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[CLR Members,](#)

Please find the recent updates on the current situation in the province.

[B.C. launches proof of vaccination to stop spread of COVID-19](#)



Starting Sept. 13, 2021, proof of vaccination will be required in B.C. for people attending certain social and recreational settings and events.

According to the BC government, this important step will continue to increase the vaccination rate across the province and provide confidence to fully vaccinated people that those around them are also fully vaccinated.

A new order from the provincial health officer (PHO) will require individuals to provide proof of vaccination to access a broad range of social, recreational, and discretionary events and businesses throughout the province. As of Sept. 13, one dose of vaccine will be required for entry to these settings. By Oct. 24, entry to these settings will require people to be fully vaccinated at least seven days after receiving both doses. To enter certain spaces, including indoor ticketed sporting events, indoor and patio dining in restaurants, fitness centres, casinos and indoor organized events, like conferences and weddings, people aged 12 and older will be required to show their proof of vaccination.

A secure weblink will be provided and publicized before Sept. 13, where people will be able to confidentially access their proof of vaccination. Individuals will be able to save a copy of their proof of vaccination to their phone to show it when entering or using designated businesses and events. Individuals who cannot access their proof of vaccination online will be provided with a secure alternative option.

Learn More:

Learn about proof of vaccination requirements and the B.C. vaccine card at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/proof>.

[Mask mandate to reduce transmission, protect people in public spaces](#)

As of Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021, masks must be worn in all indoor public spaces throughout B.C. to help slow the transmission of COVID-19 as B.C. prepares for the fall and respiratory illness season.

A new order from the PHO requires people 12 and older to wear masks in indoor public settings, regardless of vaccination status. These settings include:

- malls, shopping centres, coffee shops and retail and grocery stores;
- liquor and drug stores;
- airports, city halls, libraries, community and recreation centres;
- restaurants, pubs and bars (unless seated);
- on public transportation, in a taxi or ride-sharing vehicle;
- areas of office buildings where services to the public are provided;
- common areas of sport and fitness centres when not engaged in physical activity;
- common areas of post-secondary institutions and non-profit organizations; and
- inside schools for all K-12 staff, visitors and students in grades 4-12.

This temporary order will be reassessed as the B.C. vaccine card requirement is fully implemented in certain social and recreational settings, as communicated above.

For the purposes of this order, a mask or face covering is defined as a medical or non-medical mask that covers the nose and mouth. Face shields are not a substitute for a mask, as there is an opening below the mouth.

People who cannot wear a mask or who cannot put on or remove a mask without the assistance of others are exempt. A person may not be able to wear a mask for a psychological, behavioural or health condition, or due to a physical, cognitive or mental impairment.

Masks may be removed temporarily in indoor public places to identify the individual wearing the mask, to consume food or beverage at a location designated for this purpose, while participating in a sport or fitness activity in a sport facility or while receiving a personal or health service that requires the mask to be removed.

Masks are not recommended for children under the age of two, but should be encouraged for children aged two to 12 in public settings. Children older than 12 must wear a mask in a public indoor space, unless they are exempt.

[B.C. records significant two-day increase in vaccine registrations, bookings](#)

The Province has recorded a significant increase in the number of vaccine registrations and bookings for first doses, particularly among people under the age of 40.

On Monday, Aug. 23, 2021, there were 8,909 new registrations and 7,347 new appointment bookings. This represents a 174.8% increase in daily registrations and an 88.6% daily increase in bookings compared to the previous Monday, which recorded 3,242 new registrations and 3,896 bookings.

On Tuesday, Aug. 24, there were 10,175 total new registrations and 9,486 new appointment bookings. This represents a 201.3% increase in registrations and a 124.4% increase in bookings compared to the previous Tuesday, which recorded 3,279 new registrations and 4,228 appointment bookings.

Within those two days, 12,904 people under the age of 40 have registered to receive their COVID-19 vaccine, and 11,301 people under 40 have booked appointments. This compares to 4,161 registrations and 5,077 appointment bookings for people under 40 during the same period last week.

[B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update](#)

As of Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021, 83.7% (3,878,423) of eligible people 12 and older in B.C. have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 75.6% (3,504,402) received their second dose.

In addition, 84.4% (3,650,649) of all eligible adults in B.C. have received their first dose and 76.7% (3,318,443) received their second dose.

B.C. is reporting 724 new cases of COVID-19, including five epi-linked cases, for a total of 162,693 cases in the province.

There are 5,640 active cases of COVID-19 in the province and 155,096 people who tested positive have recovered. Of the active cases, 149 individuals are in hospital and 83 are in intensive care. The remaining people are recovering at home in self-isolation.

Since December 2020, the Province has administered 7,390,103 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines.

