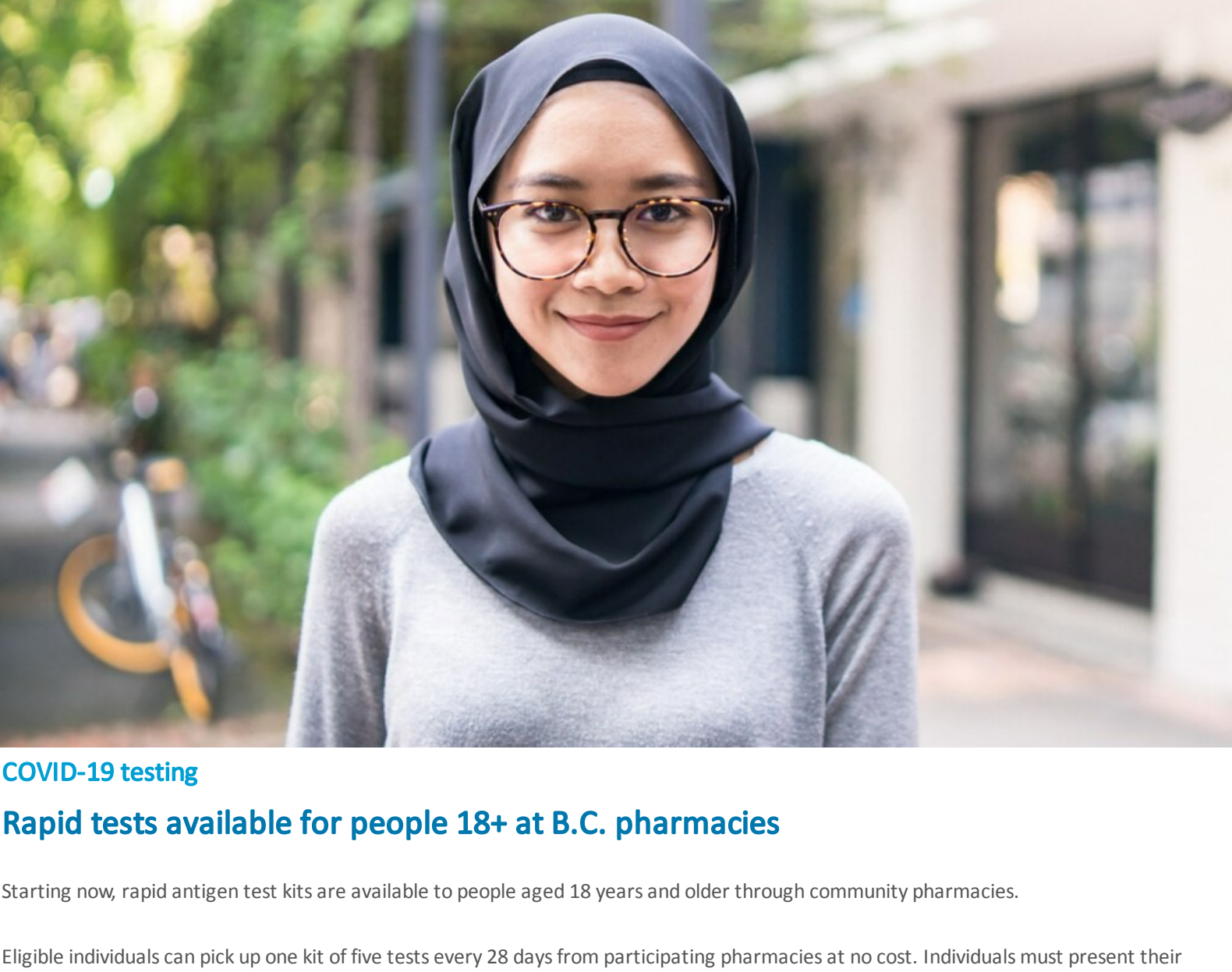


# oneVCH COVID-19 Bulletin

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

### Canada to drop COVID-19 test requirement for vaccinated travellers

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 still have a valid pre-entry test.

[Read more →](#)

## Indigenous health

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

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.  
**Date and time:** Mar. 25, 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
**Topic:** Culturally safe, quality virtual health care for Indigenous people and their families

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The Indigenous Health Round is open to healthcare providers, allied health-care professionals, Indigenous traditional practitioners, health administrators, health policy makers, health-care worker, and affiliated faculty, staff and students. For more information, please visit the [iCON website](#).



## Virtual health

### Course: Virtual technologies: advancing the delivery of health care

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 that is advancing health care in B.C.

**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

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For more details, please visit the [VCHRI website](#).

## Professional development

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

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

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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

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

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 update and live Q&A session.

