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## Daily Vaccination Report - May 7, 2021

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Good afternoon,  
Attached please find today's Vaccination Report.  
Thank you.



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COVID Response and Health Emergency Management Division  
Ministry of Health  
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# Daily Vaccination Supplement

COVID Response and Health Emergency Management Division

May 7, 2021



Ministry of  
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## CONFIDENTIAL - NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION

- 45,946 vaccination doses of all types administered in BC since last report
- 2,042,442 total vaccination doses of all types administered in BC to date
- Approximately 243,016 doses administered in pharmacies in BC to date

*Vaccine administration in BC began on December 15, 2020*

| <b>1: Total Vaccine Administration – All Types (as of May 6/23:59)</b> |  |  |  |   |                                 |  |  |                          |
|--|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Health Authority<sup>1</sup></b>                                    | <b>Sites Providing Vaccination (last 24 hrs)<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>New Doses Distributed (last 24 hrs)</b> | <b>Total Doses Distributed<sup>4</sup></b> | <b>New Administered Doses (last 24 hrs)<sup>6</sup></b> | <b>Total Administered Doses</b> | <b>Individuals who Received One Dose</b> | <b>Individuals who Received Dose 2</b> | <b>Reallocated Doses</b> |
| <b>FHA</b>   | 69   | 45,800                                     | 704,315                                    | 17,786  | 742,917                         | 706,719                                  | 36,198                                 | 0                        |
| <b>IHA</b>   | 75   | 3,400                                      | 376,800                                    | 7,766   | 322,249                         | 308,468                                  | 13,781                                 | 0                        |
| <b>NHA</b>   | 13   | 0  | 117,985                                    | 2,419   | 102,629                         | 99,358                                   | 3,271                                  | 0                        |
| <b>VCHA</b>  | 35   | 28,700                                     | 487,060                                    | 9,021   | 484,005                         | 460,144                                  | 23,861                                 | 0                        |
| <b>VIHA</b>  | 36   | 19,700                                     | 403,540                                    | 8,558   | 329,983                         | 317,575                                  | 12,408                                 | 0                        |
| <b>FNHA<sup>3</sup></b>  | 15   | 0  | 8,800                                      | 1,396   | 60,659                          | 50,717                                   | 9,942                                  | 0                        |
| <b>FHA+VCHA TOTAL</b>  | <b>104</b>   | <b>74,500</b>                              | <b>1,399,270</b>                           | <b>26,807</b>   | <b>1,226,922</b>                | <b>1,166,863</b>                         | <b>60,059</b>                          | <b>0</b>                 |
| <b>BC TOTAL</b>  | <b>243</b>   | <b>112,600</b>                             | <b>2,442,540<sup>5</sup></b>               | <b>46,946</b>   | <b>2,042,442</b>                | <b>1,942,981</b>                         | <b>99,461</b>                          | <b>0</b>                 |

<sup>1</sup> Based on HA that administered vaccine.

<sup>2</sup> Only sites that were open during the last 24-hour period are reported.

<sup>3</sup> FNHA vaccine administration is from both FNHA-distributed doses and RHA-distributed doses. Regional HA vaccine supply is being used in First Nations communities

<sup>4</sup> Total doses received by the health authorities of Astra Zeneca are currently being updated and have not been included in provincial HA totals.

<sup>5</sup> Total doses distributed includes 315,000 AstraZeneca doses, 14,040 Pfizer doses, and 15,000 Moderna doses that have arrived in BC and are in the process of being distributed. Some of these doses are held in reserve by the BCCDC and are being confirmed through a reconciliation process currently underway.

<sup>6</sup> Newly administered doses include AstraZeneca doses which were administered in private pharmacies across the province.

| <b>BC Total Vaccine Administration Totals from Previous Four Business Days</b> |     |         |           |        |           |           |        |   |
|--|-----|---------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|---|
| 05-May   | 248 | 9,660   | 2,329,940 | 52,266 | 1,995,496 | 1,899,628 | 95,868 | 0 |
| 04-May   | 243 | 77,220  | 2,320,280 | 33,068 | 1,943,230 | 1,849,574 | 93,656 | 0 |
| 03-May   | 231 | 188,370 | 2,243,060 | 32,832 | 1,910,162 | 1,817,918 | 92,244 | 0 |
| 30-Apr   | 129 | 0       | 2,054,690 | 90,558 | 1,877,330 | 1,785,599 | 91,731 | 0 |

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- 38,995 doses of Pfizer vaccine administered in BC since last report
- 1,392,867 doses of Pfizer vaccine administered in BC to date

*Pfizer vaccine administration began on December 15, 2020*

| <b>2: Pfizer Vaccine Administration (as of May 6/23:59)</b> |  |  |                                |   |                                 |  |  |                          |
|---|--|--|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Health Authority<sup>1</sup></b>                         | <b>Sites Providing Vaccination (last 24 hrs)<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>New Doses Distributed (last 24 hrs)</b> | <b>Total Doses Distributed</b> | <b>New Administered Doses (last 24 hrs)</b> | <b>Total Administered Doses</b> | <b>Individuals who Received One Dose</b> | <b>Individuals who Received Dose 2</b> | <b>Reallocated Doses</b> |
| <b>FHA</b>  | 34   | 0  | 541,515                        | 17,066                                      | 492,717                         | 459,953                                  | 32,764                                 | 0                        |
| <b>IHA</b>  | 27   | 0  | 285,000                        | 5,327                                       | 237,614                         | 227,888                                  | 9,726                                  | 0                        |
| <b>NHA</b>  | 5  | 0  | 74,385                         | 2,065                                       | 64,387                          | 62,130                                   | 2,257                                  | 0                        |
| <b>VCHA</b>   | 14   | 0  | 375,960                        | 8,047                                       | 336,621                         | 315,307                                  | 21,314                                 | 0                        |
| <b>VIHA</b>   | 12   | 0  | 287,040                        | 6,234                                       | 243,904                         | 234,803                                  | 9,101                                  | 0                        |
| <b>FNHA<sup>3</sup></b>                                     | 1  | 0  | 0                              | 256   | 17,624                          | 16,736                                   | 888                                    | 0                        |
| <b>FHA+VCHA TOTAL</b>                                       | <b>48</b>  | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>917,475</b>                 | <b>25,113</b>                               | <b>829,338</b>                  | <b>775,260</b>                           | <b>54,078</b>                          | <b>0</b>                 |
| <b>BC TOTAL</b>   | <b>93</b>  | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>1,577,940<sup>4</sup></b>   | <b>38,995</b>                               | <b>1,392,867</b>                | <b>1,316,817</b>                         | <b>76,050</b>                          | <b>0</b>                 |

<sup>1</sup> Based on HA that administered vaccine.

<sup>2</sup> Only sites that were open during the last 24-hour period are reported.

<sup>3</sup> FNHA vaccine administration is from both FNHA-distributed doses and RHA-distributed doses. Regional HA vaccine supply is being used in First Nations communities.

<sup>4</sup> Total Doses Distributed includes 14,040 doses currently with the BCCDC awaiting distribution to HA's.

| <b>BC Pfizer Vaccine Administration Totals from Previous Four Business Days</b> |    |         |           |        |           |           |        |   |
|---|----|---------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|---|
| 05-May  | 99 | 9,360   | 1,577,960 | 43,870 | 1,353,872 | 1,279,598 | 74,274 | 0 |
| 04-May  | 86 | 77,220  | 1,568,580 | 24,861 | 1,310,002 | 1,236,689 | 73,313 | 0 |
| 03-May  | 65 | 188,370 | 1,491,360 | 16,199 | 1,285,141 | 1,212,254 | 72,887 | 0 |
| 30-Apr  | 36 | 0       | 1,302,990 | 53,127 | 1,268,942 | 1,196,280 | 72,662 | 0 |

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- 5,887 doses of Moderna vaccine administered in BC since last report
- 384,222 total doses of Moderna vaccine administered in BC to date

*Moderna vaccine administration began on December 29, 2020*

| <b>3: Moderna Vaccine Administration (as of May 6/23:59)</b> |  |  |                                |   |                                 |  |  |                          |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Health Authority<sup>1</sup></b>                          | <b>Sites Providing Vaccination (last 24 hrs)<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>New Doses Distributed (last 24 hrs)</b> | <b>Total Doses Distributed</b> | <b>New Administered Doses (last 24 hrs)</b> | <b>Total Administered Doses</b> | <b>Individuals who Received One Dose</b> | <b>Individuals who Received Dose 2</b> | <b>Reallocated Doses</b> |
| <b>FHA</b>   | 8  | 45,800                                     | 162,800                        | 202   | 109,346                         | 105,934                                  | 3,412                                  | 0                        |
| <b>IHA</b>   | 11   | 3,400                                      | 91,800                         | 1,115                                       | 63,636                          | 59,582                                   | 4,054                                  | 0                        |
| <b>NHA</b>   | 4  | 0  | 43,600                         | 280   | 26,967                          | 25,981                                   | 986                                    | 0                        |
| <b>VCHA</b>  | 6  | 28,700                                     | 111,100                        | 829   | 73,165                          | 70,629                                   | 2,536                                  | 0                        |
| <b>VIHA</b>  | 23   | 19,700                                     | 116,500                        | 2,321                                       | 68,073                          | 64,766                                   | 3,307                                  | 0                        |
| <b>FNHA<sup>3</sup></b>                                      | 14   | 0  | 8,800                          | 1,140                                       | 43,035                          | 33,981                                   | 9,054                                  | 0                        |
| <b>FHA+VCHA TOTAL</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>74,500</b>                              | <b>273,900</b>                 | <b>1,031</b>                                | <b>182,511</b>                  | <b>176,563</b>                           | <b>5,948</b>                           | <b>0</b>                 |
| <b>BC TOTAL</b>  | <b>66</b>  | <b>112,600</b>                             | <b>549,600<sup>4</sup></b>     | <b>5,887</b>                                | <b>384,222</b>                  | <b>360,873</b>                           | <b>23,349</b>                          | <b>0</b>                 |

<sup>1</sup> Based on HA that administered vaccine.

<sup>2</sup> Only sites that were open during the last 24-hour period are reported.

<sup>3</sup> FNHA vaccine administration is from both FNHA-distributed doses and RHA-distributed doses. Regional HA vaccine supply is being used in First Nations communities.

<sup>4</sup> Total Doses Distributed includes 14,040 doses currently with the BCCDC awaiting distribution to HA's.

| <b>BC Moderna Vaccine Administration Totals from Previous Four Business Days</b> |    |   |         |        |         |         |        |   |
|--|----|---|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---|
| 05-May   | 45 | 0 | 437,000 | 6,250  | 378,335 | 356,797 | 21,538 | 0 |
| 04-May   | 44 | 0 | 437,000 | 5,469  | 372,085 | 351,789 | 20,296 | 0 |
| 03-May   | 45 | 0 | 437,000 | 13,958 | 366,616 | 347,305 | 19,311 | 0 |
| 30-Apr   | 18 | 0 | 437,000 | 20,289 | 352,658 | 333,627 | 19,031 | 0 |

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- 2,064 doses of AstraZeneca vaccine administered in BC pharmacies since last report
- 265,353 total doses of AstraZeneca vaccine administered in BC to date

*AstraZeneca vaccine administration began on March 15, 2021*

| <b>4: AstraZeneca Vaccine Administration (as of May 6/23:59)</b> |  |  |  |   |                                 |  |  |                          |
|--|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Health Authority<sup>1</sup></b>                              | <b>Sites Providing Vaccination (last 24 hrs)<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>New Doses Distributed (last 24 hrs)</b> | <b>Total Doses Distributed<sup>4</sup></b> | <b>New Administered Doses (last 24 hrs)</b> | <b>Total Administered Doses</b> | <b>Individuals who Received One Dose</b> | <b>Individuals who Received Dose 2</b> | <b>Reallocated Doses</b> |
| <b>FHA</b>   | 27   | 0  | 0  | 518   | 140,854                         | 140,832                                  | 22                                     | 0                        |
| <b>IHA</b>   | 37   | 0  | 0  | 1,324                                       | 20,999                          | 20,998                                   | 1                                      | 0                        |
| <b>NHA</b>   | 4  | 0  | 0  | 74  | 11,275                          | 11,247                                   | 28                                     | 0                        |
| <b>VCHA</b>  | 15   | 0  | 0  | 145   | 74,219                          | 74,208                                   | 11                                     | 0                        |
| <b>VIHA</b>  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 3   | 18,006                          | 18,006                                   | 0                                      | 0                        |
| <b>FNHA<sup>3</sup></b>  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0                               | 0  | 0                                      | 0                        |
| <b>FHA+VCHA TOTAL</b>  | <b>42</b>  | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>663</b>                                  | <b>215,073</b>                  | <b>215,040</b>                           | <b>33</b>                              | <b>0</b>                 |
| <b>BC TOTAL</b>  | <b>84</b>  | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>315,000<sup>6</sup></b>                 | <b>2,064</b>                                | <b>265,353</b>                  | <b>265,291</b>                           | <b>62</b>                              | <b>0</b>                 |

<sup>1</sup> Based on HA that administered vaccine.

<sup>2</sup> Only sites that were open during the last 24-hour period are reported.

<sup>3</sup> FNHA vaccine administration is from both FNHA-distributed doses and RHA-distributed doses. Regional HA vaccine supply is being used in First Nations communities.

<sup>4</sup> Total doses received by the health authorities of Astra Zeneca are currently being updated.

<sup>6</sup> Total doses distributed includes AstraZeneca doses that are being held by the BCCDC. This amount is being confirmed through a reconciliation process currently underway.

| <b>BC AstraZeneca Vaccine Administration Totals from Previous Four Business Days</b> |     |     |         |        |         |         |    |   |
|--|-----|-----|---------|--------|---------|---------|----|---|
| 05-May   | 104 | 300 | 315,000 | 2,146  | 263,289 | 263,233 | 56 | 0 |
| 04-May   | 113 | 0   | 314,700 | 2,738  | 261,143 | 261,096 | 47 | 0 |
| 03-May   | 121 | 0   | 314,700 | 2,675  | 258,405 | 258,359 | 46 | 0 |
| 30-Apr   | 75  | 0   | 314,700 | 17,142 | 255,730 | 255,692 | 38 | 0 |

## RE: Cabinet Submission H20-13: Health Authority Mandate Letters

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From: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX <Heather.Murray@gov.bc.ca>  
To: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: May 7, 2021 3:34:11 PM PDT

Thanks Amada. Yes, we will be meeting with the DM early next week on this topic and can follow up with him.

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** May 7, 2021 3:27 PM  
**To:** Murray, Heather HLTH:EX <Heather.Murray@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Cabinet Submission H20-13: Health Authority Mandate Letters  
Hi Heather,

Can you explain the rationale for the request pls?

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**From:** Murray, Heather HLTH:EX <Heather.Murray@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** May 4, 2021 3:01 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Cabinet Submission H20-13: Health Authority Mandate Letters  
Hello Amanda,

Further to our conversation, below is the background regarding the updates made (apologies, I'm not aware of the rationale behind the edits, however, can discuss with the DM tomorrow if further information is needed):

- Page 7 – homelessness and opioid edits. The edits followed a meeting between DM Brown and DM Massey on April 30.
- Page 17 and 36 – cybersecurity edits. DM Brown requested this change on May 3.
- Page 31 – Pathology edits. DM Brown requested this change on May 3.

FYI on the upcoming next steps/timelines:

- Central DMC review of the CabSub will be done between May 3 and 10 (they meet to review).
- The DM has also requested HA CEO feedback (minor) to the mandate letters (incorporate any changes into the draft mandate letters/CabSub).
- Final signed CabSub will be submitted prior to May 25 to CABRO and Cab Ops.

