of end of March - beginning of April 2021.

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## COVID-19 DATA

COVID-19 data, including for long-term care, assisted living and independent living sites, is available on the B.C. Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) website, including outbreak and case information.

[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](#)

## TOOLS AND RESOURCES

- [BC COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment Tool](#)
- [Wellness Together Canada: Mental Health and Substance Use Support](#)
- [COVID-19 Multilingual Resources](#)
- [Coping with COVID-19: 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](#)

## COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

[Please click here to submit questions or comments.](#)

## 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](mailto:media@vch.ca).

The bulletins are distributed on Mondays and Thursdays. Past bulletins are available on the [COVID-19 section of our VCH staff intranet](#).

