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### [CLR Members,](#)

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

### [Government of Canada's first phase to easing border measures for travellers entering Canada](#)

June 21, the Government of Canada announced the details of the first phase of its approach to easing border measures for travellers entering Canada.

Beginning July 5, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EDT, fully vaccinated travellers who are permitted to enter Canada will not be subject to the federal requirement to quarantine or take a COVID-19 test on day-8. In addition, fully vaccinated travellers arriving by air will not be required to stay at a government-authorized hotel.

To be considered fully vaccinated, a traveller must have received the full series of a vaccine — or combination of vaccines — [accepted by the Government of Canada](#) at least 14 days prior to entering Canada. Currently, those vaccines are manufactured by Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson). Travellers can receive their vaccine in any country, and must provide documentation supporting their vaccination in English, French or with a certified translation.

For these new measures to apply to them, fully vaccinated travellers must still meet all other mandatory requirements, including pre- and on-arrival testing. Fully vaccinated travellers must also be asymptomatic, have a paper or digital copy of their vaccination documentation, and provide COVID-19-related information electronically through ArriveCAN prior to arrival in Canada.

For travellers who are **not** fully vaccinated, there are no changes to Canada's current border measures.

### [State of emergency extended to continue B.C.'s COVID-19 response](#)

The Province of British Columbia has formally extended the provincial state of emergency, allowing health and emergency management officials to continue to use extraordinary powers under the Emergency Program Act (EPA) to support the Province's COVID-19 pandemic response.

The state of emergency is extended through the end of the day on July 6, 2021, to allow staff to take the necessary actions to keep British Columbians safe and manage immediate concerns and COVID-19 outbreaks. In keeping with BC's Restart plan and recommendations from Dr. Bonnie Henry the state of emergency may be cancelled before July 6 if B.C. continues to see solid progress on case numbers, hospitalizations and vaccination rates.

The Province continues, with the support of police and other enforcement officials, to use measures under the EPA to limit the spread of COVID-19, including issuing tickets for owners, operators and event organizers who host an event or gathering contravening the PHO's orders.

For information on all recent orders and guidance, as well as general COVID-19 information for all British Columbians, visit: [www.gov.bc.ca/covid19](http://www.gov.bc.ca/covid19).

### [Joint statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, latest updates](#)

Thursday, June 24, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix issued the following joint statement regarding updates on the COVID-19 response in British Columbia:

“Today, we are reporting 77.5% of all adults in B.C. and 76.0% of those 12 and older have now received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. In addition, 25.9% of all adults in B.C. and 24.2% of those 12 and older have received their second dose. In total, 4,652,087 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in B.C., 1,122,024 of which are second doses.

“There have been 75 new cases of COVID-19, for a total of 147,346 cases in British Columbia. There are currently 1,111 active cases of COVID-19 in the province. A further 144,466 people who tested positive have recovered. Of the active cases, 113 individuals are currently hospitalized, 34 of whom are in intensive care. The remaining people with COVID-19 are recovering at home in self-isolation.

#### **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](http://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](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-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/restrictions>

#### **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](https://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>

#### **[StrongerBC supports Indigenous tourism businesses through pandemic recovery](#)**

Indigenous tourism businesses in B.C. have received over \$28 million for 60 projects to support recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Indigenous tourism is one of the fastest-growing segments in B.C. tourism because it provides opportunities to share Indigenous cultures and experience communities in a new way,” said Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport. “This funding demonstrates reconciliation in action by creating and expanding tourism economic development projects with Indigenous Nations and supporting self determination for Indigenous businesses.”

StrongerBC programs such as the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP), Tourism Dependent Communities Program and Targeted Regional Tourism Development Initiative are part of the Province’s actions to

support recovery of B.C.'s tourism sector, including Indigenous tourism. The BC Indigenous Tourism Recovery Fund was created following the recommendations of the Tourism Task Force and created to support Indigenous tourism businesses specifically.

Indigenous tourism businesses include accommodation and resorts, outdoor adventure experiences, restaurants, tour companies, galleries and gift shops owned by Indigenous people. There are over 480 Indigenous tourism businesses in B.C.

For a list of Indigenous organizations that are receiving funding, visit:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/IndigenousTourismRecovery.pdf>.

