

LATEST UPDATE – October 15th, 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 142 new cases of COVID-19, for a total of 11,034 cases in B.C. since the pandemic began. There were 9,016 tests processed across British Columbia in the past 24 hours, giving us a percent positive rate of around 1.5%. Of those, 3,974 are in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) region. Currently, 74 individuals are hospitalized with COVID-19, 24 of whom are in intensive care. The remaining people are recovering at home in self-isolation. There were no new deaths today, keeping the provincial total at 250. VCH Assisted living, long-term care homes and seniors' rental buildings with ongoing COVID-19 outbreaks are:

- Point Grey Private Hospital
- Banfield Pavilion (fourth floor west and fourth floor east)
- Haro Park Centre (entire facility)
- Yaletown House (2nd floor)
- Weinberg Residence Multi-Level Care.

Statement from Dr. Bonnie Henry

Today Dr. Henry reported B.C.'s first confirmed case of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) in a child under the age of five years. The child was under investigation after showing symptoms of the syndrome and was confirmed with MIS-C when a COVID-19 serology test returned positive. The child has fully recovered and is at home. An additional 16 children in B.C. have been investigated for possible MIS-C and did not meet the case definition, as none of them have been positive or had links to COVID-19.

Dr. Henry also reiterated the importance of every British Columbian getting the influenza vaccination this year. There are sufficient supplies, and no manufacturer delays. The best time to get vaccinated is mid to end October to the end of November. At the moment, there are very low rates of influenza across the province, indicating we are not yet in flu season and the current risk is low.

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 centres 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/>.

Other Resources

To find the Provincial Health Officer's orders, visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

To see a map of COVID-19 cases by local health area, visit:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/data>

For a listing of the community exposure events, go to: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/public-exposures>

For the latest medical updates, including case counts, prevention, risks and testing, visit: <http://www.bccdc.ca/>

For community engagement opportunities at VCH, see: <http://cean.vch.ca/members/current-opportunities/>