



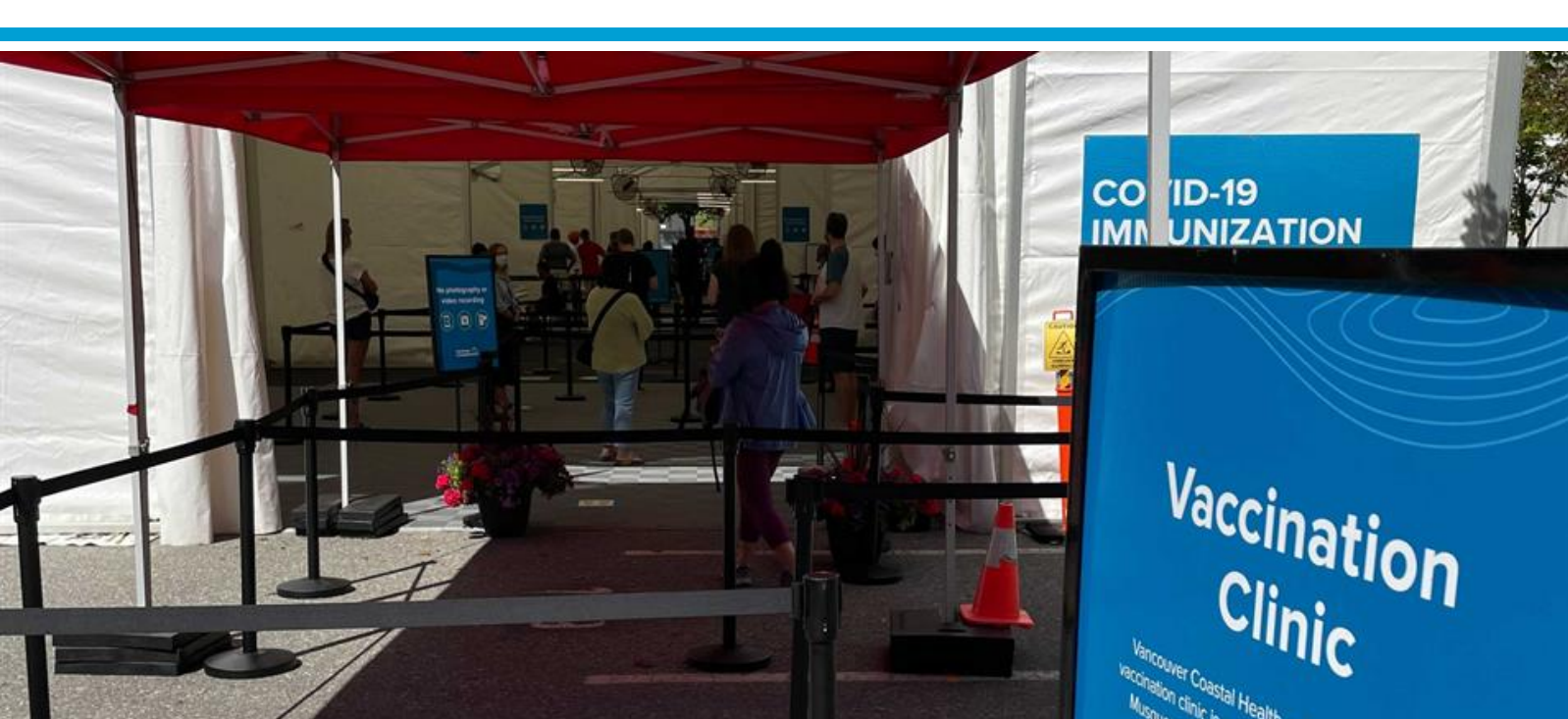
## Travel

### U.S. extends COVID-19 vaccine requirements for non-citizens at land borders

The United States Department of Homeland Security recently announced it will continue to require non-U.S. travelers entering the United States via land ports of entry and ferry terminals at the U.S.-Mexico and U.S.-Canada borders to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and provide related proof of vaccination upon request.

These requirements will continue to apply to non-U.S. travelers who are traveling both for essential and non-essential reasons, and do not apply to U.S. citizens, Lawful Permanent Residents, or U.S. nationals.

[Read the news release →](#)



## Booster doses

### Second booster vaccine program

Immunize BC is rolling out a [second booster vaccine program](#) for seniors over the age of 70, Indigenous people over the age of 55, and residents of long-term care and assisted living facilities.