Thanks, Heather

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**From:** Murray, Heather HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** May 3, 2021 2:18 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>; MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Cabinet Submission H20-13: Health Authority Mandate Letters  
Hello Amanda,  
Yes, please find attached the track change version for reference. Thanks, Heather

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**Cc:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Cabinet Submission H20-13: Health Authority Mandate Letters

Thank you Heather – do we have a version with track changes to easily demonstrate this to the Minister?

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**From:** Murray, Heather HLTH:EX <[Heather.Murray@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Heather.Murray@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** May 3, 2021 12:41 PM

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**Cc:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <[Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Cabinet Submission H20-13: Health Authority Mandate Letters

Hello,

Please find attached the updated Cabinet Submission regarding the HA Mandate letters. There were minor changes made to incorporate MMHA.

Thanks, Heather

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## **Rush: Appointment orders for Minister Signature**

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Sent: May 7, 2021 3:35:01 PM PDT  
Attachments: 1150444 Tagged Order.pdf, PLEASE INITIATE DRAFTING: Member and Designated Deputy Chair of the special committees of the Medical Services Commission - OIC, 1150444 OIC Checklist Instructions.docx, PLEASE INITIATE DRAFTING: Health Care Practitioners Special Committee for Audit Hearings - OIC, 1194372 Tagged Order.pdf, PLEASE INITIATE DRAFTING: College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia - MO, 1194372 OIC Checklist Instructions.docx, 1187245 MO Order Ross.docx, 1187245 MO Order Mann.docx

Hi Alex and Amanda,

Please see below new Rush appointment orders for the Minister's signature as CABRO has secured a spot on the Cabinet Meeting scheduled for June 2, 2021.

Board NameTagged Order Requiring the Minister's signatureDrafting Instructions Received from CABROChecklist Instructions Prepared by CABROMedical Services Commission – Special Committees Health Care Practitioners Special Committee for Audit Hearings

The table below includes two reappointment orders for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC that will require the Minister's signature at his earliest opportunity.

NameMOs to be signed by the MinisterDrafting instructions received by CABROTarjeet Thomas Singh Mann Shirley Frances Joyce Ross

Many thanks,  
Andrea Andrachuk  
Manager, Executive Program Operations  
Office of the Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Health

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Withheld pursuant to/removed as

s.12 ; s.14

## PLEASE INITIATE DRAFTING: Member and Designated Deputy Chair of the special committees of the Medical Services Commission - OIC

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Sent: May 5, 2021 4:30:20 PM PDT  
Attachments: OIC Checklist Instructions - Medical Services Commission Special Committees (For 02 June 2021 Cabinet).docx

Hi Debbie – Could you please initiate drafting of this appointment.

**We are aiming for the Minister to approve the OIC as soon as possible during the week of May 10<sup>th</sup> for a Cabinet meeting no later than June 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Feel free to connect with me if you have any questions.

With thanks,

**Nancy Singh** | Senior Advisor

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On traditional territory of the Lekwungen speaking peoples (Esquimalt and Songhees Nations)

### **1 Appointment:**

1. Robyn Susan White (Member and designated Deputy Chair of the special committees of the Medical Services Commission):

- (i) Acupuncture Special Committee;
- (ii) Chiropractic Special Committee;
- (iii) Dentistry Special Committee;
- (iv) Health Care Practitioners Special Committee for Audit Hearings;
- (v) Massage Therapy Special Committee;
- (vi) Midwifery Special Committee;
- (vii) Naturopathy Special Committee;
- (viii) Optometry Special Committee;
- (ix) Physical Therapy Special Committee;
- (x) Podiatry Special Committee.

Effective upon LGIC approval with no specified term as the Member/Deputy Chair serves at pleasure.

*\*Legislative Counsel may determine that the same order rescinds the appointment of Eugene Douglas Johnson as Member and designated Deputy Chair of the special committees of the Medical Services Commission)*

Robyn White

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### **Robyn Susan White**

Robyn White is the Director, Supplementary Benefits and Priority Projects in the Beneficiary and Diagnostic Services Branch of the BC Ministry of Health. Ms. White has held various roles in the Ministry of Health since 2008. She holds her Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hon.) from the University of Ottawa and her Juris Doctor from the University of Victoria.

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## PLEASE INITIATE DRAFTING: Health Care Practitioners Special Committee for Audit Hearings - OIC

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To: Barker, Debbie HLTH:EX <Debbie.Barker@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Shaw, Brea FIN:EX <Brea.Shaw@gov.bc.ca>, Olson, Lianna FIN:EX <Lianna.Olson@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: May 5, 2021 10:29:20 PM PDT  
Attachments: OIC Checklist Instructions - Health Care Practitioner Special Committee for Audit Hearings (For 02 June 2021 Cabinet).docx

Hi Debbie – Could you please initiate drafting of these appointments.

**We are aiming for the Minister to approve the OICs as soon as possible during the week of May 10<sup>th</sup> for a Cabinet meeting no later than June 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Feel free to connect with me if you have any questions.

With thanks,

**Nancy Singh** | Senior Advisor

Crown Agencies and Board Resourcing Office | [CABRO](#)

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### 13 Appointments:

1. Ronald Norman Muller (Beneficiary Representative) Effective upon LGIC approval until 30 June 2024  
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Vancouver, BC V6Z 3G4  
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#### **Ronald Norman Muller**

Ron Muller is a Contract Content Curator for CICBV. Previously Mr. Muller was a Managing Director for the BC Financial Services Authority and a Pacific Regional Manager for the Canada Revenue Agency. Active in his community, he is a Director for MPA Society and Huntington Society of Canada. Mr. Muller is also a Volunteer for Elderdog Canada. He is a Chartered Business Valuator, Associate of Society of Actuaries, Chartered Professional Accountant, Certified General Accountant, Chartered Investment Manager, and Certified in Financial Forensics. Mr. Muller also holds a Master of Business Administration from Laurentian University.

2. Christiana Yetunde Adeshina (Beneficiary Representative) Effective upon LGIC approval until 30 June 2024  
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#### **Christiana Yetunde Adeshina**

Christiana Adeshina is a Senior Consultant in Strategic Transformation for the Fraser Health Authority. Previously Ms. Adeshina was a Project Manager for Cascade Aerospace and a Performance Excellence Manager for BAE Systems Plc, United Kingdom. She is a business professional with expertise in project and change management, governance and compliance, risk management and internal audit. Active in her community, Ms. Adeshina was a Member of the Examinations Committee of the Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors. She is a Certified Project Management Professional (PMP) in the UK and North America, a Big 4 trained Chartered Accountant (FCCA) and a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA). Ms. Adeshina holds a Master of Science in Strategy Change and Leadership from the University of Bristol and a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Obafemi Awolowo University in Ife-Ife Nigeria.

3. James Alexander Cooper (Chiropractic Representative) Effective upon LGIC approval until 30 June 2024  
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**James Alexander Cooper**

James Cooper is a Chiropractor. Previously Dr. Cooper was Owner and Chiropractor for James A Cooper Chiropractic Corporation. Active in his community, he is President of SS Sicamous Marine Heritage Society and Director of the Okanagan Antique and Classic Boat Society. Previously Dr. Cooper was President of the BC Chiropractic Association and BC Governor for the Canadian Chiropractic Association. He also served on the Waterfront Revitalization Advisory Committee and the Heritage and Museums Advisory Committee for the City of Penticton. Dr. Cooper holds a Doctor of Chiropractic from the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College and a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture majoring in Animal Science from the University of British Columbia.

4. Bertrand Sze Chung Chan (Dentistry Representative) Effective upon LGIC approval until 30 June 2024  
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Vancouver, BC V6H 1E2

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**Bertrand Sze Chung Chan**

Dr. Bertrand Chan is Clinical Assistant Professor for the University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry, Consulting Staff for the BC Cancer Agency -Vancouver Cancer Centre, and he runs his own private oral medicine clinic. Active in his community, Dr. Chan is an Inquiry Committee Member for the College of Dental Surgeons of BC and an Oral Medicine Leader for the BC Oral Cancer Prevention Programme. Previously he was Secretary for the BC Society of Oral Medicine and Pathology and a Specialty Representative for the Dental Specialist Society of BC. Dr. Chan holds a Master of Science in Oral Medicine from the Eastman Dental Institute with the University of London, a Bachelor in Dental Surgery from the University of Hong Kong and a Bachelor in Medicine and Surgery from Guy's Hospital Medical School with the University of London.

5. Nadia Stymiest (Dentistry Representative) Effective upon LGIC approval until 30 June 2024

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**Nadia Stymiest**

Nadia Stymiest is a practising general Dentist for Franklyn Dental and Ladysmith Dental. Previously Dr. Stymiest was a Dentist for Seven Sails Dental and Hight Street Dental. Active in her community, she provides Clinical Supervision in RDH and CDA Clinics for Vancouver Island University. Previously Dr. Stymiest was Treasurer for Nanaimo and District Dental Society and an Advisory Board Member for Vancouver Island University. She holds a Doctor of Dental Medicine from Boston University and a Bachelor of Science (Honours) from the University of Toronto.

6. Tajdin Ibrahim Mitha (Government Representative) Effective upon LGIC approval until 30 June 2024

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**Tajdin Ibrahim Mitha**

Taj Mitha is a self-employed Barrister at Law. Mr. Mitha has over 30 years experience of working in developing countries in the fields of industrial development, microfinance banking, tourism, education and social development through private enterprises, privatizations, public private partnerships (PPP) and not-for-profit organizations. Active in his community, he was Chair of the British Columbia Institute of Technology, a Panel Chair of the Employment Assistance Appels Tribunal and Member of the Property Assessment Review Panel. Mr. Mitha also was a Director for Sunnybrook Hospital and Health Sciences Centre and a Public Interest Member of the Council of the Association of Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia. He holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Western Ontario.

7. Dianna Rose Robertson (Government Representative) Effective upon LGIC approval until 30 June 2024

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604-787-3782 (Primary phone)  
**Dianna Rose Robertson**

Dianna Robertson is CEO and Senior Legal Counsel for Robertson Injury Law. An Occupational Therapist, lawyer and mediator, Dianna has had extensive experience as lead counsel on numerous injury files in BC. In addition to her work as a health care and risk management educator, speaker and policy consultant, Dianna is an active board member with organizations such as Spinal Cord Injury BC, the Lions Paraplegic Lodge Association, the Canadian Access and Privacy Association and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute of BC.

8. Laurie Elizabeth Baird (Massage Therapy Representative) Effective upon LGIC approval until 30 June 2024  
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**Laurie Elizabeth Baird**

Laurie Baird is a Registered Massage Therapist, currently teaching Law, Ethics and Professionalism at Vancouver College of Massage Therapy. She was born in Vancouver and grew up in Port Coquitlam. Laurie has a Bachelors of Recreation Education from U.B.C. and a Diploma in Massage Therapy. Having served seven years on the College of Massage Therapy as an elected board member, and Chair of the Registration Committee, Laurie is passionate about instilling the values of honesty and integrity within the profession.

9. Voula Moreau (Massage Therapy Representative) Effective upon LGIC approval until 30 June 2024  
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**Voula Moreau**

Voula (Moreau) Soursos is a RMT providing health care in Surrey, BC. She is the current Vice Chair of the Registered Massage Therapists Association of BC (RMTBC) and a board appointed member of the First Nations Committee. She is also former Vice-Chair of the College of Massage Therapists of BC and sat on both Inquiry and Disciplinary Committees. Voula grew up in Kitimat, BC and moved to the Lower Mainland to pursue a career in health care. She graduated from West Coast College of Massage Therapy in 2008.

10. Michelle Alexis Cameron (Midwifery Representative) Effective upon LGIC approval until 30 June 2024  
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250-551-2657 (Primary phone)

**Michelle Alexis Cameron**

Michelle Cameron is a registered midwife in Nelson, BC and owner of Kootenay Born Midwifery. She has been providing supportive and compassionate midwifery care to families in the Kootenays and Lower Mainland since 2006. She is a proud bilingual Canadian with Indigenous and European heritage. Michelle has a wide background in healthcare having studied Occupational Therapy at the University of Ottawa and acupuncture at the Canadian Acupressure Institute. Michelle has worked at COVID vaccine clinics, is a teacher at Selkirk College and a locum in Trail. She has been a preceptor to midwifery, medical and nursing students since 2007 and is appointed as clinical faculty at UBC. She is raising two young children and is a volunteer at the Nelson Nordic Ski Club. Michelle is grateful for the opportunity to be living and working on the ancestral, traditional and unceded territory of the Sinixt tum'xula7xw and Ktunaxa Ksanka nations.

11. George Stephen Kuprowski (Naturopathic Representative) Effective upon LGIC approval until 30 June 2024  
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250-247-7330 (Primary phone)

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**George Stephen Kuprowski**

Stefan Kuprowsky has been a Naturopathic Doctor for over 35 years, currently practicing on Gabriola Island. He has been an instructor at the National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Portland, Oregon and a consultant and educator throughout B.C. He is a founding member of the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians and past board member of the College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC, including serving as chair of the College's Quality Assurance Committee.

12. Ross Gerard Baines (Physical Therapy Representative) Effective upon LGIC approval until 30 June 2024

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Victoria, BC V8V 0A7  
[ross@physioplusvictoria.com](mailto:ross@physioplusvictoria.com)  
250-220-7205 (Primary phone)

**Ross Gerard Baines**

Ross Baines is a practicing physiotherapist in Victoria BC with over 30 years of experience in private practice. As a CPA and PABC member, Ross has been involved in quality assurance initiatives to improve service delivery for patients and payers. Ross has a Masters in Business Administration with a specialisation in professional services.

During a 10-year term as an independent physiotherapy consultant to WorkCover in Australia, Ross reviewed over 1200 files for insurers to provide expert opinion on whether physiotherapy was reasonably necessary. Ross provides professional, objective and independent opinions for patients and payers to protect and promote the physiotherapy profession.

13. Peter Andreas Devette (Physical Therapy Representative) Effective upon LGIC approval until 30 June 2024

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250-478-8590 (Work phone)

**Peter Andreas Devette**

Peter Devette completed a Bachelors in Physiotherapy in the Hague, Netherlands and immigrated to Canada in 1990. From 1993 - 2015 he had been part owner/operator of a rehabilitation clinic in Chilliwack. Having relocated to Vancouver Island, Peter has a special interest in working with injured workers, first responders and seniors. He has served as an on-call/auxiliary fire fighter in a number of BC communities.



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## PLEASE INITIATE DRAFTING: College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia - MO

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To: Barker, Debbie HLTH:EX <Debbie.Barker@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Shaw, Brea FIN:EX <Brea.Shaw@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: May 7, 2021 2:29:18 PM PDT  
Attachments: FW: PLEASE INITIATE DRAFTING: College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia - MO

Hi Debbie – Could you please initiate drafting of these reappointments, discarding the previous instructions sent to you on 06 May.

**We are aiming for the Minister to sign the orders at his earliest opportunity and prior to 30 June 2021.**

Feel free to connect with me if you have any questions.

With thanks,

**Nancy Singh** | Senior Advisor  
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**From:** Singh, Nancy K FIN:EX  
**Sent:** May 6, 2021 10:54 AM  
**To:** Barker, Debbie HLTH:EX <Debbie.Barker@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Shaw, Brea FIN:EX <Brea.Shaw@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** PLEASE INITIATE DRAFTING: College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia - MO

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### 2 Reappointments:

1. RE: Tarjeet Thomas Singh Mann (Public Member): Effective 30 June 2021 until 30 June 2023

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250-217-1251 (Work phone)

#### **Tarjeet Thomas Singh Mann**

Tarjeet Mann retired as the principal at Braefoot Elementary School. Previously, he worked as a principal for Frank Hobbs Elementary School. Mr. Mann was also a past vice principal for Rockheights Middle School, Sir James Douglas Elementary School and Gordon Head Elementary School. His community involvement included serving as a district track and field coordinator for the Greater Victoria School District, and as the president for the Greater Victoria Elementary School Sports Association. He also served as a member at the Capital Regional District Traffic Safety Commission and as a district soccer coordinator for the Greater Victoria School District. Mr. Mann holds a Bachelor of Education from the University of Victoria and a Masters of Arts in Administration and Curriculum from Gonzaga University. He has been recognized by the Learning Partnership as one of "Canada's Outstanding Principals".

