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### CLR Members,

*As you noticed from our several last editions of the CLRInfo newsletter, our topics are now not limited to the COVID situation updates, as the original purpose of this CLR publication was intended to be. The situation in our Province continues to evolve, and so does our communicate, which we like to think became your reliable and expected weekly source of updates on COVID-related, and now – non-COVID-related issues.*

*Along with diversification of the content we also decided to make CLRInfo a bi-weekly communication tool. This will allow us for gathering more quality content over the course of two weeks, while keeping you informed on a regular basis. Please rest assured that if any critical information becomes available between two consecutive CLRInfo editions, we will make sure to communicate it to you right away.*

*We hope you continue to find your CLRInfo updates relevant and timely, and always look forward to hearing your feedback, comments and ideas. Please, contact Maria, our Marketing and Communications Coordinator, if you have any questions or suggestions re CLRInfo: [marias@clra-bc.com](mailto:marias@clra-bc.com), 604-328-0220.*

## Premier's statement on his health

Premier John Horgan released the following statement regarding the state of his health on Thursday:

“After noticing a lump in my neck, I went to the doctor to get a number of tests over the past few weeks. Those tests have revealed a growth in my throat that requires surgery tomorrow. Any further treatment will be determined after the surgery.

“Out of an abundance of caution, Minister Mike Farnworth is being appointed as Deputy Premier along with his other duties.

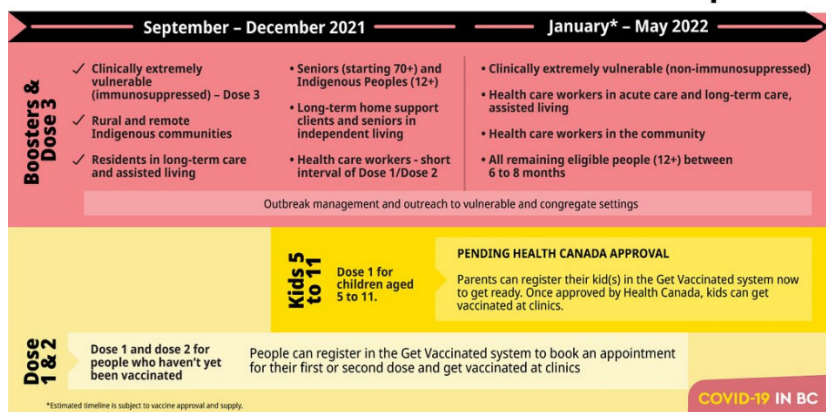
“Mike will be there as support, if needed, but I will continue in all my roles as Premier, head of the executive council, the current chair of the Council of the Federation.

“My message to all British Columbians is, please don't wait. If you are concerned about something, don't put it off. Go see a doctor, go to an urgent and primary care centre to get it checked out as soon as you can.”

## COVID-19 and Vaccination Updates

[Provincewide booster dose is next step in COVID-19 immunization plan](#)

# COVID-19 Immunization Plan – Next steps



More people in B.C. will start to receive invitations for a COVID-19 booster shot as the Province continues its COVID-19 immunization plan, prioritizing B.C.'s elderly and most at-risk through to the December holiday.

The plan expands to include all British Columbians 12+ beginning in January 2022.

People 70+ who are registered in the Get Vaccinated System, as well as Indigenous Peoples 12+, will soon be invited to book their booster. Booster doses are underway for other priority groups, including residents of long-term care and

assisted living facilities and vulnerable people living in shelters or high-risk congregate settings, and are in use as part of outbreak management.

As was the case with the first and second doses, the timing of invitations is based on risk and age (beginning oldest to youngest), with an interval of between six to eight months from the second dose.

Boosters will be delivered in health authority public-health community clinics and by participating pharmacies around the province. As with Dose 1 and 2, people who are registered with the Get Vaccinated System will receive an invitation to book their booster shot when it's their turn. People can use their invitation to schedule their booster appointment in health authority clinics or at participating pharmacies. The call centre will also continue to be available for those who can't book online. Walk-ins are not available for booster shots.

Vaccinations for children five to 11 are subject to Health Canada approval and are anticipated to be coming soon. The vaccine program for children ages five to 11 will draw on a separate supply of vaccine designed for children and will be delivered in parallel to the booster program. In the meantime, parents can register their child now in advance at: [getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca)

## Learn More:

For information about booster shots, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/booster>

For information on a third dose for people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register#immunocompromised>

## [Increased gathering capacity and two-dose requirement](#)

On Monday, Oct. 25, limits on indoor capacity for organized gatherings were raised to 100% in settings where vaccination rates are high, and proof of vaccination is required. As of Oct. 24, individuals born before 2009 must have received two doses of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine to meet the standard for proof of vaccination. Indoor gatherings and events will continue to require participants wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.

## Learn More:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0184-001999>

For information on the latest provincial health officer's orders and guidance, non-medical issues (such as travel recommendations) and how to manage social isolation, visit: [www.gov.bc.ca/COVID-19](http://www.gov.bc.ca/COVID-19).

