

## LATEST UPDATE – May 21, 2021

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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 357 new cases over the weekend reporting period. Of the new cases, 80 people were in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) region.

The total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 in B.C. now stands at 140,953 since the start of the pandemic. There are 4,636 active cases of COVID-19 across B.C. currently.

Across the province, there were three new COVID-19 related deaths, while 331 people are currently hospitalized, with 113 of these cases receiving treatment in ICU/critical care. The total number of individuals who have passed away due to COVID-19 is 1,661.

Dr. Henry reminds us that the public health and travel restrictions are still in place for this coming long weekend. That means we need to stay local, stay small and remember to use all of the protective measures, even as more people are immunized.

B.C. has seen a decline in the number of hospitalizations in recent weeks, but Minister Dix noted there are still challenges in critical care. While there are 3,035 base and surge beds in hospitals, B.C. is still using 13 surge beds in critical care and 167 surge beds throughout the system.

### COVID-19 vaccine update

Since the start of immunizations, 2,687,360 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in B.C. This means more than 58 per cent of adults 18 years and older in B.C. have received their first dose.

The province announced more than 300,000 young people between 12 and 17 years old (born in 2009 or earlier) can register and get vaccinated against COVID-19, as B.C. takes the next step to protect more people from the virus.

Young people can register themselves and book their appointment:

- online at: <https://gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated>
- by telephone at 1-833-838-2323
- or in person at any Service BC centre

Parents, guardians and trusted adults are also able to register and book for young people, with booking invites sent to those who are older first. Most vaccine appointments for young people age 12 to 17 years will take place at the same immunization clinics used to vaccinate people in other age groups.

Household and group vaccination options are also available to make it easy for households to be immunized at the same time. Multiple young people in a household can attend one booked appointment and be vaccinated together, after all members of the family have registered.

To register online for a vaccine appointment, everyone will need:

- their personal health number (found on their Care Card, driver's licence or BC Services Card);
- postal code;
- first and last name;
- date of birth; and
- an email address that gets checked regularly or a phone number that can receive text messages.

If young people do not have a personal health number, they can register over the phone by calling 1-833-838-2323.

### VCH high-transmission neighbourhood residents 12 years and older eligible for vaccine

As part of the B.C. COVID-19 Immunization Plan for priority neighbourhoods, Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) will offer targeted vaccinations to people who reside in the [high-transmission neighbourhoods](#) of Cedar Cottage, Grandview Woodland, Hastings Sunrise, Kensington, Killarney, Renfrew-Collingwood, Sunset and

Victoria Fraserview. Residents of these neighbourhoods who are 12 years and older are encouraged to [register](#) to receive a link to book their vaccination appointment.

VCH has opened a COVID-19 vaccine clinic at [Killarney Community Centre](#) (6260 Killarney Street). The clinic is open today, May 21, and will be open again on May 25 to 28 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Vaccinations will be provided by appointment only.

VCH is also offering vaccinations for people aged 12 years and older (born in 2009 or earlier) by appointment-only at a new vaccination clinic at H.J. Cambie Secondary School, located at 4151 Jacombs Road in Richmond. The clinic will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on various dates between May 21 and June 5.

Following registration, residents will be notified by phone, email or text message as soon as they are eligible to book a vaccine appointment. VCH encourages family, friends, neighbours and social services agencies to help get the word out to adults 12+ about registering to receive their COVID-19 vaccine.

### **VCH Open Board Meeting – Save the Date**

Vancouver Coastal Health's Board of Directors and senior leadership team invite you to our virtual Open Board Forum. This meeting is dedicated to the residents of the Killarney neighbourhood, but open to all.

Our virtual Open Board Forum is an opportunity to join a conversation with our board. The board chair and senior leaders will provide updates on COVID-19, the vaccine roll-out and available health services.

The meeting will stream online and we invite you to register and send questions in advance at [vch.ca/boardforum](http://vch.ca/boardforum). We will send you a link to the Open Board Forum video stream before the meeting.

### **Resource toolkit:**

- **COVID-19 vaccine registration poster:**  
[\[English\]](#)
- **Vaccine safety information:**  
[\[English\]](#) | [\[简体中文 Chinese Simplified\]](#) | [\[繁體中文 Chinese Traditional\]](#) | [\[한국어 Korean\]](#) | [\[ਪੰਜਾਬੀ Punjabi\]](#) | [\[Tagalog\]](#)
- **Aftercare information:**  
[\[English\]](#) | [\[العربية Arabic\]](#) | [\[American Sign Language - ASL\]](#) | [\[简体中文 Chinese Simplified\]](#) | [\[繁體中文 Chinese Traditional\]](#) | [\[فارسی Farsi\]](#) | [\[Français French\]](#) | [\[한국어 Korean\]](#) | [\[ਪੰਜਾਬੀ Punjabi\]](#) | [\[Español Spanish\]](#) | [\[Tigrinya\]](#) | [\[Tiếng Việt Vietnamese\]](#)
- **COVID-19 vaccine information sessions hosted by S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and VCH (Cantonese and Mandarin)**  
[\[Cantonese\]](#) | [\[Mandarin\]](#)
- **COVID-19 vaccine Q&A with Dr. Ray Chaboyer**  
[\[English\]](#)
- **COVID-19 vaccine info session by VCH Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Patricia Daly**  
[\[English\]](#)

### **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**

Find the Provincial Health Officer's orders [here](#).

To see a map of **COVID-19 cases by local health area**, [visit here](#).

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

For **community engagement opportunities** at VCH, see: <https://engage.vch.ca/>