**Shirley Frances Joyce Ross**

Shirley Ross currently serves as a member of the Canada-India Maternal Infant Health Project. She is also involved on the Women's Advisory Committee for the City of Vancouver. Ms. Ross brings experience in Communications, Education, and Advocacy for the B.C. Nurse's Union. She has acted as community developer and community health nurse for the Vancouver Health Board, Global Health Project Director for Oxfam Canada, and general duty nurse in various acute care hospitals across B.C., Alberta, and Manitoba. Ms. Ross is also experienced in providing contract work, including roles such as Special Projects Coordinator for Canadian University Service Overseas, and researcher for Vancouver World AIDS Day Group and Refugee Immigrant Health Center. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of British Columbia and a Nursing Diploma from Red River Community College.

## FW: PLEASE INITIATE DRAFTING: College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia - MO

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From: Beresford, Charley FIN:EX <Charley.Beresford@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Singh, Nancy K FIN:EX <Nancy.Singh@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: May 7, 2021 11:40:23 AM PDT  
Attachments: RE: Appointments to the board of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC

....Appointments for College of Physicians may be adjusted to end June 30.

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**From:** Barker, Debbie HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** May 6, 2021 1:47 PM  
**To:** Singh, Nancy K FIN:EX  
**Subject:** RE: PLEASE INITIATE DRAFTING: College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia - MO  
Hi Nancy - email from the College attached.  
Thanks,  
Debbie

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**From:** Singh, Nancy K FIN:EX  
**Sent:** May 6, 2021 12:59 PM  
**To:** Barker, Debbie HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** Re: PLEASE INITIATE DRAFTING: College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia - MO  
Hi Debbie - thanks for that reminder. Do you have an email from the college? I can send it to Charley and ask if she might reconsider the term.  
Thanks,  
Nancy

Sent from my iPhone

On May 6, 2021, at 12:09 PM, Barker, Debbie HLTH:EX <[Debbie.Barker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Debbie.Barker@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Nancy,  
I just wanted to double check on the expiry dates for these appointments. I was under the impression that the College would prefer to have appointments expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> of any given year, rather than the end of December.  
Thanks,  
Debbie

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**From:** Singh, Nancy K FIN:EX <[Nancy.Singh@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nancy.Singh@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** May 6, 2021 10:54 AM  
**To:** Barker, Debbie HLTH:EX <[Debbie.Barker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Debbie.Barker@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Shaw, Brea FIN:EX <[Brea.Shaw@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brea.Shaw@gov.bc.ca)>  
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With thanks,

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2. RE: Shirley Frances Joyce Ross (Public Member): Effective 30 June 2021 until 31 December 2023  
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**Shirley Frances Joyce Ross**

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## **RE: Appointments to the board of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC**

From: Barker, Debbie HLTH:EX <Debbie.Barker@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Heidi M. Oetter  
Cc: Julie Sherle  
Sent: May 6, 2021 1:41:54 PM PDT

Thank you Heidi - I will let CABRO know the College's preference for the June 30<sup>th</sup> term dates. The order to appoint Margo Greenwood was drafted and sent to the Minister's Office for signature on February 18<sup>th</sup>. I have not yet received confirmation that the order has been signed, but I will follow up with the Minister's office once again.

I will be back in touch as soon as I have an update for you.

Thanks,  
Debbie

**Debbie Barker**, Legislative and Research Coordinator, Legislation, Partnerships and Innovation Division, Ministry of Health, PO Box 9637 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria BC V8W 9P1 Phone: 250-952-1622

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**From:** Heidi M. Oetter  
**Sent:** May 6, 2021 1:36 PM  
**To:** Barker, Debbie HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** Julie Sherle  
**Subject:** Re: Appointments to the board of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC

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We wanted the June 30th term dates to align with our governance cycle.

Any update on the new public member Margo Greenwood?

Thanks Debbie!

Heidi

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Heidi M. Oetter, MD  
Registrar and CEO  
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On May 6, 2021, at 1:34 PM, Barker, Debbie HLTH:EX <[Debbie.Barker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Debbie.Barker@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Julie,

CABRO just issued instructions to draft orders to reappoint Tarjeet Thomas Singh Mann and Shirley Frances Joyce Ross for terms ending December 31, 2023. However, I somehow recall that the College indicated a preference that appointments expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> of any given year. Is this correct? Or would it be ok with the College if the orders to reappointment Mann and Ross expire on December 31, 2023?

Thank you Julie - I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest opportunity so I may proceed with drafting the orders for these reappointments.

Debbie

**Debbie Barker**, Legislative and Research Coordinator, Legislation, Partnerships and Innovation Division, Ministry of Health, PO Box 9637 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria BC V8W 9P1 Phone: 250-952-1622

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**PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

*Ministerial Order No.*

**ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH**

***Health Professions Act***

I, Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, order that, effective June 30, 2021, Shirley Frances Joyce Ross is reappointed as a public member to the board of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia for a term ending June 30, 2023.

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*Date*

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*Minister of Health*

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*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

**Authority under which Order is made:**

Act and section:- *Health Professions Act*, s. 17

Other (specify):

**PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

*Ministerial Order No.*

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*Date*

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*Minister of Health*

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**Authority under which Order is made:**

Act and section:- *Health Professions Act*, s. 17

Other (specify):

## **eBinder for Mon., May 10 FPT Health Ministers' Meeting**

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From: Andrachuk, Andrea HLTH:EX <Andrea.Andrachuk@gov.bc.ca>  
To: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>, MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX <Heather.Murray@gov.bc.ca>, Pham, Thuy HLTH:EX <Thuy.Pham@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: May 7, 2021 3:37:33 PM PDT  
Attachments: 2021 05 10\_FPT Ministers of Health e-binder.pdf, 1.2 May 10\_HMM\_Agenda\_EN\_Final.docx, 1a 2021 05 10\_HMM Meeting Overview.docx

Good afternoon,

Please find attached an eBinder in support of the May 10 HMM meeting. Also, two documents have changed since the Minister's Meeting Binder was sent out, both are separately attached. The updated documents are:

- The meeting Agenda—this is the very first document in the binder.
- The Meeting Overview—this is the document that lives in the plastic sleeve within Tab 1.

Health Canada has not distributed the embargoed report that is referenced as Tab 2a, so, unfortunately, we still have only a placeholder there.

Many thanks,

**Andrea Andrachuk**

Manager, Executive Program Operations  
Office of the Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Health



**FPT Ministers of Health Teleconference  
Coronavirus**

**May 10, 2021**

**Ministry of Health  
Province of British Columbia**

**FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL  
MEETING OF MINISTERS OF HEALTH TELECONFERENCE**

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021  
10:30AM - 11:30AM ET

**Link to Join the Zoom Meeting**

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**Meeting Passcode:** s.15; s.16

**Details to join the meeting by telephone**

**TOLL-FREE DIAL-IN NUMBER (CANADA/US):** s.15; s.16

**MEETING ID** s.15; s.16

**PARTICIPANT CODE:** s.15; s.16

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| <b>1. Opening Remarks (CAN/ON)</b>  | <i>5 min.</i>  |
| <b>2. Testing and Screening Expert Advisory Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ministers will hear from Dr. Irfan Dhalla, co-chair of the Expert Advisory Panel on their 4<sup>th</sup> report, <i>Priority Strategies to Optimize Testing and Quarantine at Canada's Borders</i>.</li></ul> | <i>15 min.</i> |
| <b>3. Update on COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out – for information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Standing update provided by President Stewart and Major-General Fortin.</li></ul>   | <i>15 min.</i> |
| <b>4. Roundtable – for discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ministers will engage in a discussion on 3<sup>rd</sup> wave actions and vaccine roll-out efforts, including approaches to hotspots and vaccine hesitancy.</li></ul>  | <i>20 min.</i> |
| <b>5. Closing Remarks (CAN/ON)</b>  | <i>5 min.</i>  |

## Meeting Overview for Health Ministers Meeting, May 10, 2021 (last updated at 2:30 p.m., Fri., May 07)

### Summary

- The Agenda includes three substantive items; a presentation from the Testing and Screening Expert Advisory Panel; an update on COVID-19 vaccine roll-out; and a roundtable discussion on 3<sup>rd</sup> wave actions and vaccine roll-out efforts, including approaches to hotspots and vaccine hesitancy.
- BC is not leading any items; however, Ministers will be asked to participate in a roundtable discussion on approaches to 3<sup>rd</sup> wave actions and vaccine roll-out efforts, including approaches to hotspots and vaccine hesitancy (Tab 4).

### Strategic Context

- Apr 22: The GoC issued two new travel restrictions for those seeking to enter Canada from India and Pakistan:
  - As of 11:30pm on April 22, there is a ban on direct flights to Canada from India and Pakistan for 30 days (subject to adjustment as conditions evolve).
  - Travellers originating in India and Pakistan who would otherwise be permitted to enter Canada may do so if travelling via a third country. However, they must show proof of a negative PCR test obtained from the third country prior to boarding a flight to Canada
- Apr 19: Federal Budget 2021 includes funding allocations for long-term and palliative care, the opioid crisis and problematic substance use, and national mental health service standards. It does not include new/increased funding for National Pharmacare or an uplift to the CHT. A summary of key health highlights is located in **Tab 1(a)(i)**, immediately following this note.

#### • Agenda Item #1: Opening Remarks and Binder Frontmatter

- **Supplemental supporting background documents compiled by IGR for this meeting:**
  - **Tab 1a:** Meeting Overview Note (*this note*)
    - **Tab 1a(i):** Federal Budget Health Summary
  - **Tab 1b:** BC Program Note, general COVID-19 Situational Report
  - **Tab 1c:** List of FPT Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Health and Mental Health and Addictions [Note: Not a Participant List; just a general reference.]

#### • Agenda Item #2: Testing and Screening Expert Advisory Panel

- *For information and discussion:* Ministers will hear from Dr. Irfan Dhalla, co-chair of the Expert Advisory Panel on their 4<sup>th</sup> report, *Priority Strategies to Optimize Testing and Quarantine at Canada's Borders*.
- **Supporting documents:**
  - **Tab 2a: Expert Advisory Panel Report:** "Priority Strategies to Optimize Testing and Quarantine at Canada's Borders." *At the time of writing, IGR has not yet received an embargoed copy of the report. IGR will forward it separately via email if/when it arrives.*

#### • Agenda Item #3: Update on COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-Out

- *Standing item:* Standing update provided by President Stewart and Major-General Fortin.
- **Supporting documents:**
  - **Tab 3a:** BC Daily Vaccination Update (as of May 5)
  - **Tab 3b:** National Operations Center Vaccine Allocation Tables (as of May 5)

▪ **Tab 3c: BC Programs Bullets – Update on COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out**

○ **Additional Context:**

- May 6: Doctor Henry announced that BC has recorded its first case of Vaccine-Induced Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia (VITT) today. The affected person was a woman who was in her 40s and she is now stable. She is receiving treatment at a hospital in the Vancouver Coastal Health Region. The woman noticed her symptoms five or six days after receiving her first dose of AstraZeneca and went to her doctor. The doctor conducted a diagnostic blood test that revealed low platelet counts.<sup>1</sup>
- At a media briefing on May 5, Doctor Henry said that health officials are working on a plan for immunization of kids ages 12 and up following Health Canada's approval for use of the Pfizer vaccine for this cohort. Dr. Henry stated kids aged 12 and older could be fully immunized with two Pfizer doses before the next school year, although younger children may have to wait until the end of the year because clinical trials for those ages are still ongoing.<sup>2</sup>
- May 5: Health Canada authorized the use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in children ages 12-15 years.<sup>3</sup>
- The BC Government introduced amendments to the *Employment Standards Act* that provide workers with up to three hours of paid leave to get each dose of their COVID-19 vaccine. It came into force on Wed., Apr 28.<sup>4</sup>
  - On May 5, AB pledged to open COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to all Albertans over the age of 12 by Mon, May 10.<sup>5</sup>

○ **Other vaccine allocation and distribution resources**

- Federal vaccine allocation and distribution updates can be found at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/covid-19-vaccine-treatment/vaccine-rollout.html#a4>
- The federal government published COVID-19 vaccination statistics for Canada (updated every Friday) here: <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/covid-19/vaccination-coverage/>

**Immunization rates by province (table updated May 03<sup>6</sup>).**

| Jurisdiction | Date (2021) | Total Population | Total Vaccine Doses Administered | First Dose Rate Per 1,000 Population | Second Dose Rate Per 1,000 Population | Total Vaccine Distributions | Proportion of Distributions Administered |
|--------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| BC           | 30 Apr      | 5,153,039        | 1,786,772                        | 329.15                               | 17.59                                 | 1,972,490                   | 87%                                      |
| AB           | 01 May      | 4,436,258        | 1,621,306                        | 297.67                               | 67.79                                 | 1,694,975                   | 93%                                      |
| SK           | 03 May      | 1,178,832        | 450,823                          | 344.66                               | 37.77                                 | 460,755                     | 97%                                      |
| MB           | 03 May      | 1,380,935        | 489,580                          | 301.34                               | 53.18                                 | 553,890                     | 87%                                      |
| ON           | 03 May      | 14,755,211       | 5,378,249                        | 339.02                               | 25.48                                 | 5,644,975                   | 87%                                      |

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/covid-briefing-may6-1.6016511>

<sup>2</sup> [https://vancouvernews.com/health/covid-19-bc-to-offer-pfizer-vaccine-to-kids-12-and-up-possibly-before-end-of-school-year?fbclid=IwAR2Uq9Fqp00a3qtLcPdHJkEigHisV1EdMy2v5yvJp4YQfURWfaxS\\_u5Dvc](https://vancouvernews.com/health/covid-19-bc-to-offer-pfizer-vaccine-to-kids-12-and-up-possibly-before-end-of-school-year?fbclid=IwAR2Uq9Fqp00a3qtLcPdHJkEigHisV1EdMy2v5yvJp4YQfURWfaxS_u5Dvc)

<sup>3</sup> [Health Canada authorizes use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in children 12 to 15 years of age - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/05/health-canada-authorizes-use-of-the-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-in-children-12-to-15-years-of-age.html)

<sup>4</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021LBR0019-000784>

<sup>5</sup> <https://edmonton.ctvnews.ca/all-albertans-12-and-up-eligible-for-covid-19-vaccine-by-monday-1.5414827>

<sup>6</sup> Modified from Immunization Rates by Province data chart, prepared by Ontario Ministry of Health, May 3, 2021.

*Note:* The number of doses administered may exceed doses distributed, as distribution data is updated less frequently. The Canada total is an approximation due to some data inconsistencies (incl. different data source dates).

