

LATEST UPDATE – FEBRUARY 11, 2022

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

VCH launches supports for children receiving COVID-19 vaccines

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) COVID-19 vaccination clinics are offering dedicated supports to children five to 11 years of age. As they are booking their child's appointment through the [Get Vaccinated](#) system, parents and guardians can choose from a number of options based on their child's specific care needs.

Children ages five to 11 are welcomed at all VCH vaccination clinics, each of which have health-care professionals trained to support children and their parents or guardians through the vaccination process. For children who need additional support during their vaccination, parents and guardians can access the following options:

- For a child-specific experience, look for an “Ages five to 11” specific appointment at vaccination clinics throughout the VCH region via the Get Vaccinated system.
- For children who require a quieter space, book an appointment at a clinic with individual rooms via the Get Vaccinated system. These clinics include:
 - **Vancouver:** George Pearson Age five-11 Clinic
 - **Richmond:** Pacific Autism Family Network Age five-11 Clinic
 - **North Shore:** ICBC Age five-11 Clinic
- For children ages five to 17 with special needs, such as autism, sensory processing, or needle phobia, call to set up an appointment in a specialized setting:
 - **Central Intake (all VCH communities):** 604-263-7377

COVID-19 vaccination information and resources, including guidance on how to prepare children for vaccination, can be found on [the BCCDC website](#) and more information on VCH supports for children can be found [here](#). This information is also available in Chinese [Simplified](#) and [Traditional](#) | [Punjabi](#) | [Vietnamese](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Farsi](#) | [Arabic](#)

Today, Dr. Meena Dawar, VCH Medical Health Officer, hosted a live question and answer session on COVID-19 vaccines for children five to 11 years of age on VCH's Facebook page. [Click here to watch the recording.](#)

COVID-19 information sessions for Cantonese and Mandarin speakers

In partnership with [S.U.C.C.E.S.S.](#), [iCON](#) and [UBC](#), VCH is pleased to support COVID-19 information sessions on February 23 in Cantonese and March 2 in Mandarin.

Both information sessions will provide up-to-date information on COVID-19, including:

- Understanding COVID-19 variants and benefits of vaccination
- Protecting yourself and your family from COVID-19
- Understanding emerging treatments for COVID-19
- Addressing misinformation

We invite you to join these information sessions and share this information with your Cantonese or Mandarin-speaking family members and friends. [Learn more](#).

VCH vaccination clinics

All VCH clinics are accepting drop-ins for first and second doses, but appointments are required for children aged five to 11 years old, and for booster or third doses. All are welcome at our clinics, including those without personal health numbers and people who are not residents of B.C. To book a vaccine appointment, [register on the provincial system](#) or call 1-833-838-2323. [Service BC locations](#) can also help you register for a vaccine.

Access a full list of VCH vaccination clinics, including pop-up clinics, by visiting <http://www.vch.ca/vaccine>. And get your BC Vaccine Card at gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard, by calling 1-833-838-2323 or from a Service B.C. Centre.

COVID-19 vaccine update

As of Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, 90.3% (4,502,854) of eligible people five and older in B.C. have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 85% (4,234,749) have received their second dose.

In addition, 93.1% (4,314,049) of eligible people 12 and older in B.C. have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, 90.4% (4,191,445) received their second dose, and 51.5% (2,386,210) have received a third dose.

Also, 93.4% (4,040,834) of all eligible adults in B.C. have received their first dose, 90.9% (3,930,793) received their second dose, and 54.3% (2,350,639) have received a third dose.

Ministry of Health update

In the Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, [statement](#) on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, 846 COVID-positive individuals are in hospital and 136 are in intensive care. In the last 24 hours, 17 new deaths have been reported, for an overall total of 2,747.

1,245 new cases were reported with 227 of those in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) area.

The total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 in B.C. now stands at 338,792 since the start of the pandemic.

Find the latest testing guidelines on the BCCDC website

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) aligns its clinical processes and practices across our testing sites with [provincial testing guidelines](#), which prioritize testing for those at higher risk of serious illness and those who live or work in high-risk settings. Testing criteria is available on the [BCCDC website](#).

Before attending a VCH testing site, please ensure you are eligible for testing. If you are not eligible, please review guidance on [self-monitoring and self-isolation](#).