Learn More:

For the new provincial health officer's order on masks in public indoor settings, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/25217>

For new health measures in the central Okanagan, visit:

https://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/MediaCentre/NewsReleases/Documents/IB_COVID_Outbreak_6%20August.pdf

For information on breakthrough cases, visit: http://news.gov.bc.ca/files/7-27_breakthrough_cases.pdf or see the BC Centre for Disease Control's (BCCDC) weekly data summary: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/data#summary>

Detailed data is posted daily on the BCCDC dashboard: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/data> or: www.bccdc.ca

To register to be immunized or to learn about getting your second dose, visit: www2.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated.html or: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/dose-2>

To learn about BC's Restart plan, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restart>

For recent modelling, visit: http://news.gov.bc.ca/files/6-28_PHO_presentation.pdf

For the provincial health officer's orders and guidance, visit:

<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>

For guidance on restrictions, visit:

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

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

For COVID-19 exposure events, updates and information, visit:

- BCCDC: <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/data-outbreaks>
- Northern Health: <https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/outbreaks-and-exposures>
- Vancouver Coastal Health: <http://www.vch.ca/covid-19/public-exposures>

[Border services resume at a number of small Canadian marine vessel reporting sites, airports of entry and ferry terminals](#)

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) will proceed with the resumption of service at various small marine reporting sites, airports of entry and ferry terminals over the coming days and weeks. This follows the coming into force of new public health measures affecting travel to Canada for fully vaccinated U.S. citizens and permanent residents on August 9.

The full list of ports of entry, where CBSA is resuming its services, can be found [here](#).

Travellers eligible to enter Canada continue to be required to have a negative pre-arrival COVID-19 molecular test result taken no more than 72 hours before arriving in Canada or a previous positive test result taken between 14 and 180 days

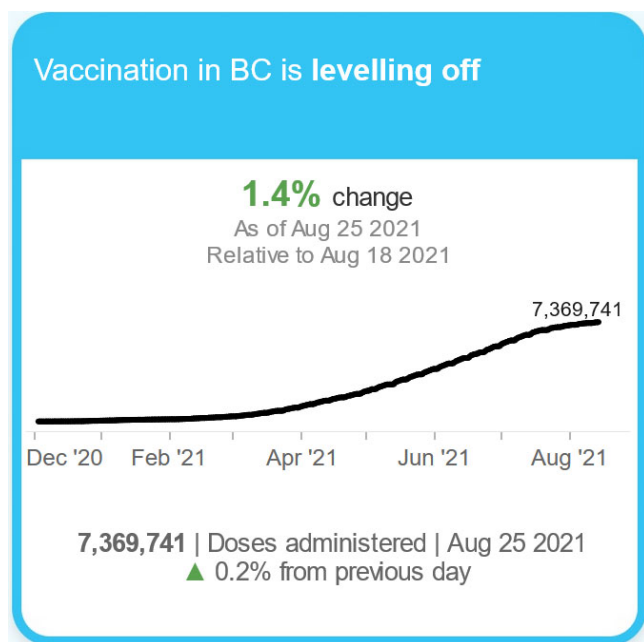
before departure to Canada. They must provide proof of their test result to a Government of Canada official at the border. Antigen tests, often called “rapid tests”, are not accepted.

Fully vaccinated travellers must submit their mandatory information including their digital proof of vaccination in English or French using ArriveCAN (mobile app or by signing in online) within 72 hours before arriving at the border (or when entering Canada by marine mode).

Discretionary (non-essential) travel by individuals from countries other than the U.S., including for those who are fully vaccinated, remains prohibited. There is also no changes to testing and quarantine requirements for other travellers who are not fully vaccinated but eligible to enter Canada such as those entering by right.

While Canada is moving forward with these measures, U.S. border restrictions remain in place for non-essential travel at this time. For information about U.S. requirements, [contact U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#).

[Immunization dashboard](#)



[B.C. wildfires: quick statistics](#)

The wildfire situation is continually evolving, and the information below is current as of 7 p.m. (Pacific time) on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021.

For real-time updates on evacuation alerts and orders, visit: <https://twitter.com/EmergencyInfoBC>

For the latest wildfire information, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

Fires:

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 243
- Since April 1, 2021:
 - 1,551 wildfires
 - 861,523 hectares of area burned
- Active fires by fire centre:
 - Cariboo: 26
 - Coastal: 18
 - Kamloops: 82
 - Northwest: 5
 - Prince George: 52

- Southeast: 60

Resources:

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,450
- Out-of-province firefighters: 464
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 138

Supports available:

- To help people and communities manage and recover from the impacts of wildfires, the Province has assembled a list of the key resources people may need.
Go to www.EmergencyInfoBC.ca and click on “recovery and supports.”
- For up-to-date information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, call 1 888 3-FOREST (1 888 336-7378)
Or visit: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status>.

Stay safe.

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