# Circle of Eagles **Staff, Brothers and Sisters COVID-19 Resource Manual**



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COVID-19, Variants, Vaccines, and Booster Shots

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# Introduction

In March 2020, the novel *Coronavirus-2019* (COVID-19) was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO). Pandemics can last anywhere from 12-36 months showing us the COVID-19 pandemic will be present for some time.

This manual includes resources and considerations for the continued response to COVID-19. Included in this manual is a description of what COVID-19 is, information to maintain safety, information about the COVID-19 vaccines, including booster shots, and up to date provincial protocols and guidelines.

COELS has and will continue to adapt approaches to best support you. All the programs and services will continue following government, public health, and CSC guidelines. As those guidelines change, COELS will adapt our responses and we thank you for your patience and understanding (2).

Please note that some of the activities found in this resource book are current, but the pandemic has had many changes. To keep up with all the latest information, the reader is strongly encouraged to continue to seek further information from trusted sources. If you have concerns, questions, or have allergies please speak to a healthcare provider for further information and clarification.

# **Book your Vaccine/Booster Appointment**

**BC COVID Vaccine Hotline** 

1-833-838-2323

# What Is COVID-19 and the Main Variants in BC

## COVID-19

COVID-19 is a virus that affects your respiratory system causing illness to the lungs and/or other areas of your respiratory system. COVID-19 spreads by droplets from an infected person when they breathe, cough, sneeze, or talk near you and droplets enter your nose, throat, or eyes.

### What are the Main Variants in BC?

Viruses naturally mutate over time and lead to new versions or variants. Variants include different lineages and sub lineages that share similar genetic mutations.

Five COVID-19 Variants of Concern have been detected in BC: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta and Omicron.

# Key Points (from BCCDC website)

- Omicron is the most commonly detected variant in B.C.
- Public health and researchers are studying Omicron closely.
- Omicron has been found to spread more easily between people than previous Covid-19 variants
- People can spread Omicron to others even if they have been vaccinated, especially when they are symptomatic.
- Omicron appears to cause less serious outcomes than other COVID-19 variants among people who have received at least 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Current vaccines provide good protection against severe illness and hospitalizations for Delta and Omicron
- A third vaccine dose may help provide more protection from Omicron
- Breakthrough infections can occur in people who are fully vaccinated
- People who have had COVID-19 can get sick again from new variants.
- Getting vaccinated is important even if you have already had COVID-19.
- Monitoring and research on the new COVID-19 variants is ongoing. This page will be updated regularly as more is known.

# COVID-19 Symptoms

Some of the main COVID-19 symptoms include:

- $\Rightarrow$  Cough
- ⇒ Fever or chills
- ⇒ New loss of taste or smell
- ⇒ Fatigue or weakness
- ⇒ Muscle or body aches
- ⇒ Shortness of breath/Difficulty breathing
- ⇒ Headache
- ⇒ Diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain
- ⇒ Loss of appetite

After exposure, symptoms may develop within 14 days. It is also important to note that while the symptoms are similar to a common cold, the COVID-19 virus is a potentially severe illness, particularly for people with underlying medical conditions and older adults (2).

COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild to severe. Sometimes people with COVID-19 have mild illness, but their symptoms may suddenly worsen in a few days.

# Go to an emergency department if you

- find it hard to breathe
- have chest pain
- can't drink anything
- feel very sick
- feel confused

### Normal body temperature

Most people have an average body temperature of about  $37^{\circ}C$  (98.6°F), measured orally (a thermometer is placed under the tongue). Your temperature may be as low as  $36.3^{\circ}C$  (97.4°F) in the morning or as high as  $37.6^{\circ}C$  (99.6°F) in the late afternoon. Your temperature may go up when you exercise, wear too many clothes, take a hot bath, or are exposed to hot weather.

### Fever temperatures

A fever is a high body temperature. A temperature of up to 38.9°C (102°F) can be helpful because it helps the body fight infection. Most healthy children and adults can tolerate a fever as high as 39.4°C (103°F) to 40°C (104°F) for short periods of time without problems. Children tend to have higher fevers.

https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/illnes ses-conditions/infectiousdiseases/fever-or-chills-age-12and-older

### **Delta Variant Facts** Maintaining Safety from Variants • The Delta variant is currently the most common Being fully vaccinated provides more COVID-19 variant in BC. protection than a single dose. Getting vaccinated is important even if you · It is easily spread between people and leads to more serious outcomes than other versions of have already had COVID-19. COVID-19 As more people are fully vaccinated, it is less likely that COVID-19 variants will spread in Some people who have had COVID-19 may get sick again from the new variants, but this is extremely the community; this helps protect people who cannot get vaccinated including. For more information on the effectiveness · As more people are fully vaccinated, it is less likely against COVID-19 and the Delta variant can that COVID-19 variants will spread in the be found here. community. Monitoring and research on the new COVID-19 variants is ongoing, continue to find updated information here.

