

LATEST UPDATE – Feb. 10, 2021

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

Ministry of Health Update

In yesterday's joint statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, reported 435 new cases.

The total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 in B.C. now stands at 71,387 since the start of the pandemic. Of the new cases, 107 people were in the Vancouver Coastal Health region.

Across the province, there have been four new COVID-19 related deaths, while 241 people are currently hospitalized, with 68 of these cases receiving treatment in ICU/critical care. The total number of individuals who have passed away due to COVID-19 is 1,263. There are now 4,393 active cases of COVID-19 across B.C. currently.

Vaccination Update

Since the start of immunizations, 155,585 vaccinations have been delivered in B.C. (not including today), with 12,802 of those being a second dose. More information and immunization data is available through this page: [BCCDC](#)

Dr. Henry said each week this month, the available vaccine supply will increase, and we are looking forward to early in March when we anticipate being able to fully start mass vaccination clinics around the province. Planning for that is underway now.

Those older than the age of 80 will soon be getting information about where they can receive the vaccine. She said the vaccine will be available at the beginning of March.

COVID-19 Variants

There are now 40 confirmed cases of variants of concern in B.C. There are 25 cases of the variant first identified in the UK. Of these, there is one case that contact tracing has not been able to establish a connection. The other 24 cases are directly related to travel or contact with someone who has travelled.

There are now 15 people who are confirmed to have the variant first identified in South Africa. It is unclear where four of those 15 people contracted the virus and the variant.

Dr. Henry says of the 40 confirmed cases, only three are currently active. She is confident it is not spreading widely, but that could change quickly. She said every day that we stop spread of this virus, no matter what the variant, we buy ourselves time. Time to get our immunization program up and running again, as we are going to be this week, and also time to better understand where we are seeing transmission and cases of these variants of concern in our 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 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/>