LATEST UPDATE – May 26, 2021

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

Ministry of Health update

In Tuesday's joint statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, reported 289 new cases. Of the new cases, 70 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 142,636 since the start of the pandemic. There are 3,782 active cases of COVID-19 across B.C. currently.

Across the province, there was one new COVID-19 related death, while 301 people are currently hospitalized, with 93 of these cases receiving treatment in ICU/critical care. The total number of individuals who have passed away due to COVID-19 is 1,680.

B.C. launches restart plan

With more than 60 per cent of adults vaccinated with their first dose and COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations steadily declining, British Columbia is moving forward with the cautious first step of a four-step plan for a careful and safe restart. The step-by-step plan will follow approximate timelines and will ease people and businesses slowly out of the pandemic.

COVID-19 vaccine update

Since the start of immunizations, 2,927,487 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in B.C.

Everyone aged 12 years and older (born in 2009 or earlier) is eligible to book their COVID-19 vaccine. You are encouraged to register:

- online at: www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated

- by telephone at 1-833-838-2323

- or in person at any Service BC centre

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) has opened a COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Killarney Community Centre (6260 Killarney Street). The clinic is open until May 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 (4151 Jacombs Road) in Richmond. The clinic will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on various dates until June 5.

VCH encourages family, friends, neighbours and social services agencies to help get the word out to people aged 12 and older 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 its virtual Open Board Forum. This meeting is dedicated to the residents of the Killarney neighbourhood, but open to all.

The 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. We will send you a link to the Open Board Forum video stream before the meeting.

Resource toolkit:

- **COVID-19 vaccine registration poster:**

  [English] | [简体中文 Chinese Simplified] | [繁體中文 Chinese Traditional] | [فارسی Farsi] | [한국어 Korean] | [ਪੰਜਾਬੀ Punjabi] | [Tiếng Việt Vietnamese]

- **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 Vancouver Coastal Health 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/