# **Omicron Symptoms**

The top five symptoms of Omicron

- $\Rightarrow$  a runny nose
- $\Rightarrow$  headache
- ⇒ fatigue
- $\Rightarrow$  sneezing
- ⇒ sore throat

Unlike other strains of the virus, symptoms of fever, cough and loss of smell were not as common.

The Omicron variant is a new known VoC as of December 2021 has surpassed the Delta variant.

"With this Omicron variant...the incubation period, or the time between exposure and getting sick yourself and being able to pass it on to others is very small. What we're usually seeing in five to seven days on average is now down to around two or three days." Dr. Bonnie Henry

Provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry says that the incubation period for the Omicron variant is a median of three days, down from an average of six days "even one month ago. That means people who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should self-isolate for one week if they are fully vaccinated, regardless of if they have confirmed the illness with a PCR test.

If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 you must assume you have the virus and must take the appropriate measures (not to pass it on)"

### According to the BCCDC:

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https://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/variants

### Prevention

# Getting Vaccinated

Many people have different reasons they choose to get vaccinated. The table below shows some of the reasons your fellow Brothers, Sisters, and COELS staff chose to get vaccinated.

# Reasons for Getting Vaccinated

### Reason for Vaccination

# Got vaccinated to protect their community from COVID-19

- To keep everyone else safe.
- To protect specific people such as family, friends, coworkers, Elders, and immune compromised people.
- To contribute to ending the pandemic and stop community spread.

### Got vaccinated to protect themselves from COVID-19

- To stay safe from and prevent COVID-19 themselves.
- To protect themselves from severe reactions to COVID-19 as a result of underlying health issues.

### Got vaccinated because of public health vaccine mandates

- To follow public health mandates.
- To access social activities.

# Got vaccinated to promote safety and health (non-specific)

- To be safe.
- To promote health.

# Got vaccinated to please others or ease concerns of others

- Was persuaded by others.
- Because others were getting vaccinated.

### Other

- Felt like the right choice.
- Because it was accessible and convenient.
  - Because others accompanied them to ease fears.

### Get Your Vaccine(s) and/or Booster Shots

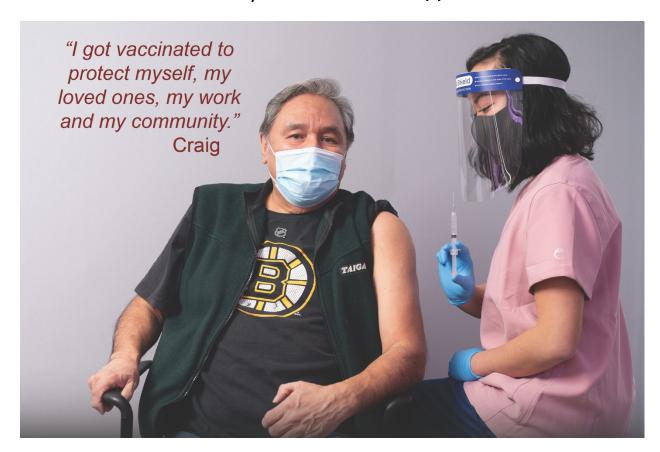
In BC, everyone who is 18 or older will have the opportunity to have a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Booster doses will be first offered to people who are at most risk. You need to have had both of your initial vaccine doses and have 6 months in between your second vaccine and your booster shot.

The benefit of a booster dose is that it helps to maintain and lengthen protection against COVID-19. By having a booster dose, you are helping to protect yourself and your community from COVID-19.

A booster dose is an additional shot of vaccine that helps you maintain and lengthen
your protection against severe outcomes of COVID-19. When you get a booster
dose, you're helping protect you and the people around you from COVID-19. You will
receive either the Moderna or Pfizer (mRNA) vaccine. These vaccines are
interchangeable.

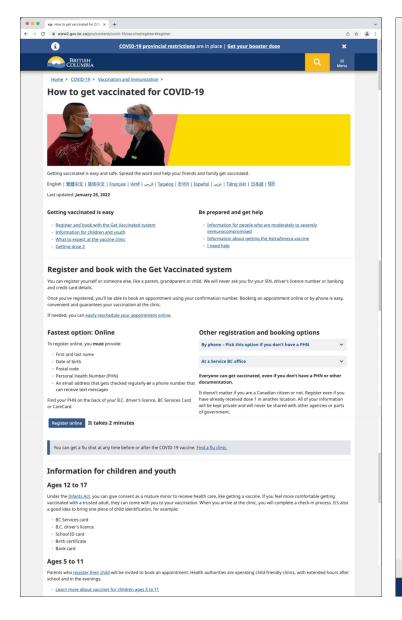
Compared with people who are fully vaccinated, unvaccinated people are:

