# oneVCH COVID-19 Bulletin

March 24, 2022



**COVID-19 testing** 

# Rapid tests available for people 18+ at B.C. pharmacies Starting now, rapid antigen test kits are available to people aged 18 years and older through community pharmacies.

Eligible individuals can pick up one kit of five tests every 28 days from participating pharmacies at no cost. Individuals must present their personal health number when picking up the kit or, if others are picking up kits on their behalf, in addition to the individual's name and

personal health number, date of birth must also be supplied. Individuals should pick up a test kit when not having symptoms of illness to use at a future time when having symptoms of illness. Guidelines

for testing continue to indicate tests should be used for symptomatic individuals.

Read the full story →

## COVID-19

### The Government of Canada has announced that effective Apr. 1, fully vaccinated travelers will no longer be required to provide a pre-entry COVID-19 test result when entering Canada by air, land or water. Fully vaccinated travellers seeking to arrive in Canada before April 1 must

Canada to drop COVID-19 test requirement for vaccinated travellers

still have a valid pre-entry test.

# Read more $\rightarrow$

iCON: Culturally safe, quality virtual health care for Indigenous people and their families

**Indigenous health** 

### Join UBC's interCultural Online health Network (iCON) and VCH Indigenous Health for the upcoming Indigenous Health Round. This free online, interactive health round is in partnership with First Nations Health Authority (FNHA).

Presenters: Jon Rabeneck, Education and Training Specialist of Primary Care, First Nations Health Authority and Laura Baracaldo, Registered Social Worker and Care Coordinator, Virtual Substance Use and Psychiatry Service, First Nations Health Authority.

**Topic:** Culturally safe, quality virtual health care for Indigenous people and their families **REGISTER HERE** 

## The Indigenous Health Round is open to healthcare providers, allied health-care professionals, Indigenous traditional practitioners, health

iCON website.

Date and time: Mar. 25, 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

administrators, health policy makers, health-care worker, and affiliated faculty, staff and students. For more information, please visit the



## Virtual health

### Attend an informative evening talk with today's research leaders in virtual technologies. The annual Celebrate Research public lecture, in partnership with Providence Health Care Research Institute and BC Children's Hospital Research Institute, will focus on innovative research

Course: Virtual technologies: advancing the delivery of health care

Presenters: Dr. Ran D. Goldman, Investigator and Physician, BC Children's Hospital; Co-Head and Professor, Division of Translational Therapeutics, Department of Pediatrics, UBC, Dr. Mahesh Menon, Psychologist, Vancouver Coastal Health; Clinical Associate Professor,

Department of Psychiatry, UBC and Dr. Nardia Strydom, Family Physician; Department Head of Family Medicine, Providence Health Care; Regional Department Head of Family Medicine, Vancouver Coastal Health and Providence Health Care; Regional Medical Director of Primary Care, Vancouver Coastal Health; Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, UBC **Date and time:** Mar. 30, 6 - 7:30 p.m. **Topic:** Virtual health **REGISTER HERE** 

**Professional development** 

For more details, please visit the VCHRI website.

# Course: Physical rehabilitation and return to work for the post-COVID-19 patient

that is advancing health care in B.C.

# The BC ECHO for Post-COVID-19 Recovery is a free virtual learning community of specialists and community health care providers who use instructive and case-based learning to improve care for patients recovering from symptoms post COVID-19.

Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Yao, Medical Manager, Acquired Brain Injury Program, G.F. Strong Rehab Centre and Amy Sangha, Physiotherapist, Fraser Health. **Date and time:** Apr. 12, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

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For more details about the BC ECHO for Post-COVID-19 Recovery and future sessions, please visit our website.

Medical staff forum

update and live Q&A session.

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**Topic:** Physical rehabilitation and return to work for the post-COVID-19 patient

# Upcoming medical staff forum to focus on planetary health; COVID-19

Panelists: Dr. Chad Kim Sing (host), Dr. Ross Brown, Dr. Patty Daly, Vivian Eliopoulos, Dr. Andrea MacNeill and Dr. Titus Wong **Date and time:** Apr. 20, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. **Topic:** Planetary health and COVID-19 updates

Join us for a presentation from Dr. Andrea MacNeill, Regional Medical Director for Planetary Health, Vancouver Coastal Health, on the environmental effects of the health-care industry and how medical staff can help make a positive impact. There will also be a COVID-19

Submit questions in advance using the registration link, or via email to: <a href="mailto:darren.piper@vch.ca">darren.piper@vch.ca</a>.

# Did you miss the March 24 virtual town hall?

Hospitalized

Not in Critical Care

Hospitalization case count

**COVID-19 virtual town hall** 

# To watch a recording of the virtual town hall on Mar. 24 at 11 a.m., please click the link below on that date. VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH COVID-19 TOWN HALL UPDATE - MARCH 24, 2022 11:00 AM

(BCCDC) website, including outbreak and case information.

See <u>VCH Medical Staff Intranet</u> for content from previous medical staff forums.

**COVID-19 DATA** 

Yesterday

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Incident and Prevalent Cases of COVID-19 in Hospital and Critical Care Across VCH/PHC Reporting from 3/12/2020 to midnight of 3/23/2022 - New streamlined version of the report with focus on cases that are on precautions as of July 14, 2021 New Cases/Incidents Since Today's Total/Prevalent Cases

COVID-19 data, including for long-term care, assisted living and independent living sites, is available on the B.C. Centre for Disease Control

BC COVID-19 Dashboard →

on Precautions

48

**37** 

**Cumulative Cases** 

3,825

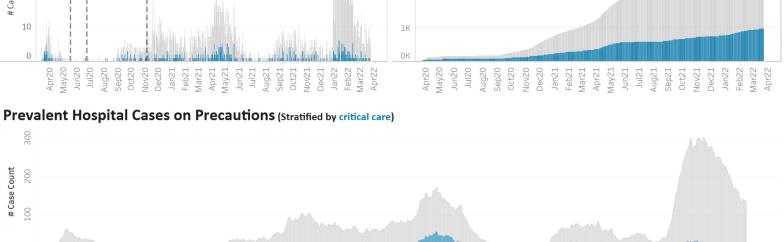
2,862

### Critical Care 0 (0) 11 (5) 963 (506) (Ventilated)

COVID-related Readmission within 30 Days of First Onset		1		256
Discharged (Deaths)	11 (1)		3,685 (473)	
Note:  1) Data presented is our best conservative assessment but is subject to change due to data entry corrections and clinical review.  2) The patient hospitalization status and location is based on the midnight census and only impatient encounters greater than 24 hours are included.  3) COVID cases refer to COVID positive patients who were hospitalized within 30 days of first positive lab test result in the community or first positive specimen collection date in the hospital.  4) COVID cases include patients that are residing from within VCH/PHC, outside the health authority, out of province, or out of country.				Data Source: 1) Quality Patient and Safety 2) Census Database from Decision Support
5) COVID positive incident dates is the date the p	patient tests positive in hospital or the date of admission.		nfection.	Version 2.4

Cumulative Hospital Cases (Stratified by critical care) Incident Hospital Cases (Stratified by critical care)

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# **TOOLS AND RESOURCES**

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

• VCH Virtual Health website

• 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

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

- Infection Prevention and Control Policy: Ministry of Health • VCH Regional Pandemic Outbreak Response Plan: VCH Communicable Disease Control website
- VCH Intranet: COVID-19 updates

**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 Thursdays. Past bulletins are available on the COVID-19 section of our VCH staff intranet.

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Staff supports during COVID-19 Medical staff resources during COVID-19

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