Please note that VCH public testing sites do not provide testing for travel and recreational purposes. VCH testing sites will not test individuals who require proof of a negative test to return to work, school or recreational activities. [A list of private pay clinics](#) that accommodate testing services for these purposes is also available on the [BCCDC website](#).

Raising awareness for women's heart health

Heart disease is on the rise and it's the leading cause of death for women worldwide. And yet heart attack symptoms are not recognized in more [than 50 per cent of women](#).

These are troubling facts. It's time to wear our hearts on our sleeves to raise awareness of women's heart health. [Learn more](#).

VCH recognized as one of B.C.'s top employers

We are pleased to announce that VCH has been recognized as a B.C. Top Employer by Mediacorp Canada Inc. in their [Top 100 Employers 2022 list](#). This special designation recognizes British Columbia employers that are industry leaders in being exceptional places to work. [Learn more](#).

Interested in exploring career opportunities within VCH? Visit [careers.vch.ca](#).

Know where to go for the right care this winter

Winter can be an exciting time of year, but it also comes with an increase in people visiting the emergency department (ED). While it is important to visit the E for emergent health issues, non-life threatening urgent and non-urgent conditions can often be effectively managed by urgent primary care centres (UPCCs), family doctors, walk-in clinics or other services. Those who are unsure where to access care can call 8-1-1 for general health guidance and information on services available in their local community.

Both hospitals and community clinics continue to be safe place to access treatment and care. Find out more [here](#) about where and when to seek care this winter.

Access translated resources in the following languages:

Winter care poster in [English](#) | [Chinese Simplified \(简体中文\)](#) | [Traditional \(繁體中文\)](#) | [Punjabi \(ਪੰਜਾਬੀ\)](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Korean \(한국어\)](#) | [Tagalog](#) | [Japanese](#) | [Farsi](#) | [Russian](#) | [Spanish \(Español\)](#) | [Vietnamese \(Tiếng Việt\)](#)

Winter care postcard in [English](#) | [Chinese Simplified \(简体中文\)](#) | [Traditional \(繁體中文\)](#) | [Punjabi \(ਪੰਜਾਬੀ\)](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Korean \(한국어\)](#) | [Tagalog](#) | [Japanese](#) | [Farsi](#) | [Russian](#) | [Spanish \(Español\)](#) | [Vietnamese \(Tiếng Việt\)](#)

Community engagement opportunities

VCH values community input. Please consider participating in or sharing the featured community engagement opportunities below:

- [Interviews – Improving access to osteoporosis care](#)
St. Paul’s Hospital is working to improve access to osteoporosis care after a person experiences a fragility fracture. You may have experienced a fragility fracture if you fell from standing height and/or with minimal trauma, leading to fracture. We are looking to interview those who have experienced hip, back, leg or arm fragility fractures and had received care at St. Paul’s Hospital for the fracture.
- [Assertive Community Treatment Website Development](#)
Navigating information about mental health and substance use (MHSU) services is critical when you or someone you care for is in crisis. Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is working to create a website that helps MSHU clients, their families and friends to quickly find important information about Assertive Community Treatment (ACT). We want to hear from individuals across the province in a survey, a focus group, and individual interviews for the development of the ACT website.
- [Survey - Medical imaging brochures](#)
Richmond Hospital's medical imaging team has developed medical imaging brochures that will be provided to patients. The goals of these brochures are to decrease the nervousness that some patients may experience before taking medical imaging tests and to help them become more knowledgeable about the tests. We would like your feedback on the brochures so that we can determine if our messaging is clear and if not, how it can be improved from your perspective.

VCH community engagement opportunities can be found on our [Engage VCH](#) homepage.

Home support resource pamphlet

VCH has developed some resource material for home support services and how to access it. This information is available in various languages.

- **Home support pamphlet**

[[English](#)] | [[العربية Arabic](#)] | [[فارسی Farsi](#)] | [[Français French](#)] | [[Español Spanish](#)] | [[Tagalog](#)]
| [[Tiếng Việt Vietnamese](#)]

- **Home support client handbook**

[[English](#)] | [[فارسی Farsi](#)]

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/>

COVID-19 vaccination resource toolkit

- **COVID-19 vaccine registration poster**

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- **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**

[\[English\]](#)

Thank you

We appreciate the time you spend reading these updates and hope you find the information and resources useful. If you no longer wish to receive the VCH Community Partner Update, please reply or send an email to ce@vch.ca with the word “unsubscribe”. Thank you.

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