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

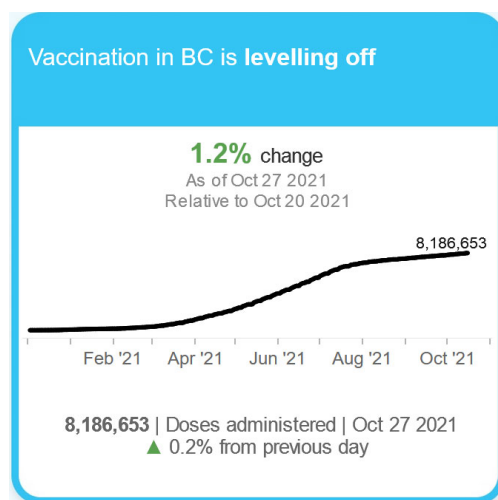
As of Thursday, Oct. 28, 89.8% (4,160,780) of eligible people 12 and older in B.C. have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 84.9% (3,933,596) have received their second dose.

In addition, 90.2% (3,901,337) of all eligible adults in B.C. have received their first dose and 85.5% (3,697,157) have received their second dose.

B.C. is reporting 758 new cases of COVID-19, including two epi-linked cases, for a total of 204,330 cases in the province.

There are 4,961 active cases of COVID-19 in the province, and 196,858 people who tested positive have recovered. Of the active cases, 434 individuals are in hospital and 155 are in intensive care. The remaining people are recovering at home in self-isolation.

## [Immunization dashboard](#)



## **Travel**

### [Government of Canada provides further details on new vaccine requirements](#)

#### ***Requirements effective October 30***

As the [Government of Canada announced on August 13](#), travellers in the federally regulated air and rail sectors will need to be vaccinated against COVID-19. After extensive consultations, Transport Canada issued the final orders and guidance to airlines and railways to implement the vaccination requirements for travellers which are effective at 3 AM (EDT) October 30, 2021. The vaccination requirements will apply to all travellers 12 years of age plus four months who are:

- Air passengers flying on domestic, transborder, or international flights departing from certain airports in Canada; and
- Rail passengers on VIA Rail and Rocky Mountaineer trains.

Travellers will need to show airlines and railways proof of vaccination. For a short transition period until November 29, 2021, travellers have the option to show proof of a valid COVID-19 molecular test in order to board. Airlines and railways will be responsible for confirming the vaccination status of travellers. In the aviation mode, the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) will also support operators by confirming vaccination status.

There will very few exceptions for emergencies and [special accommodations for designated remote communities](#) so residents can continue to access essential services.

#### ***Requirements effective November 30***

As of November 30, a negative COVID-19 molecular test will no longer be accepted as an alternative to vaccination. If travellers have not already started the vaccination process, or do not start very soon, they will not be eligible to travel starting November 30. There will be only very limited exemptions. Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks.

In addition, there will be transitional measures for unvaccinated foreign nationals who normally reside outside of Canada and who entered Canada prior to October 30. Until February 28, they will be able to take a flight for the purpose of departing Canada if they show proof of a valid COVID-19 molecular test at the time of travel.

## [U.S. CDC says guidance still to come on whether to require land-border COVID-19 test](#)

U.S. officials aren't ruling out the possibility that fully vaccinated foreign visitors will need a recent negative COVID-19 test in order to cross the land border with Canada. The latest rules for foreign air travellers, updated Monday, Oct. 26, by the White House, say fully vaccinated passengers will need to show proof of a negative test taken within three days before boarding.

The new international travel rules, which also require that foreign nationals be fully vaccinated, are scheduled to take effect Nov. 8.

Dr. Cindy Friedman, chief of the travellers' health branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, says clarity on the rules for land-border visitors is coming soon.

Friedman says Customs and Border Protection is expected to announce in the next few days whether travellers crossing the land borders will need to show proof of a negative test.

## **Business & Economy**

### [Province gives local government more tools to increase housing](#)

People in B.C. communities will benefit from legislative amendments that give local governments more powers to simplify and speed up their development approvals processes. These changes will support local governments to move forward more efficiently on developments, bypassing barriers and speeding up housing approvals. They were identified during consultation with local governments, housing providers and builders, and other stakeholders as part of the Province's Development Approvals Process Review. These changes will also build on the work of the Local Government Development Approvals Program that is providing \$15 million to help local governments create more efficient approvals processes.

To ensure transparency, the proposed amendment for public hearings requires local governments to provide public notice of the rezoning bylaw before the bylaw is considered at first reading by a municipal council or regional district board.

The proposed legislation also makes amendments to streamline the Islands Trust development approvals processes by enabling local trust committees to adopt and amend Development Approval Information bylaws. As well, the Province is proposing changes that will support the City of Powell River's economic development objectives by removing city-owned lots from the designated mill site area to allow for further development of those lands and support community planning.