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|--------------------|--------|------------|------------|--------|-------|------------|-----|
| QC                 | 02 May | 8,575,944  | 3,256,342  | 366.98 | 12.73 | 3,298,607  | 91% |
| NB                 | 03 May | 782,078    | 271,891    | 313.11 | 34.54 | 298,495    | 91% |
| NS                 | 03 May | 979,449    | 320,910    | 290.28 | 37.37 | 372,850    | 85% |
| PE                 | 28 Apr | 159,819    | 53,202     | 266.66 | 66.23 | 61,735     | 86% |
| NL                 | 02 May | 520,438    | 181,653    | 330.45 | 18.59 | 200,750    | 89% |
| Canada             | 03 May | 38,048,738 | 13,955,626 | 336.43 | 29.83 | 14,779,842 | 88% |
| Provincial Average |        |            |            | 317.93 | 37.13 |            | 92% |
| Provincial Median  |        |            |            | 321.13 | 37.37 |            | 91% |

• **Agenda Item #4: 3<sup>rd</sup> wave actions and vaccine roll-out efforts, including approaches to hotspots and vaccine hesitancy**

- *For discussion:* Ministers will engage in a discussion on 3<sup>rd</sup> wave actions and vaccine roll-out efforts, including approaches to hotspots and vaccine hesitancy.
- **Supporting documents:**
  - **Tab 4a:** BC Program Bullets – Approaches to Vaccinations in Hotspots.
  - **Tab 3c:** BC Programs Bullets – Update on COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out
- **Potential Key Messages/Speaking Points for Minister Consideration** (copied from **Tab 4a, BC Bullets**):
  - *BC is now moving much faster through its age-based COVID-19 vaccine program; immunization of the most vulnerable in the first quarter of 2021 has resulted in a reduction in mortality.*
  - *However, infection rates remain relatively high in certain communities and settings, especially among the working-age adult population, resulting in high case counts, hospitalizations, and increases in the number of people in critical care.*
  - *Modelling in BC clearly illustrates that immunizing settings-based and local area sub-populations experiencing high transmission leads to the most rapid decrease in both morbidity and mortality; this has also been demonstrated in real life at the community level in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside and in Prince Rupert, where cases of COVID-19 infections have decreased post-vaccination, despite increases in cases in surrounding areas.*
  - *In the context of continued vaccine scarcity, larger communities cannot be vaccinated at once; however, vaccines can be targeted to high risk occupational settings (e.g., education, child care, farm and food processing operations, etc.) to provide indirect protection to the broader community. In a similar fashion, public health experts have recommended implementing a parallel program to target immunization of populations living and/or working in high transmission areas alongside the age-based program and clinically extremely vulnerable program. This additional, complementary approach was announced publicly on April 19, 2021 and is informed by public health surveillance that can identify high transmission areas in the province down to the local level.*
  - *This additional approach will slow age-based vaccination to some extent in some regions but the overall impact on COVID-19 transmission in BC will be significant. The addition of this specific approach to hotspots to the existing immunization strategy*



- deployed so far is expected to be the most effective way to reduce the impact of COVID-19 in BC.*
- *More vaccine continues to arrive in larger shipments during the second quarter of 2021, and this will allow us to offer everyone who is eligible in British Columbia to receive their first dose of vaccine by early to mid-June (based on estimated vaccine uptake of 85%).*

## 2021 FEDERAL BUDGET SUMMARY NOTE: HEALTH CARE-RELATED HIGHLIGHTS ISSUE

On April 19, 2021, Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland tabled the federal Budget, ***A Recovery Plan for Jobs, Growth, and Resilience***.

### HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS

- \$3 billion over five years, starting in 2022-2023, to “support provinces and territories in ensuring standards for long-term care are applied and permanent changes are made” (p. 65).
- \$2.2 billion over seven years to support the bio-manufacturing and life sciences sector.
- \$116 million over two years, starting in 2021-22, for the Substance Use and Addictions Program to support a range approaches to harm reduction, treatment, and prevention at the community level. This is in addition to \$66 million invested in the 2020 *Fall Economic Statement*.
- \$45 million over two years (starting 2021-22) to Health Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and the Canadian Institutes for Health Research to develop national mental health service standards.
- Health Canada will receive \$20 million over three years, beginning in 2021-22, to construct eight plasma collection sites across the country (operated by Canadian Blood Services).
- \$13.2 million over five years, beginning in 2021-22, with \$2.6 million per year ongoing, to Health Canada to ensure that Canada’s medical assistance in dying framework is implemented consistently and with appropriate safeguards.

### COMMENTARY AND ANALYSIS

- Health care – particularly non COVID-related items – was not a major area of focus for the federal Budget. For example, there was no new funding or announcements related to national pharmacare or the 10-year funding agreement on home care and mental health.
- Additionally, the budget does not include financial enhancement to the Canada Health Transfer (CHT), as requested by the Council of the Federation (CoF). CoF has repeatedly requested an increase to the federal share of health funding to 35% of the provincial-territorial spend via an uplift to the CHT.
- There was a focus, however, on the development of national standards in key areas of health policy, including for long-term care and mental health.
  - The new \$3 billion funding for long-term care standards noted above is in addition to the \$1 billion previously announced in the Fall Economic Statement for the Safe Long-Term Care Fund.

- The Budget reiterates the federal government's interest in establishing national universal pharmacare, with an initial focus on the development of a program for High-Cost Drugs for Rare Diseases (including ongoing funding of \$500 million; this work is currently in progress).
- The Budget document references that home care and mental health transfers are projected to be \$1.3 billion in 2020-21, stabilizing at \$1.2 billion starting in 2022-2023.

## **HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS AND FUNDING**

### **Canada Health Transfer (CHT)**

In 2021–22, the federal government will provide \$43.1 billion through the CHT to provinces and territories, an increase of ~\$1.3 billion over the previous year.

- The federal government will proceed with the March 25th proposal to provide \$4 billion through the CHT to help PTs support clearing health system backlogs caused by the pandemic (together with \$1 billion as a one-time payment to PTs to ensure the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out continues).

### **COVID-19 Pandemic Support**

- \$100 million over three years, starting in 2021-2022, to the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to support projects for innovative mental health interventions for populations disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.
- \$50 million over two years, starting in 2021-2022, to support a trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder stream of mental health programming for populations at high-risk of experiencing COVID-19 related trauma.
- \$57.6 million in 2021-2022 to extend the Mandatory Isolation Support for Temporary Foreign Workers Program.
- Up to \$375 million, in 2021-22, to Global Affairs Canada to support Canada's international COVID-19 response, with a focus on addressing the health needs of developing countries.

### **Sickness and Caregiving Benefits**

Budget 2021 proposes legislative amendments to provide authority for additional potential extensions of the Canada Recovery Benefit and its associated suite of sickness and caregiving benefits, as well as regular EI benefits until no later than November 20, 2021, should they be needed.

### **Long-Term Care (LTC)**

\$3 billion investment, starting in 2022-2023, to Health Canada to support PTs in ensuring standards for long-term care are applied and permanent changes are made.

- The federal government welcomes news that the Health Standards Organization and Canadian Standards Association are launching work on national standards for LTC.

\$41.3 million over six years, and \$7.7 million ongoing, starting in 2021-2022 for Statistics Canada to improve data infrastructure and collection on supportive care, primary care, and pharmaceuticals.

\$90 million will be invested over three years, starting in 2021-22, to Employment and Social Development Canada to launch the Age Well at Home Initiative. The initiative is intended to help low-income and otherwise vulnerable seniors age in place through practical support.

### **National Pharmacare**

The Budget reiterates the federal government's commitment to proceed with its plan to provide \$500 million for a program for high-cost drugs for rare diseases. The Budget also notes that the federal government will engage directly with "willing partners on national universal pharmacare," along with other priorities that can be advanced at the provincial-territorial level.

### **Safe Reopening of Borders**

\$82.5 million in 2021-22 to Transport Canada to support major Canadian airports in making investments in COVID-19 testing infrastructure.

\$105.3 million over five years, starting in 2021-2022, with \$28.7 in remaining amortization and \$10.2 million per year ongoing to Transport Canada to collaborate with international partners to advance the Known Traveller Digital Identity pilot project, which will test advanced technologies to facilitate touchless air travel.

\$6.7 million in 2021-2022 to the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) to acquire and operate sanitization equipment. \$271.1 million in 2021-22 to the CATSA to maintain operations and enhanced screening services at the 89 airports where it works.

### **Bio-manufacturing and Life Sciences**

\$2.2 billion will be invested over seven years, starting in 2021-22, towards growing a vibrant domestic life sciences sector; to help build Canada's talent pipeline and research systems, and support the growth of Canadian life sciences firms.

### **Antimicrobial Resistance**

\$28.6 million over five years, beginning in 2021-2022, with \$5.7 million per year ongoing to PHAC, Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to help address antimicrobial resistance.

### **Reproductive Health**

\$45 million over three years to Health Canada, starting 2021-22, to fund community-based organizations that improve access to information and services related to sexual and reproductive health.

\$7.6 million to Statistics Canada over five years, starting 2021-22, to develop and implement a national survey on sexual and reproductive health to capture data on race, household income and sexual orientation.

### **Addressing the Opioid Crisis and Problematic Substance Use**

An additional \$116 million to be invested over two years, starting in 2021-22, building on \$66 million invested in the 2020 Fall Economic Statement, for the Substance Use and Addictions Program to support a range of innovative approaches to harm reduction, treatment, and prevention at the community level.

**National Institute for Women's Health Research**

\$20 million over five years, starting in 2021-22, to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research to support a new National Institute for Women's Health Research.

**National Autism Strategy**

\$15.4 million over two years, starting in 2021-22, to the PHAC to work with partners to create a national autism strategy.

**Pediatric Cancer Research**

\$30 million over two years, starting in 2021-22, to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research to fund pediatric cancer research.

**Diabetes**

\$25 million over five years, starting 2021-22, to Health Canada for additional investments for research on diabetes, surveillance, and prevention and to work towards the development of a national framework for diabetes developed in consultation with provinces and territories, Indigenous groups and stakeholders.

\$10 million over five years, starting 2021-22, to the PHAC for a Diabetes Challenge Prize to help develop approach to diabetes prevention and promote the development and testing of new interventions to reduce the risks of Type 2 diabetes.

**Palliative Care**

\$29.8 million over six years, starting in 2021-22, to Health Canada to advance the government's palliative care strategy and support coordinated action on long-term care and supportive care needs and improving access to quality palliative care.

**Pan-Canadian Genomics Strategy**

\$400 million over six years to support a Pan-Canadian Genomic Strategy. This funding would provide \$136.7 million over five years, starting in 2022-2023, for programming delivered by Genome Canada.

**Clinical Trials**

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research will receive \$250 million over three years, starting in 2021-2022 to implement a Clinical Trials Fund to help lead to the development of new scientifically proven treatments and cures, and improved health outcomes for Canadians.

**Regulatory Cooperation with International Partners**

The budget notes that the federal government is committed to enhancing Canada's drug approval process by promoting alignment and collaboration with trusted regulators in other countries. No funding has been announced for this commitment.

**Canadian Armed Forces (CAF)**

\$134.3 million over five years, starting in 2021-2022 and \$28.2 million per year ongoing to ensure CAF members receive timely access to health care.

## INDIGENOUS HEALTH

- \$597.6 million over three years, starting in 2021-22, for a distinctions-based mental health and wellness strategy with First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis Nation.
- \$1.2 billion in 2021-2022 to support the COVID-19 response in Indigenous Communities.
- \$1.4 billion will be invested over five years, beginning in 2021-22, and \$40.6 million ongoing, to maintain essential health care services for First Nations and Inuit, continue work to transform First Nations health systems, and respond to the health impacts of climate change, including:
  - \$774.6 million over five years, beginning in 2021-22, to ensure continued care through the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program, which supports First Nations and Inuit people with medically necessary services not otherwise covered, such as mental health services, medical travel, and medications.
  - \$354 million over five years, beginning in 2021-22, to increase the number of nurses and other medical professionals in remote and isolated First Nations communities;
  - \$107.1 million over three years, beginning in 2021-22, to continue efforts to transform how health care services are designed and delivered by First Nations communities, building on the government's commitment to improve access to high-quality and culturally relevant health care for Indigenous peoples.
  - \$125.2 million over four years, beginning in 2022-2023, to continue to support First Nations communities' reliable access to clean water and help ensure the safe delivery of health and social services on reserve.
- \$31.5 million over two years to support the co-development of an Action Plan with Indigenous partners to implement the legislation on the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

## TAX MEASURES

### Taxation of Vaping Products

The federal government intends to introduce a taxation framework for the imposition of excise duties on vaping products in 2022.

### Taxation of Tobacco

The tobacco excise duty will be increased by \$4 per carton of 200 cigarettes, along with corresponding increases to the excise duty rates for other tobacco products. This measure took effect on April 20, 2021.

Drafted by Ontario's Intergovernmental Relations Unit, April 19, 2021  
Edited and verified by BC MOH IGR, April 22, 2021

## BC Program Note

FPT Health Ministers Meeting: May 10, 2021

Situational Update on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- As of May 06, 2021, (10:00AM PST), there have been 133,619 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in B.C., with 1,595 total deaths.
- There were 694 new cases in the last 24 hours.
- 457 individuals are hospitalized including 154 in critical and intensive care, and 125,025 have recovered.
- B.C.'s provincial state of emergency, first declared on March 18, 2020, was extended on April 27, 2021 for an additional two weeks until end-of-day on May 11 2021.<sup>1</sup>

### Recent Border Measures/Risk Management of Borders (last updated April 22)

Summary of key federal border measures and risk management developments:

- Apr 22: The GoC issued two new travel restrictions for those seeking to enter Canada from India and Pakistan:
  - As of 11:30pm on April 22, there is a ban on direct flights to Canada from India and Pakistan for 30 days (subject to adjustment as conditions evolve).
  - Travellers originating in India and Pakistan who would otherwise be permitted to enter Canada may do so if travelling via a third country. However, they must show proof of a negative PCR test obtained from the third country prior to boarding a flight to Canada.
- April 20: Non-essential travel restrictions between Canada and the U.S.A. have been extended by 30 days – until May 21. Non-essential travel prohibition for travellers from other countries continues until May 21.
- Feb 22: The following border control measures are in effect, in addition to existing mandatory pre-boarding and health requirements for air travellers:
  - All travellers (arriving by both land and air) have to take a COVID-19 molecular test on arrival, plus a second test on day eight of their 14-day quarantine;
  - Air travellers are now required to reserve, prior to arrival, a 3-night stay in a government-authorized hotel at their own expense; and
  - All travellers arriving to Canada by land, with some exceptions (e.g., commercial truck drivers, and residents of Point Roberts) are required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 molecular test result taken in the United States within 72 hours of pre-arrival, or a positive test taken 14 to 90 days prior to arrival.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0030-000776>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/02/government-of-canada-expands-restrictions-to-international-travel-by-land-and-air.html>

## BC Program Note

### Key Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other Equipment Supply Issues for British Columbia (updated May 3, 2021)

- Cumulative product received between March 2020 and April 26, 2021 in the province included:
  - Almost 9,500,000 N95 or equivalent respirators
  - Just over 187,100,000 surgical or procedure masks
  - Just over 4,500,000 pieces of eye protection, including goggles and face shields
  - Almost 487,300,000 pairs of gloves
  - Almost 28,900,000 gowns
- BC continues to source and test PPE to make sure product meets or exceeds safety requirements before use in our healthcare system. We continue to work hard to pursue any and all credible leads for safe and effective products for our health system.

### Health System Preparedness (last updated May 06)

- As of May 05 (11:59PM PST), the total hospital occupancy rate is running at 73.9% of capacity and the critical care hospital occupancy rate is operating at 62.4% of capacity.

