oneVCH COVID-19 Bulletin



Best employer

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) has been recognized as a B.C. Top Employer by Mediacorp Canada Inc. in their Top 100 Employers 2022 list.

VCH recognized as one of B.C.'s Top 100 Employers for 2022

This special designation recognizes British Columbia employers that are industry leaders in being exceptional places to work. This announcement follows the Forbes announcement made last month and MediaCorp's announcement on Canada's Top Employers made

late last year.

Read the full story \rightarrow

Health-care worker vaccinations

In follow up to the notice given to health professionals in October 2021, the Provincial Health Officer is finalizing, in consultation with all

Update on vaccination requirement for health professionals

health professional colleges, an order that requires all regulated health professionals to be vaccinated by March 24, 2022, to work in their occupation in British Columbia. The purpose of this Provincial Health Officer order is to protect patients from being infected with SARS-CoV-2 virus by unvaccinated health

professionals, as well as to minimize the number of people being hospitalized or dying because of the virus. This order will ensure patients

have confidence they are protected in all health-care settings and will align with the existing requirements for health-care workers working in long-term, acute and community care. The order provides the colleges the tools they need to collect information about the vaccination status of their registrants and to

communicate to registrants who have not confirmed their vaccination status that they may not provide health services. Colleges must then

follow up and investigate any instances where health professionals continue to provide health services not in compliance with the order. Under the order, regulated health professionals who are vaccinated with one dose before March 24, 2022, may continue to work as long as they receive a second dose 28 to 35 days after their first dose.

IMITS

for a more detailed list of affected applications.

Read the full news release →

On Sunday, Feb. 13 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 14, the network will be down at all health authority sites across the province. This planned Code Grey is required to upgrade equipment in four key data centres that support clinical systems across the province.

managed. Following the upgrade, staff will not experience changes to how systems function.

Reminder: planned system-wide outage on Feb. 13

impacted.

During this time, all clinical and corporate applications and systems will be unavailable. Please visit PHSA's POD (network access required)

All staff, clinicians and physicians across the province's health organizations working from 7 p.m. on Feb. 13 to 6 a.m. on Feb. 14 will be

All impacted areas will be instructed to use their downtime procedures and refrain from using their workstations for the duration of the upgrade, unless directed otherwise by their leaders. By using downtime procedures, the impacts to patient-care systems can be better

More information will be shared in advance of the outage. If you have any concerns, please speak with your unit or medical leader.



Join Dr. Meena Dawar, VCH Medical Health Officer, for a Facebook live event on Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. to learn about COVID-19 vaccinations for

COVID-19 vaccines for children

children aged 5-11.

Facebook live Q&A with Dr. Meena Dawar - Feb. 11

FACEBOOK LIVE

COVID-19 Q&A for medical staff (physicians, nurse practitioners, midwives & dentists)

Answer: The two mRNA vaccines and boosters are effective; for most people it doesn't make too much difference whether they have a Moderna or Pfizer booster. The Moderna booster is generally being used as a half dose, although for some groups, it is suggested that a full

dose of the Moderna booster may be slightly more effective in terms of the immune response – individuals older than 70, individuals with significant immune suppression and people living in long-term care. It is a small potential improvement on something that's already going to be effective.

Question: How effective are Moderna and Pfizer vaccines/boosters against the omicron variant? Is Moderna more readily available?

The question and answer were generated during the Jan. 19 Medical Staff Forum. If you missed the session, the link to the Jan. 19 Forum video recording is available on the <u>Medical Staff COVID-19 intranet</u>. (We respectfully request that you do not share the link). The session slides and important links, as well as those from previous forums, are also available on the intranet.

oneVCH virtual medical staff forum Upcoming one VCH virtual medical staff forum - Feb. 16

An update on long-COVID and COVID-19 Q&A Date: Feb. 16, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. – Virtual Medical Staff Forum (physicians, midwives, nurse practitioners, dentists).

Join us for a presentation from Dr. Zachary Schwartz, Medical Director, Post-COVID-19 Recovery Clinic, VGH on long-COVID, as well as a COVID-19 update and live Q&A session.