#### **Learn More:**

For more information about the Development Approvals Process Review consultation process, visit:

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/local-governments/planning-land-use/dapr\\_2019\\_report.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/local-governments/planning-land-use/dapr_2019_report.pdf)

### [Have your say on making new buildings more accessible](#)

The Province is inviting all British Columbians to provide their feedback about how to make new buildings more accessible for all people.

A public engagement about BC Building Code accessibility requirements is open and will run until **Dec. 9, 2021**. The input collected through an online survey will be used to help government develop changes to the next BC Building Code to make new buildings more accessible. The survey is available here:

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/building-code-accessibility/>

The Ministry of Attorney General and Responsible for Housing will publish an online report summarizing key themes of the public engagement in the new year. Proposed accessibility code changes based on the feedback received will then be developed and are expected to be released for further feedback before they are included in the next BC Building Code.



The BC Building Code provides a standard set of rules for construction throughout the province. Accessibility requirements within the building code set the rules for the design and construction of new buildings to ensure people can approach, enter, exit and move through buildings independently.

**Learn More:**

To participate in the survey, visit:

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/building-code-accessibility/>

Learn more about accessibility in the BC Building Code: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/construction-industry/building-codes-standards/accessibility>

## Sustainability

### [B.C. launches stronger climate plan for a better future](#)

British Columbia is launching a stronger, more ambitious climate plan to deliver on its commitment to reduce climate pollution and build a cleaner, stronger economy.

The CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 plan accelerates measures in B.C.'s climate plan and introduces new ideas to help B.C. achieve the Paris emissions reduction targets for 2030 and reach net-zero by 2050.

The CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 builds on the progress British Columbia has made since 2018 by making polluting more expensive and the shift from fossil fuels to clean alternatives more affordable. The plan will help power more businesses and communities with clean, renewable made-in-B.C. hydro electricity. Working with large industry partners, it will also ensure sector-specific plans to reduce their climate pollution and meet B.C.'s targets.

The CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 includes a series of actions across eight pathways. They include:

- a commitment to increase the price on carbon pollution to meet or exceed the federal benchmark, with supports for people and businesses;
- requirements for new industry projects to have enforceable plans to reach B.C.'s legislated and sectoral targets and net zero by 2050;
- stronger regulations that will nearly eliminate industrial methane emissions by 2035;
- a comprehensive review of the oil and gas royalty system to ensure it aligns with B.C.'s climate goals and provides a fair return for British Columbians, with outcomes released in February 2022;
- new requirements to make all new buildings zero-carbon by 2030;
- a nation-leading adoption of zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) by 2030 and 100% ZEVs by 2035;
- developing new ZEV targets for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles;
- an accelerated shift toward active transportation and public transit (30% by 2030; 40% by 2040; 50% by 2050);
- increased clean fuel and energy efficiency requirements; and
- support for innovation in areas like clean hydrogen, the forest-based bioeconomy and negative emissions technology.

**Learn More:**

To read the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030, visit: [www.cleanbc.gov.bc.ca](http://www.cleanbc.gov.bc.ca)

Read more about B.C.'s comprehensive review of the oil and gas royalty system: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021EMLI0060-001927>

### [Province takes aim at banning problem plastics](#)

The Province continues to take action to remove problem plastics from communities and the natural environment.

New legislation will mean the Province can move more quickly to remove plastic debris through phased-in provincewide product bans.

Changes under new legislation mean the Province will be able to identify and take direct action to phase out single-use plastic products and packaging. Decisions will be made based on the environmental and economic impacts of any bans, with the first phase of new regulations expected in early 2023.

**Learn More:**

- To follow the progress of this bill through the legislature, [visit](#):
- To find out about the CleanBC Plastics Action Plan, visit: <https://cleanbc.gov.bc.ca/plastics/>

## Workplace Safety

### [Include Workplace Safety on Take Our Kids to Work Day](#)

On November 3, 2021, grade nine students across Canada will have the opportunity to job shadow their parent or another adult for the day, to get an up-close glimpse of work life on Take Our Kids to Work day. The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) reminds workplaces that health and safety can still be included in their programs whether they're hosting the event virtually or in person.

To help include workplace health and safety as part of the day, CCOHS recommends organizations incorporate the following activities while hosting students this year:

- Host a [workplace orientation](#) with participating students that focuses on health and safety issues relevant to the organization
- Lead some healthy [stretching exercises](#)
- Include plenty of breaks away from the computer
- Have a discussion [on new worker safety](#)
- Share information about [workers rights and responsibilities](#)
- Hold a Youth Video Contest watch party and [watch the inspiring videos](#)

Additional information, resources, and tools to help promote workplace health and safety are available on CCOHS' Young Workers Zone website: [www.ccohs.ca/youngworkers](http://www.ccohs.ca/youngworkers).

**More info:**

- Information about the Take Our Kids to Work program including special events and live virtual breakout sessions on specific topics, sectors, and careers can be found on [The Learning Partnership website](#).
- [COVID-19 Health and Safety Resources](#)
- [Event Planning During the COVID-19 Pandemic \(Tip Sheet\)](#)
- [Don't Let Your Guard Down Against COVID-19 \(Infographic\)](#)



Stay safe.

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