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From: Ferrier, Jeffrey GCPE:EX
Sent: September 23, 2021 5:20 PM
To: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Revised statement for approval

So to be clear it would be this:

How B.C. counts its daily COVID-19 cases in hospitals.

All COVID-19 patients in B.C. who require *any* form of hospital care are counted as one case in daily totals when they first enter a facility. These individuals continue to be included in this count for the duration of the time they remain actively infectious.

Once a patient in critical care is no longer actively infectious with COVID-19, the patient is removed from daily critical-care totals. That said, for planning purposes, these patients are still included in the overall COVID-19 counts for the hospital.

For some of these patients, COVID-19 can trigger difficulties with other health conditions. These patients may require longer periods of hospitalization but for reasons that are no longer directly tied COVID-19. This means that some patients who entered hospital or critical care as a COVID-19 patient may no longer be counted as COVID-19 patients once they are no longer infectious, even though they remain in hospital.

As of September 21, there were 152 of these patients in B.C. hospitals. Within hospital record-keeping, the term for such an occurrence is “discontinued isolation.”

“Discontinued isolation” reporting is anchored in B.C.’s public health guidelines. For most cases, isolation is discontinued after ten days — provided there is no fever and that symptoms are improving. These same requirements are in effect in Ontario, Alberta, and the US CDC. In B.C., for serious cases, the guideline is 20 days. That 20-day guideline varies according to each patient’s unique circumstances and is, for this reason, a clinical decision.

These discontinued isolation cases are reported on independently from B.C.’s COVID numbers. They are included in reports on overall hospital capacity and critical-care capacity. These cases do not directly contribute to the epidemiological picture of the pandemic, but importantly, make a significant contribution to public awareness and understanding of hospitals’ readiness to provide care.

The Ministry of Health looks at hospitalizations and critical-care beds to ensure the sustainability of the system. We look at those numbers in the context of the overall capacity; to ensure the system is running efficiently at or near capacity but not over capacity. We frequently provide information on hospital and critical-care capacity to the media and the public.

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On Sep 23, 2021, at 4:59 PM, Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello,
The joint statement is attached. Let me know if this is ordered the way you want. The MO is ok with your addition. Once you've reviewed we will send to the editors.

Thanks!
Aileen

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Minister likes this shortened version. If you are ok with it, we could provide it as a joint statement from you (Dr. Henry), and the Minister.

Let me know if that works.

Thanks!

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From: [Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX](#)
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Date: September 23, 2021 11:08:50 AM
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INFORMATION BULLETIN

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2021HLTH0058-001844
Sept. 24, 2021

Ministry of Health

How B.C. counts its daily COVID-19 cases in hospitals

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The BC Centre for Disease Control’s surveillance reports and the numbers in the daily report

have a different function. They report the number of people with COVID-19 who require hospital or critical care. This gives an understanding of the severity of illness and only counts the individual once even if they are hospitalized more than once or have several stays in critical care. These data help determine if, for example, the Delta variant causes increased rates of hospitalization or leads to more people needing critical care. This helps to understand the impact of the pandemic on the population (e.g., what percent of people with COVID-19 require hospital care) and plan public-health measures.

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Cc: [Ferrier, Jeffrey GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Bulletin now live
Date: September 24, 2021 10:45:27 AM

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Subject: Final bulletin - hospitalization data
Date: September 24, 2021 8:37:04 AM
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Ok, thank you for the edits Dr. Henry.

Here is the final information bulletin.

This will go at 10 am as Minister requested.

Thanks,
Aileen

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Ok. If there is confusion we can clarify in response to media. I'm good with this going out at 9am

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Yes, in an outbreak all cases are counted in the daily numbers.

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I think so. Are these people added to daily covid counts?

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What about this? Is that more clear?

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It is a very real thing. People contract covid while in hospital and stay in hospital even when they

recover from covid. That is quite a few of the number right now.

b

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Sorry one more small clarification in yellow.

b

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Let me know if you have any concerns, otherwise editors will aim for distribution by 9 or so.

