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[Joint Statement](#) on BC’s COVID-19 Response – May 13, 2021

“Today, we are reporting 587 new cases, including one epi-linked case, for a total of 137,810 cases in British Columbia.

“There are 5,691 active cases of COVID-19 in the province. A further 130,310 people who tested positive have recovered.

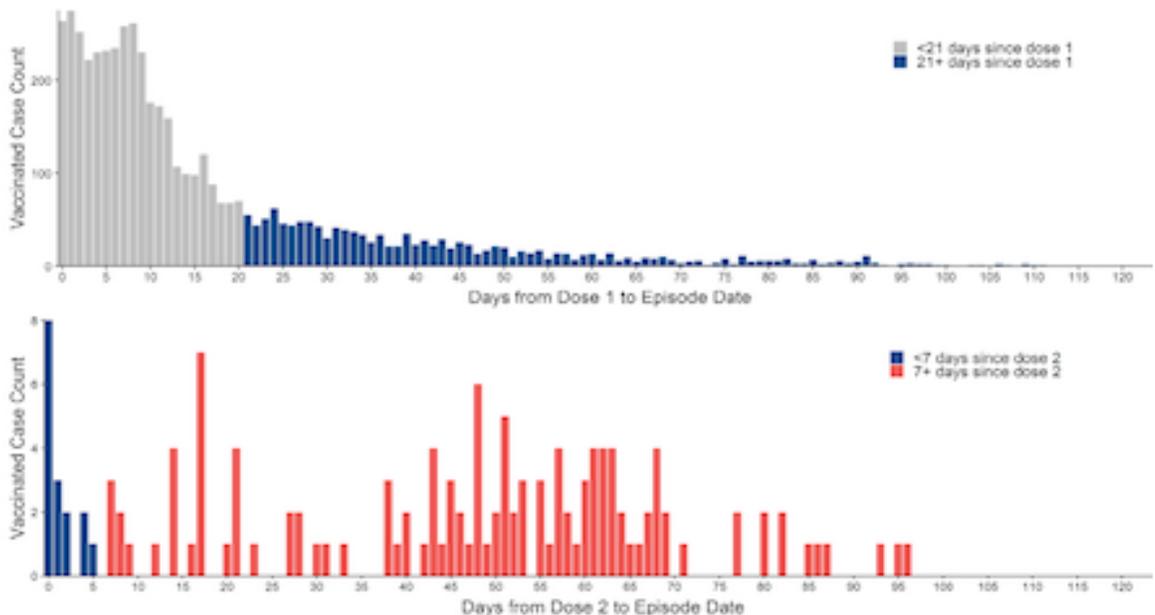
“Of the active cases, 413 individuals are currently hospitalized with COVID-19, 141 of whom are in intensive care. The remaining people are recovering at home in self-isolation.

In her presentation, Dr. Bonnie Henry showed some analysis of the protection provided by vaccines:

https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/20210513_PHO-Presentation.pdf

For example, in this slide, it shows the number of people who got COVID-19 without vaccinations, and how well people were protected 21 days after their vaccination:

Interval Time Between Vaccination & Episode Date for Immunized COVID-19 Cases, BC, Dec. 13, 2020 – May 1, 2021 (N=5,100)



Register, Register, Register

In Health Minister Adrian Dix's presentation, he repeated a number of times that the priority now is to Register, Register, Register. Over the past week, an additional 389,000 people registered on the Get Vaccinated BC website. This is the best way to ensure you get notified when you are able to book a vaccination appointment. This applies to people waiting for their second shot as well. No matter where you got your first shot – through the health authority, at a pharmacy or at home with a public health nurse – you should Register Now: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register> Or call 1 833 838-2323.

As soon as a significant majority of people have received their first shot, the Province will start to book second shots.

There are new instructions for front-line staff from Vancouver Coastal Health who want to register to get their vaccination through the healthcare worker process. [See the VCH letter here.](#) Beginning next week, adults of all ages in BC will be able to book their vaccination appointments through [Get Vaccinated BC.](#)

Step 1: Register



Registration is open to anyone born in 2003 or earlier (18+).

[Register now](#)

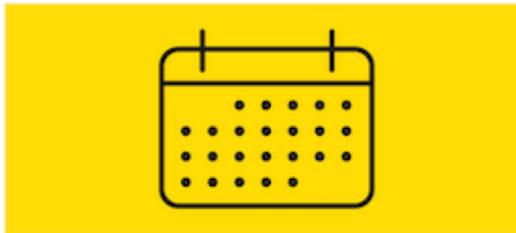
When you register, you get a confirmation number. Do not lose the number. You'll need it later to book your vaccination appointment.

[I lost my confirmation number](#)

[I made a mistake in my registration](#)

[I'm a youth aged 12 to 17](#)

Step 2: Book an appointment



Don't expect to book an appointment the same day you register.

You will get a text, email or phone call when you're eligible to book an appointment.

We're sending dose 1 booking invitations to:

- People born in 1991 or earlier (30+)
- Indigenous people born in 2003 or earlier (18+)
- Clinically extremely vulnerable people
- [Pregnant people](#) born in 2005 or earlier (16+)

Step 3: Get the



Visit the vaccine clinic to get your vaccine dose.

Everyone will get dose 1 first vaccination appointment.

You will get a text, email or phone call when you can book a dose 2 appointment.

Use your BC Services Card to access your [immunization record](#) or getting vaccinated.

[I got the AstraZeneca](#)

[I need to cancel or re-book](#)

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Employment Standards Changes for COVID-19

The Provincial Government has announced two changes to Employment Standards:

1. [Paid leave for vaccinations](#) – Employers are required to provide up to 3 hours paid leave for employees to get their COVID-19 vaccination.
2. [Three days paid sick leave](#) for all employees who must take time off for testing, isolation or recovery from COVID-19.

Spectrum is collecting information from employees and paying three hours to all employees who provide evidence of their vaccination. 72 employees were paid for their vaccination leave on May 14th, 2021, for vaccinations given between January and April 2021.

Since October 2020 we have been providing paid leave for all employees who must isolate due to Covid-19 and have provided 1,033 hours of paid leave to ensure employees are able to keep themselves, their teams and their families safe and healthy.

Staying Safe and Healthy

With high community spread (500 – 600 new cases per day), it is more important than ever to follow the safety practices that will keep you, the people you support and your families safe and healthy.

- Stay home if you feel sick – Call 811 for further directions and testing
- If you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, Call 811 for further directions and testing
- Wash your hands regularly
- Keep your distance – at least two metres or six feet from people outside your bubble
- Wear a mask on transit, in stores, in all indoor public spaces.
- Get outside, but continue to keep your distance.
- Keep your social bubble small – But stay connected with friends and family. Phone, video chat, go for a walk outside – it is so important to keep in touch.
- Continue with these safety practices even after vaccination. The vaccines help prevent serious illness three weeks after your shot, but they do not eliminate the possibility of catching COVID-19 or spreading the infection to other people.

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