

LATEST UPDATE – September 8th, 2020

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

Ministry of Health update

Today Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, announced case updates for four 24-hour reporting periods.

Sept. 4 to 5: 123 new cases

Sept. 5 to 6: 116 new cases

Sept. 6 to 7: 107 new cases

In the last 24 hours: 83 new cases.

This represents a total of 429 new cases, including 12 epi-linked cases, for a total of 6,591 cases in British Columbia since the pandemic started. Of those, 2,249 cases have been in the Vancouver Coastal Health region. Currently, 34 people are in hospital, 11 of them in critical care or ICU. There are 1,386 active cases of COVID-19 in the province, 3,063 people who are under active public health monitoring as a result of identified exposure to known cases and 4,978 people who tested positive have recovered. Currently, 32 individuals are hospitalized with COVID-19, 12 of whom are in intensive care. The remaining people with COVID-19 are recovering at home in self-isolation. There have been two new COVID-19 related deaths, including one in the VCH region. We offer our condolences to everyone who has lost their loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic. A new health-care facility outbreak in VCH has been declared at Holy Family Hospital long-term care facility, which is a second outbreak. In total, 11 long-term care or assisted-living facilities and three acute-care facilities in B.C. have active outbreaks. There have been no new community outbreaks, although there continue to be community exposure events. Visit the VCH [Public Exposures page](#) to find the locations and times of known possible exposures to COVID-19 to the public in our region.

New orders for nightclubs and banquet halls

Dr. Henry said in recent weeks, public health teams have been heavily focused on responding to community clusters and exposure events in higher-risk, uncontrolled locations such as nightclubs and private parties, which have been a major source of transmission since the start of our Phase 3 reopening. As a result, the provincial health officer's order on bars, nightclubs and banquet halls has been amended. Effective today, all nightclubs and stand-alone banquet halls are ordered closed until further notice. Liquor sales in all bars, pubs and restaurants must cease at 10 p.m. and they must close at 11 p.m., unless providing a full meal service, in which case they may stay open, but may not serve liquor until 11 a.m. the following day. Music or other background sounds, such as from televisions in bars, lounges, pubs and restaurants, must be no louder than the volume of normal conversation.

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>.

To protect yourself while out in public, wash your hands frequently and maintain social distance. For more information on COVID-19, please visit www.vch.ca/COVID19. Also, 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/>.

Take our survey

Thank you for being a valued community partner with Vancouver Coastal Health. We hope you have found our regular COVID-19 updates informative and helpful during this unprecedented time. As we move forward, we'd like to hear from you about how you'd like to stay informed and engaged with Vancouver Coastal Health on COVID-19 matters and beyond. We have prepared a brief survey, which should take approximately 5 – 10 minutes to complete, to gather some feedback from you. Please click on the link below to begin the survey.

<https://hrsurveys.vch.ca/Survey.aspx?s=c6b77e2e34174c16a88af675353a1ecd>

If you have any questions, please e-mail ce@vch.ca

The survey will remain open until approximately mid-September.