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Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Joint statement from Ministry of Health and BCCDC
Date: September 23, 2021 4:09:00 PM
Attachments: [IB COVID Hospitalizations Explainer Sep 23 .docx](#)

Hello,

I worked with Dr. Henry and the Ministry to put together the attached bulletin in response to some misinformation and confusion in recent reports.

Minister would like it to be a joint statement from Ministry of Health and BCCDC.

Are you ok with it? If so we will put it out today.

Thanks!

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Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Statement on hospitalization data - for including in the bulletin
Date: September 23, 2021 2:22:49 PM
Attachments: [Hospitalization Response - 2pm.docx](#)

Hello Minister,

I worked on this with Martin Wright and Dr. Henry (Stephen Brown is also aware)^{s.13}

^{s.13} Can you take a look and let me know if it's ok to include in today's bulletin?

^{s.13}

Thanks!

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Subject: For review and approval: information bulletin on hospitalization number definition
Date: September 23, 2021 3:03:39 PM
Attachments: [IB_COVID Hospitalizations Explainer_Sep 23.docx](#)

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached information bulletin intended to provide the public with more information on our reporting of hospitalization numbers.

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Thank you,

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I didn't think I liked it but I do. Its simpler. What do you think?

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Thanks Aileen, final attached, going right away.

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Subject: FW: FOR REVIEW
Date: September 23, 2021 11:08:30 AM
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Leah and Jeff are reviewing it now but let me know if you have any thoughts in the meantime before I send you a final draft.

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Cc: [Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Response re: hospital numbers
Date: September 23, 2021 1:31:05 PM
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Ok, thanks Dr. Henry. s.13

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Thanks!

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Let me know, thank you.

Aileen

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Subject: FW: Revised statement for approval
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Revised version – it's now a joint statement.

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Date: September 24, 2021 8:41:31 AM
Attachments: [IB COVID Hospitalizations Explainer Sep 24 FINAL.docx](#)

Hello,

Please see the attached information bulletin for preparing to publish, on approval, at 10 am. Corp
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[HLTH-104631](#)

Thanks,
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From: [MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX](#)
To: [Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX](#); [van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX](#)
Subject: My thoughts
Date: September 23, 2021 9:58:14 AM

From: [Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX](#); [Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: please review
Date: September 23, 2021 2:48:23 PM
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Subject: please review
Date: September 23, 2021 3:16:40 PM
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Adding George Smith to confirm it's ok for us to distribute another bulletin today?

(Assuming it receives signoff from Minister and DBH).

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Subject: RE: please review

My suggestions attached. Looks great overall, I just made some flow tweaks that I think make it easier to follow?

Calling you re the IB

Sarah

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Subject: Quick review please
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Subject: RE: BC Gov News - How B.C. counts its daily COVID-19 cases in hospitals
Date: September 24, 2021 11:25:11 AM

True. I believe weekly.

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When I spoke to Minister last night, he said he takes new requests for data seriously and is recommending that the BCCDC provides this information regularly. We will put that in a response for approval.

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Sent: September 24, 2021 11:21 AM
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I'm extremely disappointed that you wouldn't at least send this to me first considering I've been asking for it before everyone else and instead chose to handle it in this manner.

Will the ministry deign to release the discontinued isolation number daily from now on?

~Penny

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Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 10:52 AM
To: Daflos, Penny
Subject: [EXT]FW: BC Gov News - How B.C. counts its daily COVID-19 cases in hospitals

Hi Penny,

I just wanted to make sure you saw this as I know this topic has been of interest for you.

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Subject: RE: Bulletin now live
Date: September 24, 2021 10:54:16 AM

Thx. So in our surgical updates?

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Can we pull up where these are shared?

From McElroy:

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Is this accurate, for his FB:

There has been some renewed interest in how hospitalizations are counted in BC.

The process by which hospitalization is tallied has not changed since the pandemic began and is also practiced in Alberta and Ontario: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0058-001844>

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Can we pull up where these are shared?

From McElroy:

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Date: September 23, 2021 4:20:00 PM

I like it.

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I didn't think I liked it but I do. Its simpler. What do you think?

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What about this? Is that more clear?

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Thanks, Aileen, that works.

