
JOINT STATEMENT

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Ministry of Health
Office of the Provincial Health Officer

Joint statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, latest updates

VICTORIA – Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, have issued the following joint statement regarding updates on the COVID-19 response in British Columbia:

“Today, we are reporting 77.6% of all adults in B.C. and 76.2% of those 12 and older have now received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. In addition, 26.9% of all adults in B.C. and 25.2% of those 12 and older have received their second dose. In total, 4,703,549 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in B.C., 1,167,117 of which are second doses.

“There have been 72 new cases of COVID-19, for a total of 147,418 cases in British Columbia.

“Of the new cases, 24 are in the Vancouver Coastal Health region, 29 are in the Fraser Health region, four are in the Island Health region, 13 are in the Interior Health region and two are in the Northern Health region.

“There are currently 1,096 active cases of COVID-19 in the province. A further 144,554 people who tested positive have recovered. Of the active cases, 108 individuals are currently hospitalized, 37 of whom are in intensive care. The remaining people with COVID-19 are recovering at home in self-isolation.

“There has been one new health-care outbreak at Laurel Place (Fraser Health).

“There have been two new COVID-19 related deaths, for a total of 1,749 deaths in British Columbia. Our condolences are with the family, friends and caregivers of the people who have died as a result of COVID-19.

“This weekend, with the anticipated extreme hot weather throughout the province, we remind everyone in British Columbia to stay cool and hydrated – whether you will be going to a vaccine clinic or spending time with friends and family outside.

“Our mass clinics are indoors, and many pop-up clinics have moved to cooler, indoor locations. If you have a vaccine appointment at a pop-up clinic or are planning to drop in, check the location before you go, wear a hat and sunscreen, and bring water.

“Just as we have taken care of our neighbours, seniors and Elders during the COVID-19 pandemic, they may also need some assistance this weekend. Let's continue to support each other with kindness and compassion, and help our friends and family get their vaccines safely.”

Learn More:

The latest vaccine information:

For vaccine information, visit the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) dashboard: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/data>
Or: www.bccdc.ca

For information on getting your second dose: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/dose-2>

Register for your vaccine now: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register> or call 1-833-838-2323.

BC's Restart plan:

For the June 14, 2021, announcement on Step 2 of BC's Restart plan, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PREM0041-001155>

Epidemiology and modelling:

For the June 10, 2021, modelling presentation, visit: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/6-10_PHO_presentation.pdf

Provincial health officer's orders and guidance:

Orders: <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>

Guidance on restrictions: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/restrictions>

The latest updates, guidance and information on COVID-19, and where to get tested:

The latest medical updates, including case counts, prevention, risks and to find a testing centre near you: <http://www.bccdc.ca/>
Or follow @CDCofBC on Twitter.

COVID-19 exposure events, updates and information by health authority, visit:

BCCDC (flights, work sites, etc.): <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/public-exposures>

Fraser Health: fraserhealth.ca/covid19exposure

Interior Health: <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/public-exposures/>

Island Health: <https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/covid-19/outbreaks-and-exposures>

Northern Health: <https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/outbreaks-and-exposures>

Vancouver Coastal Health: <http://www.vch.ca/covid-19/public-exposures>

Mental health support:

Mental health and anxiety support: www.bouncebackbc.ca

Or: www.anxietycanada.com

Or: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/mental-well-being-during-covid-19>

Or: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/mental-health-substance-use/virtual-supports-covid-19>

Non-health related information:

Financial, child care and education support, travel, transportation and essential service information: www.gov.bc.ca/covid19

Or call 1 888 COVID19 (1 888 268-4319) between 7:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. (Pacific time), seven days a week.

Two backgrounders follow.

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BACKGROUND 1

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Immunization eligibility

Age-based program:

Anyone 12 years or older may now register and book their Dose 1 appointment. Anyone who has received an invitation to book their second dose can also book their appointment.

Book online: <https://gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated>

Or call 1 833 838-2323 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Pacific time).

First responder and worker program:

Health authorities are contacting workplaces to arrange for workers to be vaccinated with their first and second doses.

AstraZeneca pharmacy program:

For people who received their first dose at their local pharmacy, the pharmacy will contact them to book their Dose 2 appointment once they are eligible. People are asked not to call, as phone appointments will not be accepted.

Information on Dose 2: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19_vaccine/AstraZeneca_2ndDose.pdf

Participating pharmacies are listed on the BC Pharmacy Association website: <https://www.bcpharmacy.ca/resource-centre/covid-19/vaccination-locations>

For people who would prefer an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) instead, once they are eligible, they can book online or by phone at one of the age-based mass clinics.

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BACKGROUND 2

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Independent and assisted living, long-term care homes, seniors' rental buildings and acute-care facilities with ongoing COVID-19 outbreaks

Independent and assisted living, long-term care homes and seniors' rental buildings:

Vancouver Coastal Health – two facilities

- Hollyburn Residence (second occurrence)
- Minoru Residence (second occurrence)

Fraser Health – two facilities

- Glenwood Seniors Community (second occurrence)
- Laurel Place (second occurrence)

Northern Health – one facility

- Rotary Manor Dawson Creek

Interior Health – no facilities

Island Health – no facilities

Acute-care facilities:

Eagle Ridge Hospital

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