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

Submit questions in advance using the Zoom registration link, or via email to: Darren.piper@vch.ca. See <u>VCH Medical Staff Intranet</u> for previous medical staff forum recordings, slides, and important links.

Did you miss today's oneVCH town hall?

Hospitalized

Hospitalization case count

KEY LINKS

Incident Hospital Cases (Stratified by critical care)

Critical Care

(Ventilated)

oneVCH virtual town hall

REGISTER HERE

To watch the virtual town hall, please click on the link below. VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH COVID-19 TOWN HALL UPDATE - FEBRUARY 10, 2022 11:00 AM WEBCAST

Here is the Learning Hub module Dr. Patricia Daly referenced during today's town hall: • Resisting Stigma on Substance Use and the Downtown Eastside

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.

17

0 (0)

Critical care case count

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Mayzo
Junzo
Julzo
Sepzo
Octzo
Deczo
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Deczo
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Junz1
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Junz1
Sepz1
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Nov21
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New Cases/Incidents Since Today's Total/Prevalent Cases Yesterday

BC COVID-19 Dashboard →

Incident and Prevalent Cases of COVID-19 in Hospital and Critical Care Across VCH/PHC

on Precautions

191

28 (13)

Cumulative Hospital Cases (Stratified by critical care)

Cumulative Cases

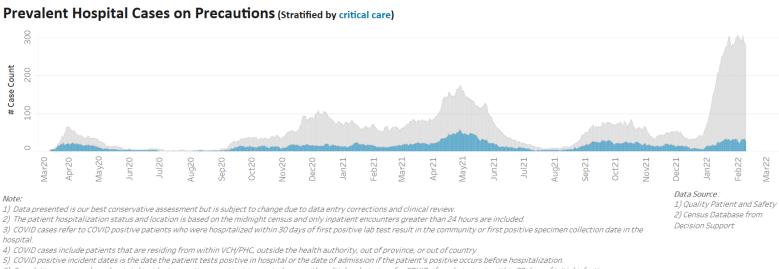
3,467

897 (476)

17 163 2,570 Not in Critical Care

OVID-related Readmission within 30 Days of First Onset		10		200
Discharged (Deaths)	21 (0)		3,145 (394)	
) The patient hospitalization status and location COVID cases refer to COVID positive patients was ospital. D COVID cases include patients that are residing D COVID positive incident dates is the date the p.	sment but is subject to change due to data entry correction is based on the midnight census and only inpatient encough who were hospitalized within 30 days of first positive lab to from within VCH/PHC, outside the health authority, out of attent tests positive in hospital or the date of admission if over time, a patient is counted once with multiple admission.	nters greater than 24 hours are included. est result in the community or first positive specimen col. f province, or out of country. f the patient's positive occurs before hospitalization.		Data Source: 1) Quality Patient and Safety 2) Census Database from Decision Support Version 2.4

Incident and Prevalent Cases of COVID-19 in Hospital and Critical Care across VCH/PHC Reporting from 3/12/2020 to midnight of 2/09/2022 - New streamlined version of the report with focus on cases that are on precautions as of July 14, 2021



6) Cumulative cases are based on total incidents over time, a patient is counted once with multiple admissions for COVID, if readmission is within 30 days of initial infection. Version 2.4

Text Alerts: Physician sign up keyword: COVID19

Text Alerts: Staff sign up keyword: ALERT

Medical staff resources during COVID-19

Staff supports during COVID-19

Wellness Together Canada: Mental Health and Substance Use Support

• <u>LifeWorks Employee and Family Assistance Program Services</u>

• BC COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment Tool

• Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) website: Staff resources on how to assess, test and treat patients and protect patients and • Infection Prevention and Control Policy: Ministry of Health

• <u>COVID-19 Multilingual Resources</u>

• VCH Virtual Health website

TOOLS AND RESOURCES

• VCH Regional Pandemic Outbreak Response Plan: VCH Communicable Disease Control website

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

The bulletins are distributed on Thursdays. Past bulletins are available on the COVID-19 section of our VCH staff intranet. Vancouver /

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