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We've proposed the following:

The BC Centre for Disease Control's surveillance reports and the numbers in the daily report have a different function. They report the number of people with COVID-19 who require hospital or critical care. This gives an understanding of the severity of illness and only counts the individual once even if they are hospitalized more than once or have several stays in critical care. These data help determine if, for example, the Delta variant causes increased rates of hospitalization or leads to more people needing critical care. This helps to understand the impact of the pandemic on the population (e.g., what percent of people with COVID-19 require hospital care) and plan public-health measures.

Let me know if that works, thanks.

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Of note:

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Sept. 24, 2021

Ministry of Health

INFORMATION BULLETIN

How B.C. counts its daily COVID-19 cases in hospitals

VICTORIA - All COVID-19 patients in B.C. who require any form of hospital care are counted as one case in daily totals when they first enter a facility.

These individuals continue to be included in this count for the duration of the time they remain actively infectious.

Once a patient in critical care is no longer actively infectious with COVID-19, the patient is removed from daily critical-care totals. However, for planning purposes, these patients are still included in the overall COVID-19 counts for the hospital.

For some of these patients, COVID-19 can trigger difficulties with other health conditions. These patients may require longer periods of hospitalization, but for reasons that are no longer directly tied COVID-19, or they may have contracted COVID-19 while in hospital and still need care for the underlying issue they were admitted for. This means some patients who entered hospital or critical care as a COVID-19 patient may no longer be counted as COVID-19 patients once they are no longer infectious, even though they remain in hospital.

As of Sept. 21, 2021, there were 152 of these patients in B.C. hospitals. Within hospital record-keeping, the term for such an occurrence is "discontinued isolation."

Discontinued isolation reporting is anchored in B.C.'s public-health guidelines. For most cases, isolation is discontinued after 10 days, provided there is no fever and symptoms are improving. These same requirements are in effect in Ontario, Alberta and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the U.S. In B.C., for serious cases, the guideline is 20 days. That 20-day guideline varies according to each patient's unique circumstances and is, for this reason, a clinical decision.

These discontinued isolation cases are reported independently from B.C.'s COVID numbers. They are included in reports on overall hospital capacity and critical-care capacity. These cases do not directly contribute to the epidemiological picture of the pandemic, but importantly, make a significant contribution to public awareness and understanding of hospitals' readiness to provide care.

The Ministry of Health looks at hospitalizations and critical-care beds to ensure the sustainability of the system. It looks at those numbers in the context of the overall capacity to ensure the system is running efficiently at or near capacity, but not over capacity. The ministry frequently provides information on hospital and critical-care capacity to the media and the public.

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Subject: Re: FOR APPROVAL: Statement on hospitalization data - for including in the bulletin
Date: September 23, 2021 2:26:43 PM

Ok, a separate information bulletin to go around the same time?

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On Sep 23, 2021, at 2:25 PM, Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Yes as a separate item.

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Subject: Re: For Minister/PHO Review/Approval: Daily IB
Date: September 23, 2021 3:57:36 PM

Minister approved IB. Still working on additional statements

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On Sep 23, 2021, at 2:38 PM, Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX
<Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

We are going to issue it as a separate bulletin. Coming shortly!

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To: Cen, Calvin GCPE:EX <Calvin.Cen@gov.bc.ca>; Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>
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Looks fine but ^{s.13}
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Good afternoon Minister & Dr. Henry,

Attached is today's info bulletin for your review.

Regards
Calvin

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From: [Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Cen, Calvin GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW- Today's Draft IB
Date: September 23, 2021 2:33:49 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Calvin – please send your version of the bulletin to PHO and MO for approval.

I'm going to turn my statement into a separate bulletin.

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Sent: September 23, 2021 1:38 PM
To: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW- Today's Draft IB

OK. Standing by.

Calvin

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Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 1:38 PM
To: Cen, Calvin GCPE:EX <Calvin.Cen@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW- Today's Draft IB

Hi Calvin – we are working on a significant addition to today's bulletin. I'll send it to you once it's ready. The bulletin has been postponed to 2:30pm or so.

From: Cen, Calvin GCPE:EX <Calvin.Cen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 23, 2021 1:37 PM
To: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FOR REVIEW- Today's Draft IB

Hi Aileen,

Attached is today's IB for your review.