You are encouraged to register yourself and eligible family members for booster doses at the [Get Vaccinated webpage](#) or by calling 1-833-838-2323. Once you've registered, you'll be able to book an appointment using your confirmation number. For general information about COVID-19 vaccination, please visit the [B.C. Centre for Disease Control website](#).

People who are clinically extremely vulnerable continue to be prioritized for their COVID-19 vaccinations. Those who have received their full three-dose primary series are eligible for their first booster dose about six months after their previous dose.

## Parking

### Parking enforcement update

Please note that parking patrol and enforcement for patients, staff, volunteers and visitors will resume April 30.

On Jan. 20, the [Ministry of Health announced](#) that pay parking will be reinstated at all B.C. health authority sites to ensure that parking spots are available for patients, staff, volunteers and visitors, and that free parking will continue for those who regularly receive certain treatments in acute care settings. The change came into effect Mar. 4.

For questions related to staff parking privileges, waitlists, payment cancellation or other information, please email or call Lower Mainland Consolidated (LMC) Parking Administration, Mon-Fri 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at [LMCParking@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:LMCParking@fraserhealth.ca) or 604.930.5440.

[Read more about parking at VCH sites →](#)

## Professional development

### Post-COVID-19 recovery session: an overview of long-haulers

Based on the [global ECHO model](#), 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.

The learning objectives for this session include:

- Exemplify compassion towards individuals struggling with post-COVID-19 recovery
- Apply the approaches to management based on symptoms and "red flags"
- Understand the self-management nature of post-COVID-19 recovery

**Presenter:** Dr. Ric Arseneau, General Internist from St. Paul's Hospital and BC Women's Hospital and Associate Clinical Professor at UBC  
**Date and time:** May 10, 12 -1 p.m.  
**Topic:** Post-COVID-19 Recovery: an overview of long-haulers

[REGISTER HERE](#)

For more details about the BC ECHO for Post-COVID-19 Recovery and future sessions, please visit the [website](#).

*Note: if you previously attended the BC ECHO for Post-COVID-19 Recovery session on Aug. 10, 2021, you will not receive a UBC CPD certification (1 Mainpro+ credit or 1 MOC (Section 1) Group Learning Credit).*

## Medical staff forum

### Upcoming medical staff forum to focus on Indigenous health and COVID-19

Join us for a presentation from Dr. Don Wilson, Regional Medical Director for Indigenous Health and first Indigenous member of the Health Authority Medical Advisory Committee (HAMAC), on cultural safety and the latest Indigenous health initiatives at VCH. There will also be a COVID-19 update and live Q&A session.

**Panelists:** Dr. Chad Kim Sing (host), Dr. Ross Brown, Dr. Patricia Daly, Vivian Eliopoulos (TBC), Dr. Don Wilson and Dr. Titus Wong  
**Date and time:** June 15, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
**Topic:** Indigenous health and COVID-19

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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.

