

oneVCH COVID-19 Bulletin

May 10, 2021



Indigenous registered nurses Emily McLeod (Métiis), Jessica Key (Musgamaugw Dzawada'enuxw) and Brandi Dan (Bonparate) with their immunizer certifications.

Indigenous nurses support COVID-19 immunization clinics

In response to the need for staff to administer COVID-19 vaccines and to support the delivery of culturally safe care, a sub-group of Indigenous registered nurse immunizers has been established.

They are situated within the existing [Indigenous Patient Experience Team \(IPET\)](#), under the leadership and direction of Aboriginal Health Director Dr. Priscilla Taipale.

The group provides an opportunity for VCH registered nurses (RNs) who have participated in Aboriginal self-identification to participate in helping to administer COVID-19 vaccines within First Nation communities alongside the VCH Public Health and FNHA teams. Currently there are eight Indigenous nurses who have been certified to provide vaccine as part of this team. There are four more in progress and the target is to have 20 nurses.

[Read the full story →](#)

COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM

Health-care workers: Register now for 2nd doses

To receive an invitation to book for your second dose of vaccine, ensure you're registered in the provincial booking platform. If you received your first dose of COVID-19 at a dedicated clinic for health-care workers, at a long-term care or assisted living home, at a pharmacy, or through any program other than by registering at www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca, you may still need to register. Your first dose of vaccine was entered, and now must be attached to your registration profile. Once registered in the platform you will be automatically notified when it's time to book a second dose of vaccine.

Second doses being administered to those who received their first dose on or before Jan. 24

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. 24, 2021.

Health Canada approves use of Pfizer in children aged 12 to 15

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is the first in Canada to be authorized for use in children aged 12-15. Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer, said today that this is an important piece of B.C.'s immunization program and that more information will be available soon on when people under the age of 18 will be able to receive the vaccine.

QUESTION OF THE DAY

Q: When will the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine be available in B.C.?

A: Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, said today that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine that was expected to arrive in B.C. this month has not yet been delivered. This one-dose vaccine has been approved by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NAC) for use in adults aged 30 and older.

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

oneVCH COVID-19 VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Join us this Thursday, May 13 @ 11 a.m.

You are invited to participate in a virtual town hall about COVID-19 vaccination on Thursday, May 13, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. To join the virtual town hall, please click on the link below:

[VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH COVID-19 TOWN HALL UPDATE- MAY 13, 2021 11:00 AM WEBCAST](#)

MEDICAL STAFF (PHYSICIANS, MIDWIVES, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, DENTISTS)

Med staff forum on May 19: COVID-19 vaccine updates & efficacy

Date: Join us May 19, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for the virtual medical staff forum (physicians, midwives, nurse practitioners, dentists).

Topic: **COVID-19 Vaccine Updates and Efficacy.** Stay up to date on the latest vaccine updates from the experts, and hear from special guest Dr. Manish Sadarangani Director, Vaccine Evaluation Centre, BC Children's Hospital Research Institute on the latest vaccine efficacy data.

Panelists: Dr. Ross Brown, Dr. Patty Daly, Vivian Eliopoulos, Dr. Chad Kim Sing (Host), Dr. Manish Sadarangani, and Dr. Titus Wong.

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

REGISTER AT: <https://bit.ly/3xVZR5M>

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

MEDICAL STAFF COVID-19 Q&A

Reporting of side effects

Q: What are the processes for reporting a patient's side effects from a vaccine?

There may be patients reporting an adverse event either in the ED or in a family practice office. If it is mild and expected, patients can be reassured. If it is something severe that concerns you, there is a [reporting form](#) on the BCCDC Adverse Events website.

Patients who are interested in self-reporting can be referred to the [Canadian National Vaccine Safety \(CANVAS\) Network](#). They capture everything from mild to severe symptoms and is designed to look for signals.

Medical Staff Q&A were generated during the April, 2021 Medical staff forum.

The AV recording of these forums, as well as full transcripts and running lists of Q&A are available on the [Intranet site](#) and [Slack](#)

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.

UPDATE ON NEW AND EXISTING COVID-19 CASES (as of May 10, 2021)

- Today, we are reporting on three periods. From May 7 to May 8, we had 596 new cases. From May 8 to May 9, we had 605 new cases and in the last 24 hours, we had a further 558 new cases. This results in 1,759 new cases over the period, for a total of 136,100 cases in British Columbia.
- Active cases: 6,140
 - Vancouver Coastal Health: 325 new cases
 - Fraser: 1,201 new cases
 - Interior Health: 131 new cases
 - Island Health: 50 new cases
 - Northern Health: 52 new cases
 - People who normally reside outside of Canada: none
- 415 hospitalized
- 150 currently admitted to ICU
- 128,139 people who tested positive have recovered
- 2,159,103 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in B.C., 106,058 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 5/12/2020 to midnight of 5/9/2021

	New Cases (Since Yesterday)	Today's Total Cases	Cumulative Cases
Hospitalized Patients	3 New hospitalized cases	155 Total hospitalized cases	1,714 Cumulative total hospitalized cases
Critical Care Patients	2 New critical care cases	53 Total critical care cases	525 Cumulative total critical care cases
Critical Care Patients on Ventilator	2 New ventilation cases	40 Total ventilation cases	259 Cumulative total ventilation cases
Discharged / Off COVID Precautions Patients	7 Discharged case(s) from yesterday	18 Current hospitalized off COVID precautions cases	1,366 Cumulative total discharged cases
Readmission		4 Current hospitalized readmitted cases	79 Cumulative readmitted cases
Death		0 Death(s) from yesterday	197 Cumulative total deaths

Note: Beginning April 26, 2022, the attached report will be available 7 days a week. During the weekends, the accuracy of this report will rely on data availability in the Decision Support Data Warehouse and associated databases.

1) The patient hospitalization status and location is based on their midnight status and may be subject to change due to data refresh

2) Patients were admitted using general admission order (patients were admitted before conditions were established using admission order) (location data was before patient admission)

3) Cumulative cases refer to number of distinct patients

4) Discharge (ICD-10) COVID-19 patients discharged before March 12, 2022 (ICD-10) data

5) Dashboard only includes COVID-19 patients who were hospitalized within 30 days of their readmission date

6) Discharge data is a rolling 24-hour window of critical care readmissions today to report, the information would be updated in the following day's report

7) Discharge data is a rolling window of numbers during the period of interest (beginning of April 2022)

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Legend: Hospitalization case count (blue), Critical care case count (purple)

Phase Phase 8-80000 PHO orders in effect

Prevalent hospital cases (staffed by all-precautions and critical care)

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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 \(IPC\) 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.

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