Some data for today:

**Vaccinations Administered to the BC Population
Up to and Including September 22, 2021**

	Number of Dose 1 Vaccinations to BC Population	Number of Dose 2 Vaccinations to BC Population	Percentage of BC Population Vaccinated with Dose 1	Percentage of BC Population Vaccinated with Dose 2
18+	3,799,479	3,490,764	87.8%	80.7%
12+	4,046,960	3,701,696	87.3%	79.9%
Entire BC Population	4,046,960	3,701,696	78.3%	71.6%

**Doses Administered by Health Authority
(to BC and Non-BC Residents)
Up to and Including September 22, 2021**

	Total Doses	Dose 1	Dose 2
IHA	1,191,516	623,284	568,232
FHA	2,842,269	1,479,637	1,362,632
VCHA	2,017,340	1,056,596	960,744
VIHA	1,328,401	690,669	637,732
NHA	377,108	202,572	174,536
B.C. Total	7,756,634	4,052,758	3,703,876

Reported Cases

- 832 new cases have been reported since yesterday
 - No new epi-linked cases reported since yesterday

Table 1. Reported cases by health authority of residence ^{a,b,c}

	Health Authority of Residence ^c						Total N (%)
	FHA	IHA	VIHA	NHA	VCH	Out of Canada	
Total number of cases ^{a,b,c}	95,535	26,112	8,091	11,003	40,749	279	181,769
Number of new cases since yesterday ^{d,e}	377	153	71	117	114	0	832
Number of lab-confirmed and lab- probable cases	95,162	25,903	8,024	10,684	40,406	278	180,457
Number of epi-linked probable cases ^{b,f}	373	209	67	319	343	1	1,312
Ever Hospitalized ^g	4,960	1,310	362	861	2,127	14	9,634 (5%)
Currently in Hospital ^g	97	55	34	71	73	0	330
Deaths ^g	960	221	59	170	505	0	1,915 (1%)
New deaths since yesterday ^d	2	2	0	1	0	0	5
Number known to be pregnant	739	133	60	112	289	0	1,333
Discontinued isolation ^h	92,465	24,643	7,302	9,839	39,303	234	173,786 (96%)
Currently active cases ⁱ	1,932	1,181	654	977	909	44	5,697 (3%)

	Total Confirmed Critical Care COVID-19 Positive Patients			
	22-Sep-21		23-Sep-21	
	Critical Care	MV	Critical Care	MV
HA				
IH	50	39	45	34
FH	35	18	34	21
NH	21	6	19	7
VCH	29	24	28	25
VIHA	20	15	21	10
PHSA	1	0	1	0
Total	156	102	148	97

Thanks

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From: [MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX](#)
To: [Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX](#); [van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX](#)
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW
Date: September 23, 2021 11:28:44 AM
Attachments: [Hospitalization Response - amedits.docx](#)

I don't know how to show edits in the email so I made some small changes and dropped them in this word doc.

-Alex

From: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 23, 2021 11:14 AM
To: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 23, 2021 11:13 AM
To: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW

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On Sep 23, 2021, at 11:08 AM, Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Sent: September 23, 2021 11:08 AM
To: Holoiday, Leah GCPE:EX <Leah.Holoiday@gov.bc.ca>; Ferrier, Jeffrey GCPE:EX <Jeffrey.Ferrier@gov.bc.ca>
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From: [Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX](#)
To: [McKill, Colin GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Re: IB - hospitalization data
Date: September 23, 2021 5:57:06 PM

Hi Colin, we are going to hold it until tomorrow. Thank you.

Aileen Machell
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On Sep 23, 2021, at 5:36 PM, McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
<Colin.McKill@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Aileen! Was just wondering if there was any update on the IB.

From: [Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX](#)
To: [McKill, Colin GCPE:EX](#); [Croft, Robyn J GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Murphy, Susanne GCPE:EX](#); [Tucker, Monica M GCPE:EX](#); [GCPE Editorial Services](#)
Subject: RE: Information bulletin for 10 am HLTH-104631
Date: September 24, 2021 10:11:27 AM

Yes, I'm working on it but need to ensure the edits are accurate. Will get back to you asap. Thanks.