### PHO Orders and Prevention and Containment Measures (last updated April 30)

- Apr 28: The BC Government pronounced the *Employment Standards Act* amendments into force. These amendments provide workers with up to three hours of paid leave to get each dose of their COVID-19 vaccine.
- Apr 23: Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Mike Farnworth, issued a new order (under the *Emergency Program Act*) to prohibit non-essential travel between three regional zones in the province, using health authority boundaries. The order is in effect until May 25, 2021. The Province is working with RCMP to establish periodic road checks at highway corridors that connect different regions to remind travellers of the order. The regional zones are:
  - Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley (Fraser Health and Coastal Health regions);
  - Vancouver Island (Island Health region); and
  - Northern/Interior (Interior Health and Northern Health regions).
- Apr 19: The “circuit-breaker” amendments to the Public Health Orders have been extended for five weeks, until the end of the May long weekend (May 25 at 12:00 AM).
- Apr 8: Dr. Bonnie Henry announced a new workplace closure order that will allow WorkSafe to operate under the *Public Health Act*. When three or more employees at a workplace test positive for COVID-19, it will be closed down for at least 10 days.
- Mar 30: The PHO implemented a series of “circuit-breaker” amendments to Public Health Orders:
  - All food and liquor-serving premises must only provide take-out or delivery service, and dine-in service is prohibited, except for outdoor patios;
  - Indoor, adult group fitness activities of any kind are paused. Gyms and fitness centres are restricted to individual or one-on-one activities only, e.g. one-on-one personal training;



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- The previously announced class variance for limited indoor worship services has been suspended. Outdoor worship services under the current variance may continue;
- Whistler-Blackcomb ski resort is closed through to April 19; and
- All staff, adult volunteers and visitors, and all Grade 4 to 12 students should wear a non-medical mask or face covering at all times while indoors at school, subject to exceptions.
- Additionally, employers must suspend efforts to return workers to physical worksites. It is recommended that British Columbians curtail non-essential travel.

### Select Highlights from Other Jurisdictions

#### **Canada (data confirmed as of May 04 at 1900 PST)**

- Ontario
  - 476,692 confirmed cases and 8,143 deaths (rate of active cases of 247 per 100,000 population)
  - Total Vaccine Doses administered: 5,378,249 as of May 03
  - Apr 28: The Ontario government has announced a plan to provide three paid sick days through a temporary program ending in September 2021. The proposed Ontario COVID-19 Worker Protection Benefit Program would pay up to \$200 per day for workers who are sick, have symptoms, have a mental health issues or need to be vaccinated, and will be retroactive to April 19. The sick days would not need to be taken consecutively and no sick note is required.
  - Apr 28: In response to the rapid rise in hospitalizations and ICU admissions, the Ontario government has introduced an emergency order providing hospitals the flexibility to transfer patients to long-term homes without obtaining their consent.
- Quebec
  - 353,475 confirmed cases; 10,959 deaths (rate of active cases of 104 per 100,000 population)
  - Total Vaccine Doses administered: 3,256,342 as of May 02
  - Apr 29: Quebec has announced that everyone 18 and older will be able to book an appointment for COVID-19 vaccines by May 14 as the province begins to roll out its mass vaccination campaign to the general public.
- Alberta
  - 198,653 confirmed cases; 2,099 deaths (rate of active cases of 534 per 100,000 population)
  - Total Vaccine Doses administered: 1,621,306 as of May 01
  - May 04: Premier Jason Kenney announced that in light of new records set for COVID-19 infections and ICU admissions, Alberta is bringing in new measures:
    - All K-12 schools are moving to online learning from May 7 until May 25; post-secondary institutions must go online; retail services are limited to 10% of fire code capacity; and places of worship are limited to 5 people;
    - Workplaces with outbreaks must close for 10 days;

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- Starting at midnight on Sunday, May 09, restaurant and bar patios must close (only takeout and delivery are allowed), personal services will close for the next 3 weeks, and outdoor sports/recreation are limited to households/close contacts; and
- The Province is doubling basic fines for violating public health measures (now up to \$2,000), and it will bring in tougher enforcement protocols for repeat offenders.
- Apr 29: Due to record numbers of active cases and hospitalizations, Premier Kenney announced that the Province is implementing targeted measures for hot spots (where there are at least 350 cases per 100,000 people and 250 active cases), starting on Friday, Apr. 30<sup>th</sup> such as:
  - Curfew will be implemented in municipalities with above 1,000 cases per 100k population, if the cities request it; and
  - People who do not comply with health measures risk not being able to renew their driver's license or complete other transactions at registry services if they do not pay their fines.
- Apr 27: Children between 12-15 with certain underlying health conditions, are able to receive the Pfizer vaccine. Additionally, the Province passed legislation which allows Albertans up of three hours of paid, job-protected leave to get a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Apr 26: Starting May 10, Alberta will be easing visitor restrictions at long-term care homes. In care centres where the majority of residents agree, indoor social visits will be allowed with up to four visitors from the same household, provided physical distancing, masking and other health measures remain in place. Outdoor social visits in those facilities will be allowed to expand to up to 10 people, including the resident, double the previous limit of five.
- Saskatchewan
  - 42,006 confirmed cases; 499 deaths (rate of active cases of 196 per 100,000 population)
  - Total Vaccine doses administered: 450,823 as of May 03
  - Apr 27: Premier Moe and North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum signed a Memorandum of Understanding to vaccinate essential workers who are transporting goods across the United States and Canadian border. Under this agreement, approximately 2,000 Saskatchewan residents are eligible under this program.
- Manitoba
  - 39,814 confirmed cases; 980 deaths (rate of active cases of 195 per 100,000 population)
  - Total Vaccine administered: 489,580 as of May 03
  - Apr 29: Premier Pallister says that an agreement announced the week of Apr. 20 that allows Manitoba truck drivers who regularly cross the border into North Dakota to get vaccinated in the U.S. will be extended to teachers and education system workers.

Approved by Ian Rongve, Assistant Deputy Minister on May 06, 2021

**FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL  
MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS OF  
HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS**

| <b>JURISDICTION</b> | <b>MINISTRY</b>   | <b>MINISTER</b>   | <b>DEPUTY MINISTER</b>   |
|---------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>BC</b>           | Health  | Honourable Adrian Dix   | Stephen Brown  |
|                     | Mental Health and Addictions                              | Honourable Sheila Malcolmson  | Christine Massey   |
| <b>AB</b>           | Health  | Honourable Tyler Shandro  | Lorna Rosen (retiring May 21)  |
|                     | Mental Health and Addictions                              | Honourable Jason Luan (Associate Minister)  | Lorna Rosen (retiring May 21)  |
| <b>SK</b>           | Health  | Honourable Paul Merriman  | Max Hendricks  |
|                     | Rural and Remote Health                                   | Honourable Everett Hindley (Minister Responsible for Seniors)   | Max Hendricks  |
| <b>MB</b>           | Health and Seniors  | Honourable Heather Stefanson  | Karen Herd   |
|                     | Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery Province of Manitoba | Honourable Audrey Gordon  | Kymberly Kaufmann  |
| <b>ON</b>           | Health  | Honourable Christine Elliott (Minister & Deputy Premier)  | Helen Angus  |
|                     | Mental Health and Addictions Province of Ontario          | Honourable Michael Tibollo (Associate Minister)   | Helen Angus  |
| <b>QC</b>           | Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian Dubé (Ministre/Minister)</li> <li>• Lionel Carmant (Ministre délégué/Delegate Minister)</li> <li>• Marguerite Blais (Ministre responsable des Aînés et des Proches aidants/Minister responsible for Seniors and Caregivers)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dominique Savoie (Sous-ministre/DM)</li> <li>• Daniel Desharnais (Sous-ministre adjoint/ADM)</li> </ul> |
| <b>NB</b>           | Health  | Honourable Dorothy Shephard   | Gérald Richard   |
| <b>NS</b>           | Health and Wellness                                       | Honourable Zach Churchill   | Dr. Kevin Orrell   |
| <b>PEI</b>          | Health and Wellness                                       | Honourable Ernie Hudson   | Mark Spidel  |
| <b>NL</b>           | Health and Community Services                             | Honourable Dr. John Haggie  | Karen Stone  |
| <b>NU</b>           | Health  | Honourable Lorne Kusugak  | Colleen Stockley (DM)  |
| <b>NWT</b>          | Health and Social Services                                | Honourable Julie Green (Minister of Health and Social Services; Minister Responsible for Persons with Disabilities; Minister Responsible for Seniors)   | Bruce Cooper (Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services)   |
| <b>YK</b>           | Health and Social Services                                | Honourable Pauline Frost  | Stephen Samis  |
| <b>CANADA</b>       | Health  | The Honourable Patty Hajdu  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen Lucas</li> <li>• Dr. Harpreet S. Kochhar (Assoc. DM)</li> </ul>                                 |

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## **2a PLACEHOLDER for Testing and Screening Expert Advisory Panel Report**

- *Outstanding from the Federal Government will deliver upon receipt*

# Daily Vaccination Supplement

COVID Response and Health Emergency Management Division

May 5, 2021



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- 33,068 vaccination doses of all types administered in BC since last report
- 1,943,230 total vaccination doses of all types administered in BC to date
- Approximately 238,837 doses administered in pharmacies in BC to date

*Vaccine administration in BC began on December 15, 2020*

| <b>1: Total Vaccine Administration – All Types (as of May 4/23:59)</b> |  |  |  |   |                                 |  |  |                                      |
|--|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Health Authority<sup>1</sup></b>                                    | <b>Sites Providing Vaccination (last 24 hrs)<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>New Doses Distributed (last 24 hrs)</b> | <b>Total Doses Distributed<sup>4</sup></b> | <b>New Administered Doses (last 24 hrs)<sup>6</sup></b> | <b>Total Administered Doses</b> | <b>Individuals who Received One Dose</b> | <b>Individuals who Received Dose 2</b> | <b>Reallocated Doses<sup>7</sup></b> |
| <b>FHA</b>   | 79   | 0  | 804,434                                    | 8,943   | 707,888                         | 672,975                                  | 34,913                                 | 0                                    |
| <b>IHA</b>   | 72   | 42,120                                     | 382,540                                    | 6,267   | 306,199                         | 292,784                                  | 13,415                                 | 3,510                                |
| <b>NHA</b>   | 13   | 8,190                                      | 145,735                                    | 1,962   | 97,510                          | 94,413                                   | 3,097                                  | 0                                    |
| <b>VCHA</b>  | 37   | 0  | 520,336                                    | 7,725   | 462,897                         | 439,278                                  | 23,619                                 | 2,340                                |
| <b>VIHA</b>  | 23   | 26,910                                     | 399,130                                    | 7,031   | 310,555                         | 299,756                                  | 10,799                                 | -5,850                               |
| <b>FNHA<sup>3</sup></b>  | 19   | 0  | 8,800                                      | 1,140   | 58,181                          | 50,368                                   | 7,813                                  | 0                                    |
| <b>FHA+VCHA TOTAL</b>  | <b>116</b>   | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>1,324,770</b>                           | <b>16,668</b>   | <b>1,170,785</b>                | <b>1,112,253</b>                         | <b>58,532</b>                          | <b>2,340</b>                         |
| <b>BC TOTAL</b>  | <b>243</b>   | <b>77,220</b>                              | <b>2,320,280<sup>5</sup></b>               | <b>33,068</b>   | <b>1,943,230</b>                | <b>1,849,574</b>                         | <b>93,656</b>                          | <b>0</b>                             |

<sup>1</sup> Based on HA that administered vaccine.

<sup>2</sup> Only sites that were open during the last 24-hour period are reported.

<sup>3</sup> FNHA vaccine administration is from both FNHA-distributed doses and RHA-distributed doses. Regional HA vaccine supply is being used in First Nations communities.

<sup>4</sup> Total doses received by the health authorities of AstraZeneca are currently being updated and have not been included in provincial HA totals.

<sup>5</sup> Total doses distributed includes 314,700 AstraZeneca doses that have arrived in BC and are in the process of being distributed. Some of these doses are held in reserve by the BCCDC and are being confirmed through a reconciliation process currently underway.

<sup>6</sup> Newly administered doses include AstraZeneca doses which were administered in private pharmacies across the province.

<sup>7</sup> Transfers reported today took place on April 26<sup>th</sup>, with plans to repatriate the vaccines from the May 3rd Pfizer shipment.

| <b>BC Total Vaccine Administration Totals from Previous Four Business Days</b> |     |         |           |        |           |           |        |   |
|--|-----|---------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|---|
| 03-May   | 231 | 188,370 | 2,243,060 | 32,832 | 1,910,162 | 1,817,918 | 92,244 | 0 |
| 30-Apr   | 129 | 0       | 2,054,690 | 90,558 | 1,877,330 | 1,785,599 | 91,731 | 0 |
| 29-Apr   | 360 | 70,400  | 2,042,890 | 37,397 | 1,786,772 | 1,696,130 | 90,642 | 0 |
| 28-Apr   | 382 | 4,680   | 1,972,490 | 43,966 | 1,749,375 | 1,659,079 | 90,296 | 0 |

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- 24,861 doses of Pfizer vaccine administered in BC since last report
- 1,310,002 doses of Pfizer vaccine administered in BC to date

*Pfizer vaccine administration began on December 15, 2020*

| <b>2: Pfizer Vaccine Administration (as of May 4/23:59)</b> |  |                                     |                              |                                      |                          |                                   |                                 |                                |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Health Authority <sup>1</sup>                               | Sites Providing Vaccination (last 24 hrs) <sup>2</sup> | New Doses Distributed (last 24 hrs) | Total Doses Distributed      | New Administered Doses (last 24 hrs) | Total Administered Doses | Individuals who Received One Dose | Individuals who Received Dose 2 | Reallocated Doses <sup>6</sup> |
| FHA   | 29   | 0                                   | 541,515                      | 7,301                                | 459,682                  | 428,185                           | 31,497                          | 0                              |
| IHA   | 24   | 42,120                              | 281,490                      | 3,889                                | 226,123                  | 216,643                           | 9,480                           | 3,510                          |
| NHA   | 4  | 8,190                               | 68,535                       | 1,178                                | 60,169                   | 58,059                            | 2,110                           | 0                              |
| VCHA  | 11   | 0                                   | 375,960                      | 6,343                                | 318,532                  | 297,446                           | 21,086                          | 2,340                          |
| VIHA  | 14   | 26,910                              | 287,040                      | 6,071                                | 228,339                  | 219,712                           | 8,627                           | -5,850                         |
| FNHA <sup>3</sup>   | 4  | 0                                   | 0                            | 79                                   | 17,157                   | 16,644                            | 513                             | 0                              |
| <b>FHA+VCHA TOTAL</b>                                       | <b>40</b>  | <b>0</b>                            | <b>917,475</b>               | <b>13,644</b>                        | <b>778,214</b>           | <b>725,631</b>                    | <b>52,583</b>                   | <b>2,340</b>                   |
| <b>BC TOTAL</b>   | <b>86</b>  | <b>77,220<sup>4</sup></b>           | <b>1,568,580<sup>5</sup></b> | <b>24,861</b>                        | <b>1,310,002</b>         | <b>1,236,689</b>                  | <b>73,313</b>                   | <b>0</b>                       |

<sup>1</sup> Based on HA that administered vaccine.

<sup>2</sup> Only sites that were open during the last 24-hour period are reported.

<sup>3</sup> FNHA vaccine administration is from both FNHA-distributed doses and RHA-distributed doses. Regional HA vaccine supply is being used in First Nations communities.

<sup>4,5</sup> New Doses Distributed and Total Doses Distributed includes 14,040 doses currently with the BCCDC awaiting distribution to HA's.