**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

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Submit questions in advance using the [registration link](#), or via email to: [darren.piper@vch.ca](mailto:darren.piper@vch.ca).

See [VCH Medical Staff Intranet](#) for content from previous medical staff forums.

## COVID-19 virtual town hall

### Did you miss the March 24 virtual town hall?

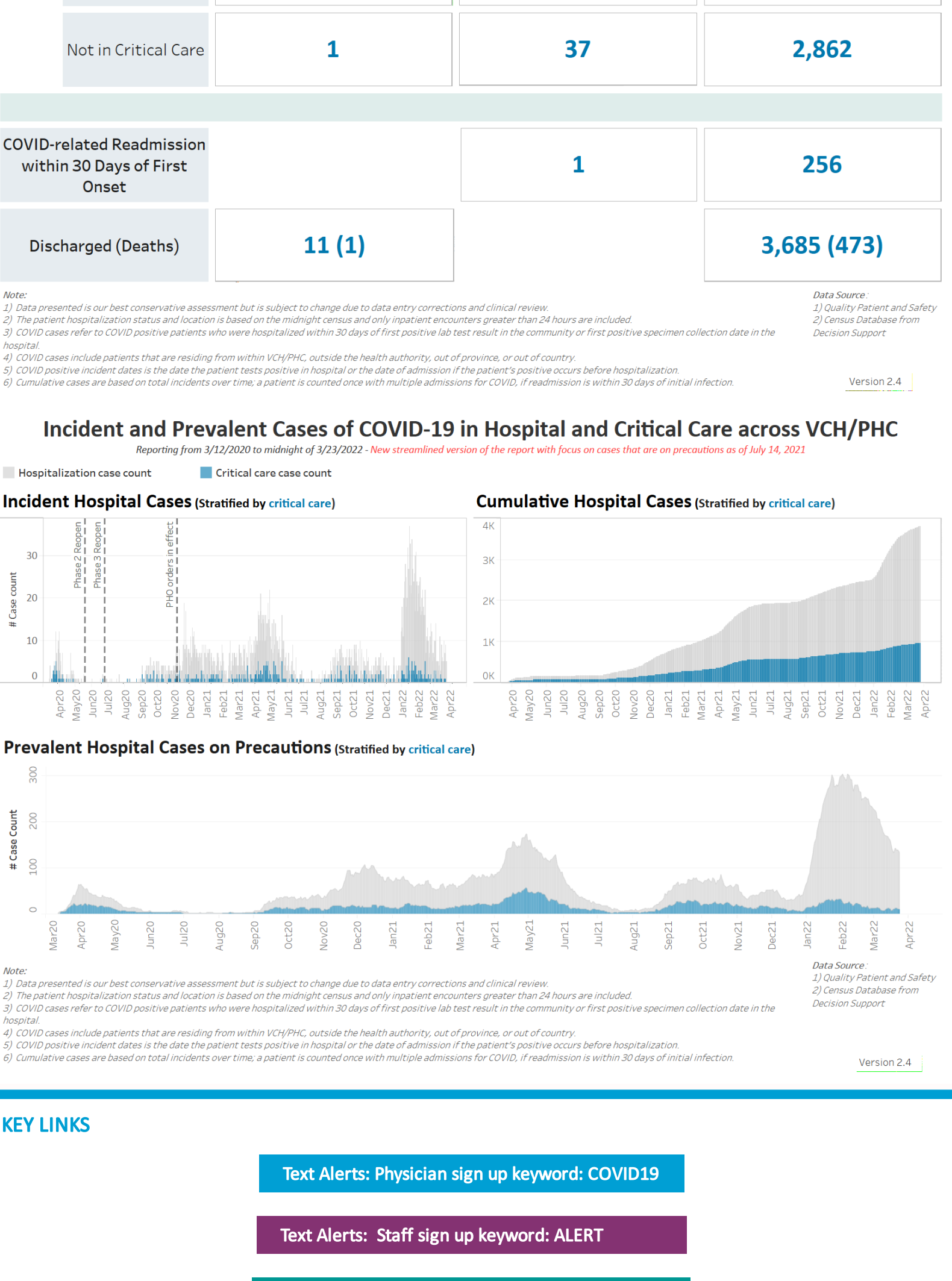
To watch a recording of the virtual town hall on Mar. 24 at 11 a.m., please click the link below on that date.

[VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH COVID-19 TOWN HALL UPDATE – MARCH 24, 2022 11:00 AM](#)

## 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.

[BC COVID-19 Dashboard →](#)



## 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](#)
- [LifeWorks Employee and Family Assistance Program 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 EOC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES

- [COVID-19 VCH-PHC Regional EOC](#)

## COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

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



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