

LATEST UPDATE – September 29th, 2020

In an effort to keep our community partners connected, we are providing you with regular COVID-19 updates.

Ministry of Health update

In today's Ministry of Health briefing, Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer, reported 105 new cases of COVID-19, for a total of 9,013 cases in B.C. since the pandemic began. Of those, 3,286 are in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) region. Currently, 69 individuals are hospitalized with COVID-19, 20 of whom are in intensive care. The remaining people are recovering at home in self-isolation. VCH Assisted living, long-term care homes and seniors' rental buildings with ongoing COVID-19 outbreaks are:

- Point Grey Private Hospital long-term care facility
- Yaletown House long-term care facility
- Banfield Pavilion (fourth floor west) long-term care facility
- Haro Park Centre (2nd Floor) long-term care facility
- Holy Family Hospital (Neighbourhoods 1 and 2) long-term care facility.

Open Board Forum

In light of the upcoming Provincial election on October 24th, VCH is postponing its October 7th virtual Open Board Forum to a date after the election. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

When a new date is selected, we will send an updated invitation and more information to our communities in Sea to Sky, the Sunshine Coast, Powell River, the Central Coast, including Bella Coola and Bella Bella, and anyone who has registered to join us. We are committed to engaging our communities, especially during the pandemic, and look forward to meeting with our Coastal communities.

Testing

Anyone in the VCH region with cold, influenza or COVID-19-like symptoms, however mild, can now be assessed for and get a COVID-19 test. Contact your physician or nurse practitioner's office, or a local community collection centre to arrange for a test. Phone numbers and locations of collection centre can be found by visiting: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing> or by calling 8-1-1. For more information and latest updates on COVID-19, follow the BC Centre for Disease Control on Twitter @CDCofBC or visit the website: <http://www.bccdc.ca/>.