<sup>6</sup> Transfers reported today took place on April 26<sup>th</sup>, with plans to repatriate the vaccines from the May 3rd Pfizer shipment

| <b>BC Pfizer Vaccine Administration Totals from Previous Four Business Days</b> |    |         |           |        |           |           |        |   |
|---|----|---------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|---|
| 03-May  | 65 | 188,370 | 1,491,360 | 16,199 | 1,285,141 | 1,212,254 | 72,887 | 0 |
| 30-Apr  | 36 | 0       | 1,302,990 | 53,127 | 1,268,942 | 1,196,280 | 72,662 | 0 |
| 29-Apr  | 94 | 0       | 1,302,990 | 26,059 | 1,215,815 | 1,143,832 | 71,983 | 0 |
| 28-Apr  | 95 | 4,680   | 1,302,990 | 26,942 | 1,189,756 | 1,117,908 | 71,848 | 0 |



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- 5,469 doses of Moderna vaccine administered in BC since last report
- 372,085 total doses of Moderna vaccine administered in BC to date

*Moderna vaccine administration began on December 29, 2020*

| <b>3: Moderna Vaccine Administration (as of May 4/23:59)</b> |  |  |                                |   |                                 |  |  |                          |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Health Authority<sup>1</sup></b>                          | <b>Sites Providing Vaccination (last 24 hrs)<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>New Doses Distributed (last 24 hrs)</b> | <b>Total Doses Distributed</b> | <b>New Administered Doses (last 24 hrs)</b> | <b>Total Administered Doses</b> | <b>Individuals who Received One Dose</b> | <b>Individuals who Received Dose 2</b> | <b>Reallocated Doses</b> |
| <b>FHA</b>   | 9  | 0  | 117,000                        | 932   | 108,582                         | 105,188                                  | 3,394                                  | 0                        |
| <b>IHA</b>   | 8  | 0  | 88,400                         | 844   | 61,446                          | 57,512                                   | 3,934                                  | 0                        |
| <b>NHA</b>   | 4  | 0  | 43,600                         | 732   | 26,229                          | 25,256                                   | 973                                    | 0                        |
| <b>VCHA</b>  | 3  | 0  | 82,400                         | 1,009                                       | 70,572                          | 68,049                                   | 2,523                                  | 0                        |
| <b>VIHA</b>  | 5  | 0  | 96,800                         | 891   | 64,232                          | 62,060                                   | 2,172                                  | 0                        |
| <b>FNHA<sup>3</sup></b>                                      | 15   | 0  | 8,800                          | 1,061                                       | 41,024                          | 33,724                                   | 7,300                                  | 0                        |
| <b>FHA+VCHA TOTAL</b>  | <b>12</b>  | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>199,400</b>                 | <b>1,941</b>                                | <b>179,154</b>                  | <b>173,237</b>                           | <b>5,917</b>                           | <b>0</b>                 |
| <b>BC TOTAL</b>  | <b>44</b>  | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>437,000</b>                 | <b>5,469</b>                                | <b>372,085</b>                  | <b>351,789</b>                           | <b>20,296</b>                          | <b>0</b>                 |

<sup>1</sup> Based on HA that administered vaccine.

<sup>2</sup> Only sites that were open during the last 24-hour period are reported.

<sup>3</sup> FNHA vaccine administration is from both FNHA-distributed doses and RHA-distributed doses. Regional HA vaccine supply is being used in First Nations communities.

| <b>BC Moderna Vaccine Administration Totals from Previous Four Business Days</b> |    |        |         |        |         |         |        |   |
|--|----|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---|
| 03-May   | 45 | 0      | 437,000 | 13,958 | 366,616 | 347,305 | 19,311 | 0 |
| 30-Apr   | 18 | 0      | 437,000 | 20,289 | 352,658 | 333,627 | 19,031 | 0 |
| 29-Apr   | 36 | 70,400 | 425,200 | 4,088  | 332,369 | 313,740 | 18,629 | 0 |
| 28-Apr   | 37 | 0      | 354,800 | 5,473  | 328,281 | 309,862 | 18,419 | 0 |

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- 2,738 doses of AstraZeneca vaccine administered in BC pharmacies since last report
- 261,143 total doses of AstraZeneca vaccine administered in BC to date

*AstraZeneca vaccine administration began on March 15, 2021*

| <b>4: AstraZeneca Vaccine Administration (as of May 4/23:59)</b> |  |  |  |   |                                 |  |  |                          |
|--|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Health Authority<sup>1</sup></b>                              | <b>Sites Providing Vaccination (last 24 hrs)<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>New Doses Distributed (last 24 hrs)</b> | <b>Total Doses Distributed<sup>4</sup></b> | <b>New Administered Doses (last 24 hrs)</b> | <b>Total Administered Doses</b> | <b>Individuals who Received One Dose</b> | <b>Individuals who Received Dose 2</b> | <b>Reallocated Doses</b> |
| <b>FHA</b>   | 41   | 0  | 145,919                                    | 710   | 139,624                         | 139,602                                  | 22                                     | 0                        |
| <b>IHA</b>   | 40   | 0  | 12,650                                     | 1,534                                       | 18,630                          | 18,629                                   | 1                                      | 0                        |
| <b>NHA</b>   | 5  | 0  | 33,600                                     | 52  | 11,112                          | 11,098                                   | 14                                     | 0                        |
| <b>VCHA</b>  | 23   | 0  | 61,976                                     | 373   | 73,793                          | 73,783                                   | 10                                     | 0                        |
| <b>VIHA</b>  | 4  | 0  | 15,290                                     | 69  | 17,984                          | 17,984                                   | 0                                      | 0                        |
| <b>FNHA<sup>3</sup></b>  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0                               | 0  | 0                                      | 0                        |
| <b>FHA+VCHA TOTAL</b>  | <b>64</b>  | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>207,895</b>                             | <b>1,083</b>                                | <b>213,417</b>                  | <b>213,385</b>                           | <b>32</b>                              | <b>0</b>                 |
| <b>BC TOTAL</b>  | <b>113</b>   | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>314,700<sup>5</sup></b>                 | <b>2,738</b>                                | <b>261,143</b>                  | <b>261,096</b>                           | <b>47</b>                              | <b>0</b>                 |

<sup>1</sup> Based on HA that administered vaccine.

<sup>2</sup> Only sites that were open during the last 24-hour period are reported.

<sup>3</sup> FNHA vaccine administration is from both FNHA-distributed doses and RHA-distributed doses. Regional HA vaccine supply is being used in First Nations communities.

<sup>4</sup> Total doses received by the health authorities of Astra Zeneca are currently being updated.

<sup>5</sup> Total doses distributed includes AstraZeneca doses that are being held by the BCCDC. This amount is being confirmed through a reconciliation process currently underway.

| <b>BC AstraZeneca Vaccine Administration Totals from Previous Four Business Days</b> |     |   |         |        |         |         |    |   |
|--|-----|---|---------|--------|---------|---------|----|---|
| 03-May   | 121 | 0 | 314,700 | 2,675  | 258,405 | 258,359 | 46 | 0 |
| 30-Apr   | 75  | 0 | 314,700 | 17,142 | 255,730 | 255,692 | 38 | 0 |
| 29-Apr   | 230 | 0 | 314,700 | 7,250  | 238,588 | 238,558 | 30 | 0 |
| 28-Apr   | 250 | 0 | 314,700 | 11,551 | 231,338 | 231,309 | 29 | 0 |

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Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca (COVAX),  
Janssen (J&J)  
Q2 Vaccination Allocation Tables

## **Pfizer Q2 Weekly Vaccine Allocations/Répartition hebdomadaire Pfizer T2**



## **AstraZeneca (COVAX)**

### **Q2 Weekly Vaccine Allocations / T2 Répartition hebdomadaire**

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## **Janssen (J&J) Q2 Weekly Allocations/Répartition hebdomadaire Janssen (J&J) T2**

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## BC Program Bullets

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| <b>Agenda Item</b> | <b>Update on COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out (as of May 5)</b> |
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### Recommended Position/Key Message

This update includes a summary in three key areas:

1. BC COVID-19 Immunization Plan 2021 – Recent Updates
2. Vaccine Supply
3. BC Background – Roll-Out Update

### BC COVID-19 Immunization Plan 2021 – Recent Updates

- BC is currently in Phase 4 of the COVID-19 Immunization Plan.<sup>1</sup>
- The current focus of the COVID-19 Immunization Plan is to protect as many people as possible with a first dose, as quickly as possible through an age based strategy.
- In Phase 4, British Columbia is offering immunization to people aged 59 and younger.
- In addition, we continue to offer the vaccine to people aged 74 to 16 years who are clinically extremely vulnerable, Indigenous people (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) aged 64 to 18 years, and prioritized front line workers.
- BC is currently sending booking invitations to people age 52 years and older, Indigenous people age 18 years and older, and clinically extremely vulnerable people.<sup>2</sup>
- In addition to the age-based strategy, BC continues to offer COVID-19 vaccines to front-line priority workers and communities where transmission is high and is impacting hospitalization and ICU admissions. BC also continues to use COVID-19 vaccines as an outbreak response measure.
- Based on guidance from Health Canada and the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), the Province is offering AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine to people 30 years of age and older to target high transmission areas, with a robust informed consent process to support decision making including the benefits and risks of the vaccine.
- Starting in April, AstraZeneca vaccine has been distributed to select pharmacies across all health regions in BC and is available for people aged 30 years and older. Following a robust informed consent process AstraZeneca vaccine is also being offered to people 30 years of age and older through targeted AstraZeneca public health clinics in high transmission communities.<sup>3, 4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Government of British Columbia. COVID-19 Immunization Plan. Retrieved May 4, 2021 from <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/plan>.

<sup>2</sup> Government of BC. How to Get Vaccinated for COVID-19. Retrieved May 4, 2021 from <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register>.

<sup>3</sup> Government of BC. Get the AstraZeneca vaccine. Downloaded from <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/pharmacy> on May 4, 2021.

<sup>4</sup> Government of British Columbia. COVID-19 Immunization Plan. Retrieved May 4, 2021 from <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/plan>.



## BC Program Bullets

### Vaccine Supply Issues

- The supply of vaccine in Canada is rapidly increasing in May for Pfizer and Moderna vaccine.<sup>5</sup>
- It is anticipated that BC will also be receiving AstraZeneca vaccine (COVAX) in two shipments later in Q2 with allocations and shipments dates to be determined.<sup>6</sup>
- It is unlikely that Canada will be receiving COVIDSHIELD vaccine any time soon due to a need for this vaccine by the Government of India.<sup>7</sup>
- Canada currently has 304,800 doses of Janssen single-dose vaccine, but distribution is pending regulatory release/approval and therefore this supply has not yet been distributed to Canadian jurisdictions.<sup>8</sup> The Janssen vaccine received regulatory approval by Health Canada on March 5, 2021. BC is expected to receive 40,550 doses of Janssen.<sup>9</sup>
- Approximately 4.5 million vaccine doses are expected to be shipped to BC for the rest of Q2, beginning in May 2021:
  - 2.7 million doses from Pfizer in weekly shipments.
  - 1.3 million doses from Moderna usually arriving in biweekly shipments.
  - ~500,000 doses of AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD doses.<sup>10</sup>

### BC Background – Roll-out Update

- British Columbia began its COVID-19 vaccine program on December 15, 2020.
- As of May 4, 2021, BC has received 2,320,280 vaccine doses of all types:
  - 1,568,580 of Pfizer vaccine.
  - 437,000 of Moderna vaccine.
  - 314,700 of AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD/COVAX vaccine.<sup>11</sup>
- As of May 4, 2021, 1,943,230 vaccine doses of all types have been administered, as follows:
  - 1,236,689 individuals have received the Pfizer vaccine.
  - 351,789 individuals have received the Moderna vaccine.
  - 2,61,096 individuals have received the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine.<sup>12</sup>
- As of May 4, 35.6 percent of all British Columbians have received their first dose.<sup>13</sup>
- Online, phone and in-person registration and appointment booking through the 'Get Vaccinated' system was successfully launched on April 6, 2021. Everyone in BC who is 18 years or older is able to register on the 'Get vaccinated' system.
- Evidence and experience in BC and internationally continues to show the vaccine has dramatically reduced the number of outbreaks and the number of cases in acute and long-term care (LTC) settings.

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<sup>5</sup> Canadian Immunization Committee Meeting. May 4, 2021.

<sup>6</sup> IBID

<sup>7</sup> IBID

<sup>8</sup> IBID

<sup>9</sup> Canadian Immunization Committee Meeting. May 4, 2021.

<sup>10</sup> IBID

<sup>11</sup> Government of BC News Release. May 3, 2021. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0031-000832>

<sup>12</sup> IBID

<sup>13</sup> IBID

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- Based on expected number of doses and an estimated uptake of 85 percent for the first dose, BC will be able to switch to second doses in early June, and be done by the end of July. These timelines will vary based on actual number of doses available, and actual uptake.

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Approved by: Martin Lavoie, Deputy PHO, May 5, 2021

Approved by: Ian Rongve, Assistant Deputy Minister obo Peter Pokorny, Associate Deputy Minister, May 5, 2021

## BC Program Bullets

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| <b>Agenda Item</b> | <p><b><i>Approaches to Vaccination in Hotspots – for discussion</i></b></p> <p><i>Ministers will engage in a discussion on approaches and experiences to date in targeting vaccinations to address hotspots.</i></p> |
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### Potential Key Messages/Speaking Points for Minister Consideration

- *BC is now moving much faster through its age-based COVID-19 vaccine program; immunization of the most vulnerable in the first quarter of 2021 has resulted in a reduction in mortality.*
- *However, infection rates remain relatively high in certain communities and settings, especially among the working-age adult population, resulting in high case counts, hospitalizations, and increases in the number of people in critical care.*
- *Modelling in BC clearly illustrates that immunizing settings-based and local area sub-populations experiencing high transmission leads to the most rapid decrease in both morbidity and mortality; this has also been demonstrated in real life at the community level in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside and in Prince Rupert, where cases of COVID-19 infections have decreased post-vaccination, despite increases in cases in surrounding areas.*
- *In the context of continued vaccine scarcity, larger communities cannot be vaccinated at once; however, vaccines can be targeted to high risk occupational settings (e.g., education, child care, farm and food processing operations, etc.) to provide indirect protection to the broader community. In a similar fashion, public health experts have recommended implementing a parallel program to target immunization of populations living and/or working in high transmission areas alongside the age-based program and clinically extremely vulnerable program. This additional, complementary approach was announced publicly on April 19, 2021 and is informed by public health surveillance that can identify high transmission areas in the province down to the local level.*
- *This additional approach will slow age-based vaccination to some extent in some regions but the overall impact on COVID-19 transmission in BC will be significant. The addition of this specific approach to hotspots to the existing immunization strategy deployed so far is expected to be the most effective way to reduce the impact of COVID-19 in BC.*
- *More vaccine continues to arrive in larger shipments during the second quarter of 2021, and this will allow us to offer everyone who is eligible in British Columbia to receive their first dose of vaccine by early to mid-June (based on estimated vaccine uptake of 85%).*

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| <b>1. Opening Remarks (CAN/ON)</b>  | <i>5 min.</i>  |
| <b>2. Testing and Screening Expert Advisory Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ministers will hear from Dr. Irfan Dhalla, co-chair of the Expert Advisory Panel on their 4<sup>th</sup> report, <i>Priority Strategies to Optimize Testing and Quarantine at Canada's Borders</i>.</li></ul> | <i>15 min.</i> |
| <b>3. Update on COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out – <i>for information</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Standing update provided by President Stewart and Major-General Fortin.</li></ul>  | <i>15 min.</i> |
| <b>4. Roundtable – <i>for discussion</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ministers will engage in a discussion on 3<sup>rd</sup> wave actions and vaccine roll-out efforts, including approaches to hotspots and vaccine hesitancy.</li></ul>   | <i>20 min.</i> |
| <b>5. Closing Remarks (CAN/ON)</b>  | <i>5 min.</i>  |

## Meeting Overview for Health Ministers Meeting, May 10, 2021 (last updated at 2:30 p.m., Fri., May 07)

### Summary

- The Agenda includes three substantive items; a presentation from the Testing and Screening Expert Advisory Panel; an update on COVID-19 vaccine roll-out; and a roundtable discussion on 3<sup>rd</sup> wave actions and vaccine roll-out efforts, including approaches to hotspots and vaccine hesitancy.
- BC is not leading any items; however, Ministers will be asked to participate in a roundtable discussion on approaches to 3<sup>rd</sup> wave actions and vaccine roll-out efforts, including approaches to hotspots and vaccine hesitancy (Tab 4).