From: McKill, Colin GCPE:EX <Colin.McKill@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 24, 2021 10:11 AM
To: Croft, Robyn J GCPE:EX <Robyn.Croft@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Murphy, Susanne GCPE:EX <Susanne.Murphy@gov.bc.ca>; Tucker, Monica M GCPE:EX <Monica.Tucker@gov.bc.ca>; GCPE Editorial Services <GCPEWES@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Information bulletin for 10 am HLTH-104631

Hi Robyn, letting you know that this bulletin is still in approvals and did not make the 10 a.m. release time.

From: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 24, 2021 8:42 AM
To: GCPE Editors <GCPEEDIT@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Cc: GCPE Communications - COVID HLTH <CommHcovid@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; Ferrier, Jeffrey GCPE:EX <Jeffrey.Ferrier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Information bulletin for 10 am HLTH-104631

Hello,
Please see the attached information bulletin for preparing to publish, on approval, at 10 am. Corp Cal #
[HLTH-104631](#)

Thanks,
Aileen

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From: [Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: KMs - Response re: hospital numbers
Date: September 23, 2021 12:50:11 PM

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From: Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Marriott@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 23, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: KMs - Response re: hospital numbers

Our proposed for Premier below. Does that suit you Aileen?

If your information goes out, before the Premier's avail, let us know? (Per the first line) But I assume your info will go out after?

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From: Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: September 23, 2021 12:27 PM
To: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <[Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca](#)>; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <[Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca](#)>
Subject: RE: Response re: hospital numbers

Thanks Aileen. Am going to flip you some v. high level bullets that we'll give the Premier (not getting into this detail). Will get back to you with that draft very shortly.

From: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 23, 2021 12:15 PM
To: Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Marriott@gov.bc.ca>; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Response re: hospital numbers

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Cc: Holoiday, Leah GCPE:EX <Leah.Holoiday@gov.bc.ca>; Ferrier, Jeffrey GCPE:EX <Jeffrey.Ferrier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Response re: hospital numbers

Hi Dr. Henry,

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Thanks!

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To: [Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX](#); [Wright, Martin P HLTH:EX](#); [Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX](#)
Cc: [XT:Lambrechts, Nicola GCPE:IN](#); [Holoday, Leah GCPE:EX](#); [Ferrier, Jeffrey GCPE:EX](#); [Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX](#)
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Date: September 23, 2021 2:31:43 PM

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Sent: September 23, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>; Wright, Martin P HLTH:EX <Martin.P.Wright@gov.bc.ca>; Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX <Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca>
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Sure that is fine. s.13

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Thank you.

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And another tweak

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Let me know if that's ok. Thanks!

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It is both in hospital and in the community. Standard across the board and how we calculate the active cases.

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One more question – when we say “‘Discontinued isolation’ reporting is based on BC’s public health guidelines”.

Do we mean the reporting of the total number of cases that no longer infectious across the province? Or is this specifically referring to patients in hospital in discontinued isolation?

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Great, thanks to you both.[s.13](#)
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Thanks!

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Ok. Is all of this ok to include in the statement?

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It is both in hospital and in the community. Standard across the board and how we calculate the active cases.

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One more question – when we say “‘Discontinued isolation’ reporting is based on BC’s public health guidelines”.

Do we mean the reporting of the total number of cases that no longer infectious across the province? Or is this specifically referring to patients in hospital in discontinued isolation?

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With updated final paragraph.

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INFORMATION BULLETIN
How B.C. counts its daily COVID-19 cases in hospitals

VICTORIA - All COVID-19 patients in B.C. who require any form of hospital care are counted as one case in daily totals when they first enter a facility.

These individuals continue to be included in this count for the duration of the time they remain actively infectious.

Once a patient in critical care is no longer actively infectious with COVID-19, the patient is removed from daily critical-care totals. However, for planning purposes, these patients are still included in the overall COVID-19 counts for the hospital.

