

# COVID-19 key messages

To support elected and community leaders



May 13, 2021

**We continue to see a positive downward trend in the number of new cases for Island Health. Your efforts to help spread the importance of getting registered and vaccinated are making a difference. We need your help this week to reach young people and let them know to get registered now for their shot. Thank you!**

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## Vaccine Key Messages:

- More than 50% of Island Health's adult population has received their first dose of vaccine. We need everyone 18+ to register for their vaccine now so that they can book their appointment as soon as it's their turn.
- By the end of this weekend, everyone 18 and over will be able to book their appointment. People 25+ will be able to book starting May 14, people 20+ will be able to book starting May 15, and people 18+ will be able to book starting May 16. The first step is to [get registered](#).
- The provincial [Get Vaccinated](#) registration system has three easy steps: (1) Register online, by phone or in person at a Service BC location; (2) Book an appointment when you get an email, text or call telling you are eligible to book; (3) Visit the vaccine clinic to get vaccinated.
- If you received your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at an Island Health mass immunization clinic before April 6, you need to register at [www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](http://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca) or by calling 1-833-838-2323 so you can get notified when it's time for your second dose.
- If you received your vaccine at a pharmacy or at a whole community clinic, you also need to register in the provincial system [www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](http://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca) or by calling 1-833-838-2323 to ensure you get notified to book your second dose appointment.
- Vaccination is underway for priority frontline workers, pregnant people aged 16+, anyone over the age of 30, and in some small or hard to access communities.

## COVID-19 Key Messages:

- As of May 13, there were 153 active COVID-19 cases in the Island Health region (69 in the South Island, 57 in the Central Island and 27 in the North Island) with approximately 12% of recent cases community acquired (no known source and did not report travel outside of Island Health).
- Over the past 7 days, there has been an average of 16 cases per day, compared to an average of 23 cases per day for the 7 days prior.
- With the recent implementation of the provincial registration system, the BCCDC is now providing Community Health Service Area data to view case information and immunization uptake.
- Island Health is screening every COVID-19 positive test for variants, many of which are more transmissible and can lead to more severe illness. The majority of active cases are presumed variants of COVID-19.
- Remember, this virus moves with people. Please do not travel outside your community unless it is essential for work or medical reasons.
- Continue to wash your hands often and wear a mask in public settings and if you are feeling sick, stay home, self-isolate and call 1-844-901-8442 (8:30 am – 8:00 pm daily) to book a test.

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## TOTAL CASES: AS OF MAY 13, 2021

Location	Active cases	Total cases	Regional MHO Messages
North Island	27	655	Activity is stable in North Island with the majority of cases over the past 2 weeks being reported in Comox Valley and Campbell River. Approximately 15-20% of cases had no known source of infection and no travel outside of the Island Health region.
Central	57	2,368	Activity is stable across Central Island with approximately 65% of cases being reported in the Greater Nanaimo region. The majority of cases are related to a known case or cluster. A small proportion of cases have been related to travel outside of the region and there continue to be a small number of cases with no known source of infection.
South Island	69	1,844	Activity continues to decrease across South Island (38% decrease for the past 7 days compared to the 7 days prior). Approximately 10% of cases had no known source of infection and no travel outside of the Island Health region. 70% of recent cases have been in the 0-39 year old age group.
Island Health	153	4,867	Link to <a href="#">dashboard</a> (Updated weekdays after 4pm)

## LOCAL HEALTH AREA – DAILY RATES PER 100,000 (RELEASED WEEKLY [here](#)) WEEK OF MAY 2 – 8, 2021

Region	Local Health Area - <a href="#">link</a>	Cases from May 2 - 8	Average daily rate per 100,000 population
<b>North Island</b>	Comox Valley	13	0.1-5.0 /100,000
	Greater Campbell River	6	0.1-5.0 /100,000
	Vancouver Island West	0	0.0 /100,000
	Vancouver Island North	0	0.0 /100,000
<b>Central Island</b>	Alberni-Clayoquot	5	0.1-5.0 /100,000
	Cowichan Valley North	3	0.1-5.0 /100,000
	Cowichan Valley South	5	0.1-5.0 /100,000
	Cowichan Valley West	0	0.0 /100,000
	Greater Nanaimo	22	0.1-5.0 /100,000
	Oceanside	5	0.1-5.0 /100,000
<b>South Island</b>	Greater Victoria	53	0.1-5.0 /100,000
	Western Communities	7	0.1-5.0 /100,000
	Saanich Peninsula	3	0.1-5.0 /100,000
	Southern Gulf Islands	2	0.1-5.0 /100,000

\***New:** Geographic distribution of COVID-19 cases, lab testing and vaccination coverage is available [here](#).

## RESOURCES AND LINKS:

- Visit Island Health’s COVID Vaccine webpage at [islandhealth.ca/covid19vaccine](https://islandhealth.ca/covid19vaccine) or BC Government website here: [gov.bc.ca/covidvaccine](https://gov.bc.ca/covidvaccine). If you still have questions, you can talk to a Service BC agent at 1-888-COVID19.
- Register for a COVID-19 vaccine by visiting [gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated](https://gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated) or calling 1-833-838-2323.
- [Island Health: Current outbreaks and exposures](#) and [Exposures in Schools](#).
- [The Province of British Columbia & B.C.’s response to COVID-19](#) & [First Nations Health Authority](#)
- [The BC Centre for Disease Control](#) and the [BC COVID-19 Dashboard](#) with the latest case counts of recoveries, deaths, hospitalizations, testing and more.
- There are a number of [resources available through the province](#) and through [BCCDC](#) for people experiencing anxiety, depression or other mental health challenges during COVID-19.