### **[B.C. enlists global expert to advise on sustainable, innovative, inclusive economic plan](#)**

The Government of British Columbia is teaming up with a world-renowned professor from University College London (UCL) to advise on the future of the economy as B.C. develops a long-term economic plan that will steer the province through the post-pandemic era.

Mariana Mazzucato and her team at UCL's Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose (IIPP) will advise the B.C. government as it develops its plan to build a sustainable, inclusive and innovative economy. Government will seek input from B.C. business groups, labour, Indigenous Nations, post-secondary institutions, not-for-profit organizations, local governments and the public.

Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation, is leading the public and stakeholder engagement on this plan.

Mazzucato and her team of experts at IIPP will advise the Province on aligning public-sector capabilities, financing mechanisms and citizen engagement with a new mission-oriented innovation strategy for building an inclusive and sustainable economy.

#### **Learn More:**

For more information on StrongerBC, visit: <https://strongerbc.gov.bc.ca/>

For more information on BC's Restart plan, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restart>

To learn more about Mazzucato: <https://marianamazzucato.com/>

For more information on UCL Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose, visit: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/iipp>

To contact the Economic Plan Engagement Secretariat, email: [Economic.Plan.Engagement@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Economic.Plan.Engagement@gov.bc.ca)

### **[COVID-19 outbreak at Site C project declared over after nearly 2 months](#)**

An outbreak of COVID-19 at the Site C hydroelectric dam project in northern B.C. has officially been declared over, nearly two months after it was announced.

Northern Health confirmed Thursday the outbreak had ended. An emailed statement said 56 lab-confirmed cases were associated with the outbreak, which was first declared on April 28.

"All of the cases have since recovered," the statement said.

The Site C dam, near Fort St. John, B.C., is the largest infrastructure project undertaken in the province's history. In March, BC Hydro said more than 2,300 workers were expected to be on site by late spring. Additional workers are expected on-site in summer.

Northern Health said it will continue to monitor for future outbreaks. It said immunizations have continued on site, with more than 1,700 first doses and 1,200 second doses administered to date.

### **[COVID-19 Vaccination: Construction Fast Lanes](#)**

In partnership with the BC Public Health Office, the BC Construction Association (BCCA) and its [partners](#) have made available construction fast lanes at select vaccination centers around the province on specified dates between and times through June and July.

No registration or appointment needed, workers can just show up at one of the participating locations on any of the dates identified. Government ID and Personal Health Number is not essential but recommended to get through even faster.

For more information on participating locations visit: [COVID-19 Vaccination: Construction Fast Lanes - BC Construction Association](#).

### [This is Our Shot to be #TogetherAgain virtual Town Hall](#)

[This Is Our Shot](#) will host a panel of medical professionals from across Canada to answer the questions about COVID-19 vaccines on [Facebook Live](#), **Monday, June 28 at 8:00pm ET**. The diverse panel consists of experts with a range of specialties who will share their science-based COVID-19 vaccination knowledge. Topics will include the recent travel changes for fully vaccinated individuals, the difference between Moderna and Pfizer, and the data surrounding myocarditis and the vaccines.

Questions can be submitted either before or during the Town Hall [here](#) or by using the QR code below:



### [Cantonese and Mandarin materials available](#)

Vancouver Coastal Health prepared a set of documents available in Cantonese and Mandarin languages. Please find the links below:

- COVID-19 vaccine information sheet: [English](#) | [Traditional Chinese](#) | [Simplified Chinese](#)
- COVID-19 vaccine poster (registration and booking process): [English](#) | [Traditional Chinese](#) | [Simplified Chinese](#)
- COVID-19 vaccine safety poster: [English and Traditional Chinese](#) | [English and Simplified Chinese](#)
- COVID-19 vaccine info sessions held in partnership with S.U.C.C.E.S.S.: [Cantonese](#) | [Mandarin](#) (Note: These sessions were held in April. The most recent session was hosted by S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Richmond on May 1 and was geared toward new immigrants who are Mandarin-speaking. We are hoping to host another series of info sessions in the coming months, providing up-to-date info and preparing people for dose two.)

### [Immunization dashboard](#)

## Vaccination in BC is growing steadily

**9.7%** change

As of Jun 23 2021  
Relative to Jun 16 2021



**4,570,153** | Doses administered | Jun 23 2021  
▲ 1.3% from previous day

Stay safe.

Ken McCormack | President & CEO

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