For some of these patients, COVID-19 can trigger difficulties with other health conditions. These patients may require longer periods of hospitalization, but for reasons that are no longer directly tied to COVID-19, or they may have contracted COVID-19 while in hospital and still need care for the underlying issue they were admitted for. This means some patients who entered hospital or critical care as a COVID-19 patient may no longer be counted as COVID-19 patients once they are no longer infectious, even though they remain in hospital.

As of Sept. 21, 2021, there were 152 of these patients in B.C. hospitals. Within hospital record-keeping, the term for such an occurrence is "discontinued isolation."

Discontinued isolation reporting is anchored in B.C.'s public-health guidelines. For most cases, isolation is discontinued after 10 days, provided there is no fever and symptoms are improving. These same requirements are in effect in Ontario, Alberta and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the U.S. In B.C., for serious cases, the guideline is 20 days. That 20-day guideline varies according to each patient's unique circumstances and is, for this reason, a clinical decision.

These discontinued isolation cases are reported independently from B.C.'s COVID numbers. They are included in reports on overall hospital capacity and critical-care capacity. These cases do not directly contribute to the epidemiological picture of the pandemic, but importantly, make a significant contribution to public awareness and understanding of hospitals' readiness to provide care.

The Ministry of Health looks at hospitalizations and critical-care beds to ensure the sustainability of the system. It looks at those numbers in the context of the overall capacity to ensure the system is running efficiently at or near capacity, but not over capacity. The ministry frequently provides information on hospital and critical-care capacity to the media and the public.

The BC Centre for Disease Control's surveillance reports and the numbers in the daily report have a different function. They report the number of people with COVID-19 who require hospital or critical care. This gives an understanding of the severity of illness and only counts the individual once even if they are hospitalized more than once or have several stays in critical care. These data help determine if, for example, the Delta variant causes increased rates of hospitalization or leads to more people needing critical care. This helps to understand the impact of the pandemic on the population (e.g., what percent of people with COVID-19 require hospital care) and plan public-health measures.

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Subject: RE: Revised statement for approval
Date: September 23, 2021 4:59:38 PM
Attachments: [IB_COVID Hospitalizations Explainer_Sep 23 5pm.docx](#)

Hello,

The joint statement is attached. Let me know if this is ordered the way you want. The MO is ok with your addition. Once you've reviewed we will send to the editors.

Thanks!

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Cc: [Ferrier, Jeffrey GCPE:EX](#); [Holoiday, Leah GCPE:EX](#); [XT:Lambrechts, Nicola GCPE:IN](#); [van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Revised statement for approval
Date: September 23, 2021 5:29:03 PM

Good to me!

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<IB_COVID Hospitalizations Explainer_Sep 23 5pm.docx>

From: [van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX](#)
To: [Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Re: STATEMENT FOR REVIEW
Date: September 23, 2021 2:40:42 PM

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To: [Belanger, Matthew GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Ferrier, Jeffrey GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Update Corp calendar item - IB on COVID-19 hospitalization data
Date: September 24, 2021 8:36:02 AM

Sorry, can you move it to 10am? Thanks!

From: Belanger, Matthew GCPE:EX <Matthew.Belanger@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 24, 2021 8:36 AM
To: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Ferrier, Jeffrey GCPE:EX <Jeffrey.Ferrier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Update Corp calendar item - IB on COVID-19 hospitalization data

Done!

Matt Belanger | Health Communications

From: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <[Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca](#)>
Sent: September 24, 2021 7:32 AM
To: Belanger, Matthew GCPE:EX <[Matthew.Belanger@gov.bc.ca](#)>
Cc: Ferrier, Jeffrey GCPE:EX <[Jeffrey.Ferrier@gov.bc.ca](#)>
Subject: RE: Update Corp calendar item - IB on COVID-19 hospitalization data

Meant to have Jeff on here. Thanks.

From: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX
Sent: September 24, 2021 7:32 AM
To: Belanger, Matthew GCPE:EX <[Matthew.Belanger@gov.bc.ca](#)>
Subject: Update Corp calendar item - IB on COVID-19 hospitalization data

Hi Matt,

Can you update Corp Cal to move the item from yesterday (didn't go out) to today at 9 am? Thanks!

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