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### [CLR Members,](#)

Please find the latest updates on the COVID-19 situation.

### **B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update**

As of Thursday, July 15, 2021, 79.4% (3,681,088) of eligible people 12 and older in B.C. have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 48.6% (2,253,818) received their second dose. In addition, 80.5% (3,481,176) of all eligible adults in B.C. have received their first dose and 51.9% (2,246,289) received their second dose. B.C. is reporting 54 new cases of COVID-19, for a total of 148,282 cases in the province.

There are currently 650 active cases of COVID-19 in the province, and 145,859 people who tested positive have recovered. Of the active cases, 63 individuals are currently in hospital and 12 are in intensive care. The remaining people are recovering at home in self-isolation.

Since December 2020, the Province has administered 5,942,064 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines.

#### **Learn More:**

Detailed data is posted daily on the BC Centre for Disease Control's (BCCDC) dashboard: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/data> or: [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca)

To register to be immunized or to learn about getting your second dose, visit: [www2.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated.html](http://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](http://news.gov.bc.ca/files/6-28_PHO_presentation.pdf)

For information on breakthrough cases, see the BCCDC weekly data summary: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/data#summary>

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>

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](http://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>

### **Fully vaccinated U.S. travellers may be allowed into Canada by August, Trudeau says**

Canada could start accepting fully vaccinated travellers from the U.S. for non-essential travel by mid-August, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told the country's premiers Thursday.

If COVID-19 vaccination rates remain on their current trajectory, Trudeau added, then Canada could then see fully vaccinated travellers from around the world begin to arrive by early September.

Trudeau told the premiers that federal ministers will have more to say about reopening plans early next week.

Restrictions on non-essential travel at the Canada-U.S. border are set to expire on July 21. Under the plan revealed by Trudeau, the deadline may be extended one last time by 30 days before fully vaccinated travellers are allowed again.

The travel restrictions have been extended on a monthly basis for more than a year. Canada gradually began easing quarantine requirements July 5, but only for fully vaccinated citizens, permanent residents and other eligible travellers — though it does not apply to recreational travellers.

Trudeau noted to the premiers that nearly 80% of Canadians who are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccines have received at least one dose, while over 50% are fully vaccinated with two doses. Canada's COVID-19 cases have dropped off significantly since the spring as a result, with less than 500 new infections being reported per day on average.

But cases have started to climb in the U.S., thanks to the highly transmissible Delta variant and a significant amount of vaccine resistance among some Americans.

Overall, just over 65% of Americans aged 12 and up have received at least one vaccine dose, while 56.5% are fully vaccinated.

Earlier Thursday, Trudeau acknowledged that Canada will need to reach a certain standard of domestic vaccination before borders with the U.S. can reopen safely.

[A new poll from the Angus Reid Institute](#) on Thursday found a sizeable majority of Canadians — 69% of those surveyed — want at least a 75% vaccination rate before the border is reopened. Nearly 40% said that threshold should be even higher.

### **Economic recovery funding to benefit Lower Mainland communities**

During the COVID-19 pandemic Lower Mainland received over \$8 million in transportation investments made to support the region.

Through StrongerBC: BC's Economic Recovery Plan, more than 20 projects ranging from active transportation improvements and transportation upgrades in rural and remote communities, to climate adaptation projects have been completed. Throughout the province, more than 180 projects received economic recovery funding.

Through StrongerBC, the Province has provided:

- \$5 million for projects focused on active transportation safety and access improvements on provincial right-of-ways;
- nearly \$500,000 to support projects focused on climate adaptation to improve the resiliency of the region's highway network and decrease the negative effects of climate events, including flooding, wildfires and erosion; and
- nearly \$3 million to support projects focused on upgrading side and secondary roads in rural and remote communities. These projects were part of a \$418-million investment to revitalize community infrastructure, enhance connections between communities and help get people back to work.

## Learn More:

Learn more about B.C.'s strategy for more active transportation:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-environment/active-transportation>

Learn more about B.C.'s strategy for climate adaptation: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/climate-change/adaptation>

Learn more about StrongerBC: BC's economic recovery plan: <https://strongerbc.gov.bc.ca/>

## **Government of Canada funds five new projects to encourage COVID-19 vaccination in Canada**

July 12, Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, announced five new projects receiving funding through the [Immunization Partnership Fund \(IPF\)](#) to support vaccination efforts across Canada. These community-based projects will reduce barriers to vaccine uptake among communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic through evidence-based and culturally relevant vaccination strategies.

The African Arts & Culture Community Contributor Society will receive funding to empower Black community leaders in British Columbia as COVID-19 vaccine promoters, establish Black-led vaccine clinics, and develop culturally responsive vaccine resources.

The Mainline, a program of the Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre, will receive funding to encourage vaccine uptake among people who use drugs and urban Indigenous peoples in Nova Scotia. This project will provide credible COVID-19 vaccine information to these communities and deliver low-barrier vaccine clinics and mobile services.

Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec will receive funding to train the staff of three Quebec-area Friendship Centres to raise awareness of the importance of vaccinating against COVID-19 among the Indigenous population, with a special focus on youth, through culturally responsive outreach.

Regina Treaty/Status Indian Services Inc. will receive funding to implement a range of community-based COVID-19 education, promotion, prevention and outreach strategies to support vaccine uptake among urban Indigenous populations in Regina and surrounding communities.

Vancouver Infectious Diseases Centre will receive funding to hold weekly COVID-19 vaccine pop-up clinics at single room occupancy dwellings and homeless shelters for homeless or transient populations in Vancouver and New Westminster. This project will provide COVID-19 testing and vaccine education, promotion, and outreach to facilitate and encourage vaccine uptake among these populations.

The Government of Canada is working closely with experts, provinces and territories, and other partners to encourage vaccine confidence and better understand the barriers people may face to getting vaccinated. The IPF is one tool to help people in Canada make informed vaccine choices through community mobilization and public outreach.

## **Government of Canada launches Jobs and Growth Fund to create jobs and foster economic activity in Canada's communities**

July 13, Mélanie Joly, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages, announced that businesses and organizations across Canada can now submit applications through the new [Jobs and Growth Fund](#).

### **RDAs now accepting applications**

Delivered by [Canada's regional development agencies](#) (RDAs), the new fund provides \$700 million to support a regional response and stimulate economic recovery following the COVID-19 crisis by investing in projects that will help to create jobs over the next three years and beyond. This includes up to \$70 million dedicated to businesses created after January 2020 that meet eligibility criteria. Applications are being accepted on a continuous intake basis until March 31, 2024, or until funding is fully committed. For more information on eligibility criteria and eligible expenses, or to apply to the Jobs and Growth Fund, businesses can reach out to their local RDA.

Through this fund and the recently-announced [Canada Community Revitalization Fund](#), [Major Festivals and Events Support Initiative](#) and the [Tourism Relief Fund](#), Canada's RDAs continue to deliver targeted support for economic recovery across Canada.

## Government of Canada aims to restart cruise ship season in Canada

July 15, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced that, as of November 1, 2021, the prohibition of cruise ships in Canadian waters would no longer be in effect if operators are able to fully comply with public health requirements.

As the outlook of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to improve, Canada looks forward to having a cruising season in 2022.

Transport Canada will continue to work with the Public Health Agency of Canada, other levels of government, the United States government, transportation industry stakeholders, Indigenous Peoples, and Arctic communities to help ensure Canadians and Canada's transportation system remain safe and secure.

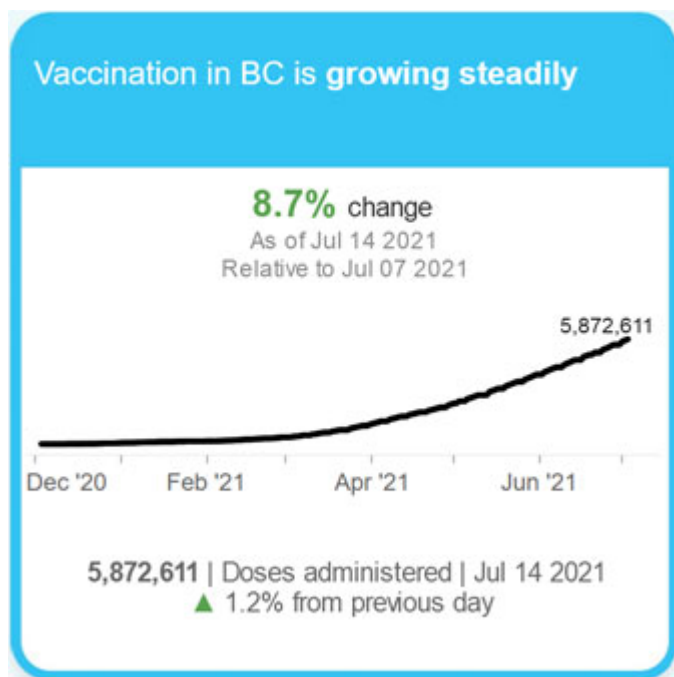
### Quick facts

- On February 4, 2021, the Government of Canada announced a one-year ban for cruise ships and Arctic pleasure craft until February 28, 2022.
- As the COVID-19 situation has shown steady improvement, and as more people become vaccinated, Canada plans to welcome cruise ships back in our waters for the 2022 season.
- The Government of Canada continues to advise Canadians to avoid all travel on cruise ships outside the country until further notice.

### Associated links

- [COVID-19 measures, updates, and guidance issued by Transport Canada](#)
- [COVID-19 guidance posters for marine transportation](#)

## Immunization dashboard



Stay safe.

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