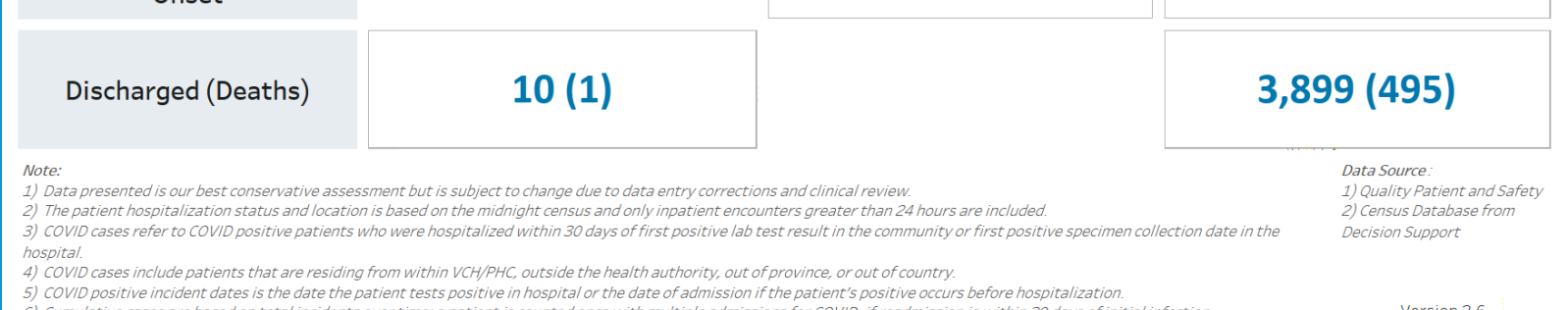
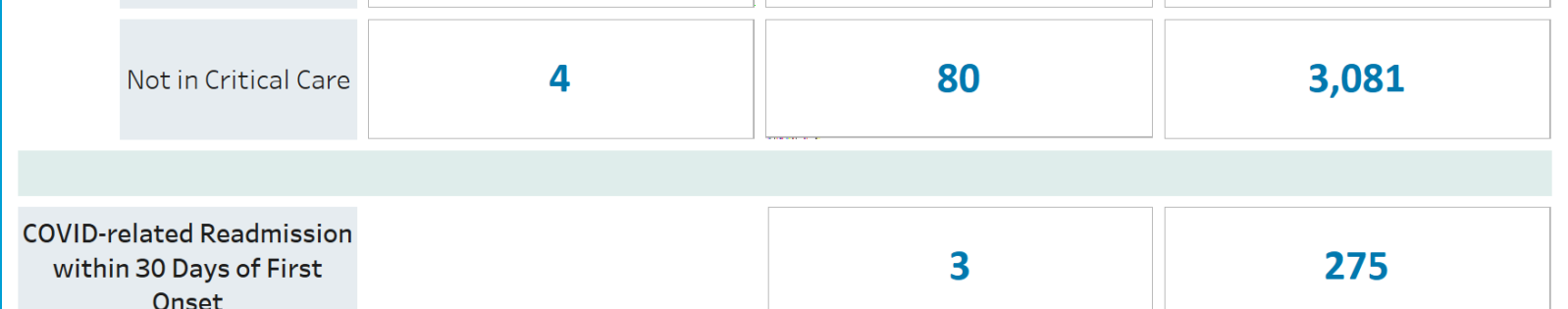
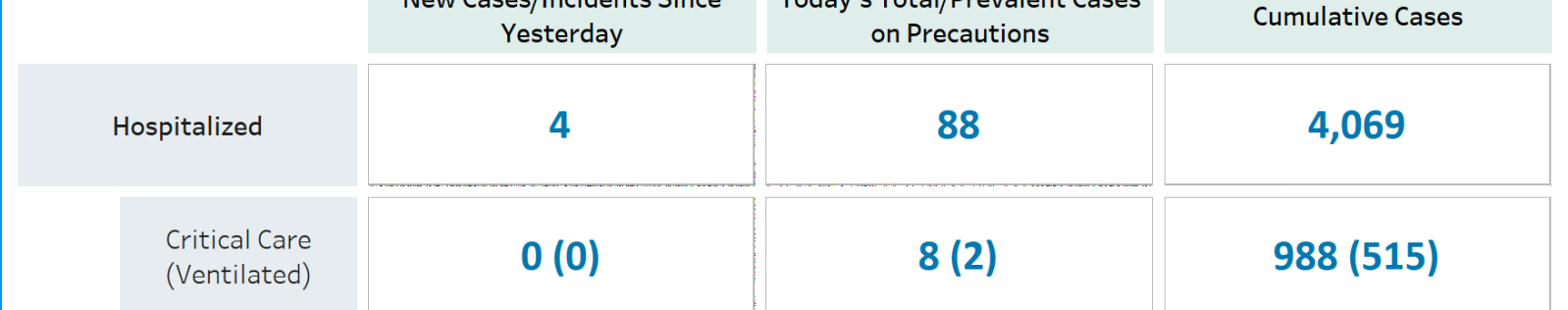
## COVID-19 DATA

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 →](#)

	New Cases/Incidents Since Yesterday	Today's Total/Prevalent Cases on Precautions	Cumulative Cases
<b>Hospitalized</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>4,069</b>
Critical Care (Ventilated)	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>8 (2)</b>	<b>988 (515)</b>
Not in Critical Care	<b>4</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>3,081</b>
<b>COVID-related Readmission within 30 Days of First Onset</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>275</b>
<b>Discharged (Deaths)</b>	<b>10 (1)</b>		<b>3,899 (495)</b>

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 inpatient 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. 5) COVID positive incident dates is the date the patient tests positive in hospital or the date of admission if the patient's positive occurs before hospitalization. 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. Data Source: 1) Quality Patient and Safety 2) Census Database from Decision Support Version 2.6



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## 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 \(IPC\) 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 EOC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES

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