### Strategic Context

- Apr 22: The GoC issued two new travel restrictions for those seeking to enter Canada from India and Pakistan:
  - As of 11:30pm on April 22, there is a ban on direct flights to Canada from India and Pakistan for 30 days (subject to adjustment as conditions evolve).
  - Travellers originating in India and Pakistan who would otherwise be permitted to enter Canada may do so if travelling via a third country. However, they must show proof of a negative PCR test obtained from the third country prior to boarding a flight to Canada
- Apr 19: Federal Budget 2021 includes funding allocations for long-term and palliative care, the opioid crisis and problematic substance use, and national mental health service standards. It does not include new/increased funding for National Pharmacare or an uplift to the CHT. A summary of key health highlights is located in **Tab 1(a)(i)**, immediately following this note.

#### • Agenda Item #1: Opening Remarks and Binder Frontmatter

- **Supplemental supporting background documents compiled by IGR for this meeting:**
  - **Tab 1a:** Meeting Overview Note (*this note*)
    - **Tab 1a(i):** Federal Budget Health Summary
  - **Tab 1b:** BC Program Note, general COVID-19 Situational Report
  - **Tab 1c:** List of FPT Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Health and Mental Health and Addictions [Note: Not a Participant List; just a general reference.]

#### • Agenda Item #2: Testing and Screening Expert Advisory Panel

- *For information and discussion:* Ministers will hear from Dr. Irfan Dhalla, co-chair of the Expert Advisory Panel on their 4<sup>th</sup> report, *Priority Strategies to Optimize Testing and Quarantine at Canada's Borders*.
- **Supporting documents:**
  - **Tab 2a: Expert Advisory Panel Report:** "Priority Strategies to Optimize Testing and Quarantine at Canada's Borders." *At the time of writing, IGR has not yet received an embargoed copy of the report. IGR will forward it separately via email if/when it arrives.*

#### • Agenda Item #3: Update on COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-Out

- *Standing item:* Standing update provided by President Stewart and Major-General Fortin.
- **Supporting documents:**
  - **Tab 3a:** BC Daily Vaccination Update (as of May 5)
  - **Tab 3b:** National Operations Center Vaccine Allocation Tables (as of May 5)

▪ **Tab 3c: BC Programs Bullets – Update on COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out**

○ **Additional Context:**

- May 6: Doctor Henry announced that BC has recorded its first case of Vaccine-Induced Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia (VITT) today. The affected person was a woman who was in her 40s and she is now stable. She is receiving treatment at a hospital in the Vancouver Coastal Health Region. The woman noticed her symptoms five or six days after receiving her first dose of AstraZeneca and went to her doctor. The doctor conducted a diagnostic blood test that revealed low platelet counts.<sup>1</sup>
- At a media briefing on May 5, Doctor Henry said that health officials are working on a plan for immunization of kids ages 12 and up following Health Canada's approval for use of the Pfizer vaccine for this cohort. Dr. Henry stated kids aged 12 and older could be fully immunized with two Pfizer doses before the next school year, although younger children may have to wait until the end of the year because clinical trials for those ages are still ongoing.<sup>2</sup>
- May 5: Health Canada authorized the use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in children ages 12-15 years.<sup>3</sup>
- The BC Government introduced amendments to the *Employment Standards Act* that provide workers with up to three hours of paid leave to get each dose of their COVID-19 vaccine. It came into force on Wed., Apr 28.<sup>4</sup>
  - On May 5, AB pledged to open COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to all Albertans over the age of 12 by Mon, May 10.<sup>5</sup>

○ **Other vaccine allocation and distribution resources**

- Federal vaccine allocation and distribution updates can be found at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/covid-19-vaccine-treatment/vaccine-rollout.html#a4>
- The federal government published COVID-19 vaccination statistics for Canada (updated every Friday) here: <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/covid-19/vaccination-coverage/>

**Immunization rates by province (table updated May 03<sup>6</sup>).**

| Jurisdiction | Date (2021) | Total Population | Total Vaccine Doses Administered | First Dose Rate Per 1,000 Population | Second Dose Rate Per 1,000 Population | Total Vaccine Distributions | Proportion of Distributions Administered |
|--------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| BC           | 30 Apr      | 5,153,039        | 1,786,772                        | 329.15                               | 17.59                                 | 1,972,490                   | 87%                                      |
| AB           | 01 May      | 4,436,258        | 1,621,306                        | 297.67                               | 67.79                                 | 1,694,975                   | 93%                                      |
| SK           | 03 May      | 1,178,832        | 450,823                          | 344.66                               | 37.77                                 | 460,755                     | 97%                                      |
| MB           | 03 May      | 1,380,935        | 489,580                          | 301.34                               | 53.18                                 | 553,890                     | 87%                                      |
| ON           | 03 May      | 14,755,211       | 5,378,249                        | 339.02                               | 25.48                                 | 5,644,975                   | 87%                                      |

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/covid-briefing-may6-1.6016511>

<sup>2</sup> [https://vancouvernews.com/health/covid-19-bc-to-offer-pfizer-vaccine-to-kids-12-and-up-possibly-before-end-of-school-year?fbclid=IwAR2Uq9Fqp00a3qtLcPdHJkEigHisV1EdMyy2v5yvJp4YQfURWfaxS\\_u5Dvc](https://vancouvernews.com/health/covid-19-bc-to-offer-pfizer-vaccine-to-kids-12-and-up-possibly-before-end-of-school-year?fbclid=IwAR2Uq9Fqp00a3qtLcPdHJkEigHisV1EdMyy2v5yvJp4YQfURWfaxS_u5Dvc)

<sup>3</sup> [Health Canada authorizes use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in children 12 to 15 years of age - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/05/health-canada-authorizes-use-of-the-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-in-children-12-to-15-years-of-age.html)

<sup>4</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021LBR0019-000784>

<sup>5</sup> <https://edmonton.ctvnews.ca/all-albertans-12-and-up-eligible-for-covid-19-vaccine-by-monday-1.5414827>

<sup>6</sup> Modified from Immunization Rates by Province data chart, prepared by Ontario Ministry of Health, May 3, 2021.

*Note:* The number of doses administered may exceed doses distributed, as distribution data is updated less frequently. The Canada total is an approximation due to some data inconsistencies (incl. different data source dates).

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|--------------------|--------|------------|------------|--------|-------|------------|-----|
| QC                 | 02 May | 8,575,944  | 3,256,342  | 366.98 | 12.73 | 3,298,607  | 91% |
| NB                 | 03 May | 782,078    | 271,891    | 313.11 | 34.54 | 298,495    | 91% |
| NS                 | 03 May | 979,449    | 320,910    | 290.28 | 37.37 | 372,850    | 85% |
| PE                 | 28 Apr | 159,819    | 53,202     | 266.66 | 66.23 | 61,735     | 86% |
| NL                 | 02 May | 520,438    | 181,653    | 330.45 | 18.59 | 200,750    | 89% |
| Canada             | 03 May | 38,048,738 | 13,955,626 | 336.43 | 29.83 | 14,779,842 | 88% |
| Provincial Average |        |            |            | 317.93 | 37.13 |            | 92% |
| Provincial Median  |        |            |            | 321.13 | 37.37 |            | 91% |

• **Agenda Item #4: 3<sup>rd</sup> wave actions and vaccine roll-out efforts, including approaches to hotspots and vaccine hesitancy**

- *For discussion:* Ministers will engage in a discussion on 3<sup>rd</sup> wave actions and vaccine roll-out efforts, including approaches to hotspots and vaccine hesitancy.
- **Supporting documents:**
  - **Tab 4a:** BC Program Bullets – Approaches to Vaccinations in Hotspots.
  - **Tab 3c:** BC Programs Bullets – Update on COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out
- **Potential Key Messages/Speaking Points for Minister Consideration** (copied from **Tab 4a, BC Bullets**):
  - *BC is now moving much faster through its age-based COVID-19 vaccine program; immunization of the most vulnerable in the first quarter of 2021 has resulted in a reduction in mortality.*
  - *However, infection rates remain relatively high in certain communities and settings, especially among the working-age adult population, resulting in high case counts, hospitalizations, and increases in the number of people in critical care.*
  - *Modelling in BC clearly illustrates that immunizing settings-based and local area sub-populations experiencing high transmission leads to the most rapid decrease in both morbidity and mortality; this has also been demonstrated in real life at the community level in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside and in Prince Rupert, where cases of COVID-19 infections have decreased post-vaccination, despite increases in cases in surrounding areas.*
  - *In the context of continued vaccine scarcity, larger communities cannot be vaccinated at once; however, vaccines can be targeted to high risk occupational settings (e.g., education, child care, farm and food processing operations, etc.) to provide indirect protection to the broader community. In a similar fashion, public health experts have recommended implementing a parallel program to target immunization of populations living and/or working in high transmission areas alongside the age-based program and clinically extremely vulnerable program. This additional, complementary approach was announced publicly on April 19, 2021 and is informed by public health surveillance that can identify high transmission areas in the province down to the local level.*
  - *This additional approach will slow age-based vaccination to some extent in some regions but the overall impact on COVID-19 transmission in BC will be significant. The addition of this specific approach to hotspots to the existing immunization strategy*

- deployed so far is expected to be the most effective way to reduce the impact of COVID-19 in BC.*
- *More vaccine continues to arrive in larger shipments during the second quarter of 2021, and this will allow us to offer everyone who is eligible in British Columbia to receive their first dose of vaccine by early to mid-June (based on estimated vaccine uptake of 85%).*



## BC Gov News - Joint statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, latest updates

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From: noreply.newsondemand@gov.bc.ca  
To: amanda.vanbaarsen@gov.bc.ca, van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX  
Sent: May 7, 2021 3:44:49 PM PDT



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

Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, have issued the following joint statement regarding updates on the COVID-19 response in British Columbia:

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## COVID19 Tweets for Fri May 7

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From : Cen, Calvin GCPE:EX <Calvin.Cen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: hlth Ministerial and Executive Assistants <hlthmaea@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca>, Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX <Tiffany.Nelson@gov.bc.ca>, Belanger, Matthew GCPE:EX <Matthew.Belanger@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: May 7, 2021 3:46:40 PM PDT

Good afternoon,

Here are the COVID-19 tweets with a permalink to the joint statement for consideration today:

There are currently 445 people in hospital, 157 of whom are in critical care.

Full statement: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/24404>

Here is my joint statement w/ Dr. Bonnie Henry on today's #COVID19 updates in #BC: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/24404>

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## RE: Rush: Appointment orders for Minister Signature

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To: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: May 7, 2021 3:49:24 PM PDT

I'm on it... s.22

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>

**Sent:** May 7, 2021 3:42 PM

**To:** London, Kathy HLTH:EX <Kathy.London@gov.bc.ca>

**Cc:** MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Fwd: Rush: Appointment orders for Minister Signature  
For printing

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Andrachuk, Andrea HLTH:EX" <Andrea.Andrachuk@gov.bc.ca>

**Date:** May 7, 2021 at 3:35:03 PM PDT

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**Subject:** Rush: Appointment orders for Minister Signature

Hi Alex and Amanda,

Please see below new Rush appointment orders for the Minister's signature as CABRO has secured a spot on the Cabinet Meeting scheduled for June 2, 2021.

| Board Name | Tagged Order Requiring the Minister's signature | Drafting Instructions Received from CABRO | Checklist Instructions Prepared by CABRO |
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Medical Services Commission –  
Special Committees

Health Care Practitioners Special  
Committee for Audit Hearings

The table below includes two reappointment orders for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC that will require the Minister's signature at his earliest opportunity.

| Name | MOs to be signed by the Minister | Drafting instructions received by CABRO |
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irley Frances Joyce Ross

Many thanks,

**Andrea Andrachuk**

Manager, Executive Program Operations

Office of the Deputy Minister

Ministry of Health

## **IM 117- Information Management Training (1).msg**

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**From:** Wade, Debbie PREM:EX s.15  
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**To:** LP Senior Ministerial Advisors, LP Ministerial Advisors, LP Executive Assistants, Pridmore, Kerry CITZ:EX, Garneau, Tanya CITZ:EX  
**Cc:** Hockin, Amber PREM:EX, Allen, Jackie PREM:EX, Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX  
**Sent:** May 7, 2021 4:26:11 PM PDT  
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**Calendar Item Type:** REQUEST

## **IM 117- Information Management Training (2).msg**

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**From:** Wade, Debbie PREM:EX<sup>s.15</sup>  
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**To:** LP Senior Ministerial Advisors, LP Ministerial Advisors, LP Executive Assistants, Pridmore, Kerry CITZ:EX, Garneau, Tanya CITZ:EX

**Cc:** Hockin, Amber PREM:EX, Allen, Jackie PREM:EX, Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX

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**Priority:** Normal (5)

**Calendar Item Type:** REQUEST

## **IM 117- Information Management Training (3).msg**

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## Global Zussman request - please review

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Sent: May 7, 2021 4:32:06 PM PDT

Hi!

Rush request for your review. The pertinent line is highlighted. Essentially, sounds like a few law firms are being vaccinated in Vancouver due to outbreaks/clusters. The response will come from VCH.

### Reporter

Richard Zussman

### Topic

I have received a few emails about downtown Vancouver law firms being prioritized for vaccine. The list includes three major firms and I have been sent a copy of the letter to Clark Wilson. Why are these firms being prioritized for vaccine?

Third, I understand VCH restaurant staff are now being vaccinated. Why is this group being vaccinated now?

### Response

- Vancouver Coastal Health continues to implement the provincial COVID-19 Immunization Plan. With the majority of frontline workers now invited for first-dose vaccinations, including first responders, K-12 educational staff, child-care staff and grocery store workers, VCH has resumed its at-risk business program to include workers ages 18+ in industries where full use of personal protective equipment and barriers can be challenging, where outbreaks and clusters have occurred, and where workers live or work in congregate settings.
- Since March, restaurants and food service establishments that have experienced cases and clusters of COVID-19 have been included in this priority group.
- Identified worksites receive information directly -- including details about online registration and booking -- which is then distributed to eligible employees.
- Law firms are not included in the provincial list of priority frontline workers, however some office sites may have been included in our at-risk business program. VCH does not comment on specific cases or clusters in the community to protect patient confidentiality.
- We only make public notifications when Public Health is not able to reach all close contacts and determines it is necessary to inform the public about a potential exposure. All current public exposures are posted [here](#) and updated regularly.

**Aileen Machell** (she/her/hers)

Communications Director

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## RE: The Daily Review - QP Prep

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From: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX <Craig.Sorochan@gov.bc.ca>  
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Sent: May 7, 2021 4:46:26 PM PDT

Hi,  
I've also added an updated Surgery Delays note and a new Ambulance Staffing note to the sharepoint folder.  
Thanks,  
Craig Sorochan  
Communications Manager  
Ministry of Health  
Government Communications and Public Engagement  
250-208-9130

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**From:** Holoiday, Leah GCPE:EX <Leah.Holoiday@gov.bc.ca>  
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**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca>  
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**Subject:** RE: The Daily Review - QP Prep  
Will do!

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**From:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** May 7, 2021 4:23 PM  
**To:** Holoiday, Leah GCPE:EX <Leah.Holoiday@gov.bc.ca>  
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**Subject:** RE: The Daily Review - QP Prep  
Might want to add the updated Abcellera one to the stored folder as the trial ends this Sunday and people will come asking about results.

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**From:** Holoiday, Leah GCPE:EX <Leah.Holoiday@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** May 7, 2021 10:01 AM  
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**Cc:** Ferrier, Jeffrey GCPE:EX <Jeffrey.Ferrier@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: The Daily Review - QP Prep

Hi all,  
Based off our conversation, here is what we are working on for QP Monday. I will aim to have the updated Daily (with a new Top 5) to you by 5 pm for review.

### Priority Active Issues – Top 5

1. Data – referencing Reka's comments
2. Immunization Update – who are we booking?
3. Rapid Care Tests – what did Ont just do? What is Trudeau doing?
  - a. Identify latest comment from experts – line to explain research
  - b. Update on DBH's latest
4. COVID Long haulers
5. Second Doses
  - a. Rely on PHO, looking at science, will look at research from UK

To be updated and stored in our SharePoint folder:

- BC Immunization Schedule
- COVID Vaccinations for People Who Are Pregnant
- Rapid Testing
- Nurse Burnout
- Variants of Concern
- Kamloops Cancer Centre
- AstraZeneca in Pharmacies
- Free Contraceptives
- Richmond Hospital
- Medical Lab Workers – Island Health
- Red Cross Workers
- ALS Funding
- Vaccine Second Dose
- Indigenous Immunization
- Fraser Drop In Clinics
- Site C Outbreak

**Leah Holoiday**

COVID-19 Communications

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## For approval: Outstanding media requests today

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From: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>  
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Cc: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>, MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: May 7, 2021 4:58:47 PM PDT  
Attachments: Outstanding media requests May 7.docx, Dr. Ballem - Interview Requests.docx, MD - Health and COVID Interview Requests.docx

Hello Minister,

Please see the attached media requests for your approval, along with an interview request for you and a new one for Dr. Ballem. Let me know if you would like more information on any of these.

Thank you, hope you have a good evening.

Aileen

### Summary of media requests:

- **Jane Seyd, North Shore News** – percentage of North Shore residents vaccinated **Deadline** ASAP
- **Brishti Basu** – spike in cases in View Royal? **Deadline** ASAP
- **Joel Ballard, CBC** – registration in hot spot communities **Deadline** ASAP
- **Carla Wilson, Times Colonist** – PPE supplies **Deadline** ASAP
- **Justin Dunk, 3 Down Nation** – CFL Return to play plan **Deadline** ASAP
- **Zahra Premiji, CBC** – COVID-19 hotline concerns **Deadline** ASAP
- **Myriam Eddahia, CBC Radio Canada** – how to get second dose if coming from another province **Deadline** ASAP
- **Brian Owens, Canadian Geographic** – seasonal flu vaccines **Deadline** Today End of Day

### Minister Dix – COVID-19:

- **NEW - Andrew Ferreira, Producer - CKNW AM 980** – interview re: data not being made public (May 8, 7-9 mins, during 11am hour)

### Dr. Ballem:

- **NEW – Cheryl Chan, Reporter - Vancouver Sun** – interview re: men getting vaccinated at a lower rate than women (May 10-14)

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## **COVID: North Shore immunization rates**

### **Reporter**

Jane Seyd  
North Shore News

### **Deadline – ASAP**

### **Request**

Request for information on what percentage of the North Shore has been vaccinated and what percentage of those eligible have registered. Are there specific age groups/ethnicities/communities/other demographics that are registering in fewer numbers that you are looking to reach? Are the teachers/first responders done at this point? What's happening with the grocery store workers? I'd like to do a vaccination story (I know the major push is in Surrey) but I'd kind of need some localized info to do that.

### **Recommendation – from VCH**

- More local data will be available from the BCCDC soon.
- Vancouver Coastal Health continues to implement the provincial COVID-19 Immunization Plan. With the majority of frontline workers now invited for first-dose vaccinations, including first responders, K-12 educational staff, child-care staff and grocery store workers, VCH is resuming its frontline worker program to include frontline workers ages 18+ in industries where full use of personal protective equipment and barriers can be challenging, where outbreaks and clusters have occurred, and where workers live or work in congregate settings.
- Since March, restaurants and food service establishments that have experienced cases and clusters of COVID-19 have been included in this priority group
- Identified worksites receive information directly -- including details about online registration and booking – which is then distributed to eligible employees.

## COVID: BCCDC data

### Reporter

Brishti Basu

### Deadline – ASAP

### Request

In the report leaked to the Vancouver Sun ([https://www.scribd.com/document/506837378/2021-04-29-Final-BCCDC-Weekly-Data-Summary-2#from\\_embed](https://www.scribd.com/document/506837378/2021-04-29-Final-BCCDC-Weekly-Data-Summary-2#from_embed)), one slide (slide 8) shows a significant increase in the View Royal CHSA in the last week of April. I just want to clarify whether that dark purple section encompasses any other CHSA beyond View Royal?

Is there a known reason for why that particular South Island municipality had a spike in cases, when cases in all surrounding areas were lower than before?

### Recommendation – from VIHA

- This map shows that between April 23 and 29, there was an increased rate of COVID in the View Royal Community Health Service Delivery Area.
- The average rate per 100,000 people was greater than 40 cases per day during this period.
- About 10,000 people live in this CHSA, so the actual average daily case count was 4 per day.
- There were some household COVID clusters during this time. Contact tracing occurred and all potential high-risk contacts were notified and followed-up with by our Public Health teams.
- The weekly COVID data by local health area (larger areas of combined CHSAs) for Greater Victoria showed an average daily COVID rate per 100,000 of between 0.01 and 5.0 during this time. [http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/PublishingImages/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/case-counts-press-statements/covid19\\_lha\\_20210418\\_20210424.png?RenditionID=3](http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/PublishingImages/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/case-counts-press-statements/covid19_lha_20210418_20210424.png?RenditionID=3)

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- How does registration for the hotspot vaccinations work?
- Some people say they have been called, others are still waiting and say they've never received one. Should people expect a call?
- If someone had already registered before their zone was announced as a hotspot, do they now need to re-register?
- Do people have to register twice? Once with Fraser Health, and once with the provincial registration system?
- Any extra information to provide further clarity is appreciated.

**Recommendation**

People who live in these areas of the province can expect an invitation very soon. The invitations have already gone out for Fraser Health and will be sent out in Vancouver Coastal beginning this afternoon, followed by Interior Health and Northern Health over the next 12-24 hours.

If someone is already registered in the provincial system, there is no need to re-register. They will be contacted very soon with an invitation to book their vaccination appointment.

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I noticed on BC Bid this afternoon that the province says it has enough PPEs and related supplies to deliver essential services for the coming months and that it will not be making any more purchases at this time.

**1 & 2. How much does BC have?/Could I have quantities?**

The Province of B.C.'s Provincial Supply Chain Coordination Unit made personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies available to organizations in the **non-health sector** in August 2020.

Available supplies are listed at: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/supplyhub>. Products include, gloves, gowns, disinfectant cleaner, industrial cleaner, hand sanitizer, masks, and goggles.

As of May 5, 2021, the COVID-19 Supply Hub inventory includes:

| Product                                 | Available Stock (2021/05/05) | Unit of Measure |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Non-Medical Nitrile Gloves - Small      | 7,134                        | Boxes           |
| Non-Medical Nitrile Gloves - Medium     | 11,321                       | Boxes           |
| Non-Medical Nitrile Gloves - Large      | 302                          | Boxes           |
| Non- Medical Vinyl Gloves - Medium      | 14,108                       | Boxes           |
| Non- Medical Vinyl Gloves - Large       | 8,900                        | Boxes           |
| Medical Vinyl Gloves – Small            | 52,698                       | Boxes           |
| Medical Vinyl Gloves – Medium           | 20,387                       | Boxes           |
| Medical Vinyl Gloves – Large            | 6,535                        | Boxes           |
| Medical Vinyl Gloves – XL               | 26,872                       | Boxes           |
| Medical Nitrile Gloves - Small          | 29,500                       | Boxes           |
| Medical Nitrile Gloves - Large          | 11,684                       | Boxes           |
| Medical Nitrile Gloves - XL             | 14,272                       | Boxes           |
| Quat-Shot Disinfectant Cleaner          | 96,385                       | Bottles         |
| Disinfectant Cleaner 946ML Bottle       | 466,791                      | Bottles         |
| Eliminator DS Ready-To-Use Disinfectant | 53,722                       | Cases           |
| Liquid Hand Sanitizer                   | 69,140                       | Cases           |
| BNAC Degrease and Clean                 | 588                          | Cases           |
| Medical Goggles                         | 8,960                        | Boxes           |
| Isolation Gowns – Level 3 S/M           | 2,659                        | Cases           |
| Isolation Gowns – Level 3 L/XL          | 6,113                        | Cases           |
| 28/410 Trigger Sprayer                  | 184,067                      | Triggers        |
| 24/410 Trigger Sprayer                  | 276,098                      | Triggers        |

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|----------------------------|--------|-------|
| L1 Surg. Mask (Ear Loop)   | 44,261 | Boxes |
| N95 Particulate Respirator | 24,093 | Boxes |

**B.C. Bid's webpage also states that it is selling PPE and supplies to eligible organizations. Has it been doing that for some time or is that new?**

BC Bid's webpage is linking visitors to the BC COVID-19 Supply Hub. This would be for the same duration as the Supply Hub has been selling PPE and critical goods (August 2020-to Present)

**I'm wondering if the province had always intended on selling PPE and supplies to other organizations or if it stocked up for its own needs and then decided to sell some of it?**

In response to disrupted supply chains as a result of COVID-19, the Province established the Provincial Supply Chain Coordination Unit (PSCCU) to take decisive and immediate action to ensure first responders, essential service providers, and communities had the critical supplies they needed to deliver services during COVID-19.

The PSCCU purchased inventory of PPE and cleaning supplies with the intent of ensuring that those delivering public services and serving vulnerable British Columbians would have access to the PPE and critical goods needed to operate.

**Is it stored in more than one place?**

The supplies are stored at a provincial facility and a third-party warehouse.

**How much the province has spent acquiring the PPE/supplies?**

The year end inventory reconciliation is still underway, and at this time an audited number can't be provided.

**Do you have the value of what is available for purchase and if there's a mark-up at all, or if it is being provided at cost?**

The year end inventory reconciliation is still underway, and at this time an audited number can't be provided.



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**Request**

I had some questions for Dr. Bonnie Henry. Did B.C. give verbal sign off on the CFL's return to play plan? If so, why? And if not, what were the reasons?

I did hear there was potentially verbal sign off, which is why I want to confirm. The CFL and players' association submitted return to play plans in March.

**Recommendation**

The BC Lions have made a recent proposal for a return to play and the office of the B.C. Provincial Health Officer is currently reviewing the submission and consulting with the federal government. We will have more to say about what a return to play for the BC Lions may look like in the coming weeks ahead.

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**Deadline** ASAP**Request**

I am reaching out as we are doing a story on a young woman's first hand account of contracting COVID and her experience.

This story here:

<https://www.facebook.com/811735297/posts/10165163746110298/?d=n>

The reason I'm reaching out is also because she talks about how many times she reached out to the COVID-19 hotline for B.C. and kept being told her symptoms were normal with COVID and no one advised her to go to the hospital until her caregiver called the 3rd or 4th time.

We'd like your response as to why the hotline didn't provide her with the advice to go to the hospital, or what the threshold is on the hotline to make a decision like that, etc. and perhaps advice for people if they don't think the hotline has given them the guidance they need?

**Recommendation**

Although we are unable to confirm which medical call line was contacted, we can confirm that HealthLink BC provides reliable, non-emergency health information and advice any time of the day or night, by phone at 8-1-1 and online at [www.healthlinkbc.ca](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca). This includes health information for people who have tested positive for COVID-19. By calling 8-1-1, people can speak to a health service navigator, who can help them find health information and services; or connect you directly with a registered nurse, and other healthcare providers. HealthLinkBC 8-1-1 health professionals are registered/licensed in British Columbia and trained to provide advice by phone.

The experience and clinical judgement of the registered nurse, their extensive knowledge of provincial guidelines, clinical decision support tool that's supports patient triage, and information provided by the patient collectively ensure an 8-1-1 nurses provides appropriate, safe and quality health advice to British Columbians every day. A thorough clinical quality review will be completed of any calls the individual or her caregiver made to 8-1-1.

We are glad to hear this individual has recovered. It remains incredibly important that anyone who develops COVID-19 symptoms connects with public health and arranges to get tested immediately if advised to do so. It also remains critical that people reach out to healthcare providers when they are in need of medical services or healthcare advice, including but not limited to healthcare advice related to COVID-19.

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**Request**

Thank you for this. I was wondering if you could precise when someone registers, public health will let them know when it is their turn to be vaccinated.

From what I see, a new resident with NO Personal Health Number can't register online...so how can they keep track of when they should receive the second dose?

For example, if I get vaccinated today in Ontario & my second dose is set for September, will BC know that? How?

When would a new resident without a Personal Health Care number share that information...on the phone?

**Recommendation:**

If someone is moving to B.C. from another province, they should register through the online booking and registration tool. If they do not have a BC Personal Health Number they can call the Get Vaccinated Call Centre on 1-833-838-2323 and the call centre agent will be able to create a new PHN for them. They should also mention that they have received their Dose 1 out of Province. They should bring information with them to their appointment about the first dose of vaccine that they received.

## **HLTH Media Request: Flu vaccine uptake**

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### **Request**

Hi, I'm a reporter working on a story for Canadian Geographic about seasonal flu vaccines. I'm looking for some information about vaccine uptake in the 2020-21 flu season. I have heard anecdotally that uptake was higher this year, perhaps driven by messaging around the importance of the vaccine to reduce pressure on hospitals during the pandemic. Is there any data available yet to support this? If not, can anyone give me an idea of whether it is likely to be the case, given their preliminary impressions?

### **Background**

There is interest in the uptake of flu vaccine this past flu season, as part of the comparison to the COVID vaccination rollout this year. Also apparently low flu numbers this year is getting strong interest.

### **Recommendation**

While we can't provide a direct comparison because data was collected differently in 2019/2020, there is strong evidence of higher uptake of the influenza vaccine in BC this season. For example, community pharmacists administered 1,064,769 doses of influenza vaccine in 2020-21, compared with 724,256 doses in 2019-20. Similarly, physicians, nurse practitioners and registered nurses in community practices administered 259,757 doses of influenza vaccine in 2020-21, compared with 42,374 doses in 2019-20.

The Office of the Provincial Health Officer declared the official end of the 2020-21 influenza season as of March 4, 2021. Up to the end of the influenza season (March 4, 2021), a total of 1,492,318 doses of influenza vaccine were administered to British Columbians in 2020-21.

**COVID Media Request: DPB INTERVIEW REQ - why men are getting vaccinated at lower rate than women**

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**Request**

In the meantime, do you think it's possible to get Dr. Penny Ballem on a one-on-one phoner? I'm writing a story looking into why men are getting vaccinated at a lower rate than women, and would love to get her thoughts. Also wondering if she thinks there should be a specific campaign to get men registered and vaccinated.

I'm open anytime next week – can do it at Dr. Ballem's earliest convenience.

**Recommendation**

**Background**

**COVID Media Request: Interview Request - MD - BC CDC COVID-19 Data**

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**Deadline** ASAP

**Request**

Andrew with CKNW here – just wondering if Minister Dix might be available for an interview in the 11am hour tomorrow (Saturday) morning with John Daly.

We'd like to discuss the findings that the data that's been made public isn't the entirety of the data that the Gov't has been collecting, that some of the data has been withheld.

Let me know if he would be available for a live 7-9 minute phone interview.

**Recommendation**

**Background**