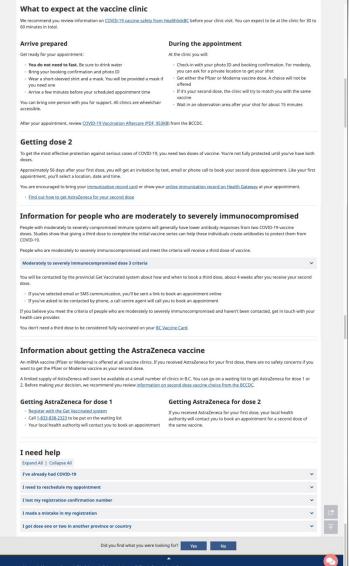
- About 8 times more likely to have COVID-19.
- About 32 times more likely to be hospitalized because of COVID-19.
- About 20 times more likely to die from COVID-19. (9)



Ask staff to help you book your vaccination and booster shots. All Indigenous people are eligible for their Vaccines and booster shots.

# https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register#register





# Other Ways to Keep Myself Safe

There are many ways we can keep ourselves, our families, and our communities safe and healthy. A highly effective way to maintain safety is through receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Additionally, even if we have been vaccinated (partially, fully, and booster shots), there are still health measures and protocols we can follow to help keep each other safe.

The basics still stand true as follows: IF you are feeling sick with a cough, fever, or sore throat, stay home, inform COELS staff on shift and you may be directed to contact 811. You can also do the self-assessment tool online at <a href="https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en">https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en</a>. If you have difficulty breathing, call 911.

### Other steps include:

- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces
- Handwash frequently with soap for as long as it takes to sing your ABC's. twice, or to equal 20 seconds.
- Use sanitizer often.
- Practice social distancing, at least 6 feet/2 meters from others.
- Wash your masks and have several masks to be able to alternate.
- Avoid touching MEN (M-outh, E-yes, N-ose).
- Cleaning your home with household cleaning and disinfectant products.
- Visiting others outdoors or in small groups

# Wearing a N95 or KN95 Masks

Since the spread of Omicron, cloth masks are no longer recommended. All Staff, Brothers and Sisters should double up on their masks or wear a KN95 mask or N95 mask. Masks help reduce transmission of COVID-19 when they fit comfortably over the mouth and nose with no gaps around the face.



# Physical Distancing

Since the beginning of COVID-19 one of the precautions that has been encouraged is to physical distance. People are asked to keep 2 metres or 6 feet away from one another. Practicing this in combination with wearing a mask and sanitizing & washing hands regularly help reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses like COVID-19.



Maintain physical distance

# Washing Your Hands

Another precaution is washing your hands often and practicing good hand hygiene. Washing your hands regularly will help reduce the chances of spreading germs like COVID-19. You need to wash your hands with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds (or sing your ABC's twice) for it to be most effective. Soap actively destroys the surface of the virus and reduces how much is left on your skin. Alcohol-based hand rubs/Sanitizers can be used to disinfect your hands when soap and water are unavailable.





# Practicing Safe Cough and Hygiene

When you need to cough it is good practice to cough into your elbow rather than your hand. This helps isolate your germs to that area and you don't risk touching things after with your hands and spreading germs. Avoid touching MEN (M-outh, E-yes, N-ose). Disinfect your room and house regularly to eliminate germs. Wash your laundry regularly to help eliminate germs that you may be carrying around. Good hygiene and cleanliness will help with preventing carrying and passing the virus.

# Care and Treatment

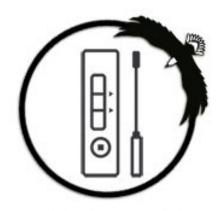
Stay home if you have any symptoms:

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- $\Rightarrow$  Fever or chills
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  - ⇒ Fatigue or weakness
  - ⇒ Muscle or body aches
- ⇒ Shortness of breath/Difficulty breathing
  - ⇒ Headache
  - ⇒ Diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain
    - $\Rightarrow$  Loss of appetite

# Rapid Tests

Rapid antigen tests are a test that you can perform yourself at home to find out if you have COVID-19. The results for this test are ready in less that 20 minutes.

Performing a rapid test involves collecting a sample from each nostril using a swab. You do not place the swab all the way in the sinus cavity you only place it a few centimeters inside your nose; this should **not** hurt. Currently COELS has BTNX COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests. If you need to have a test provided we will give instructions but here is an outline below.



Feeling sick get a rapid test

For further information about rapid testing and next steps, use the QR code or visit: bccdc.ca/covid19rapidtesting

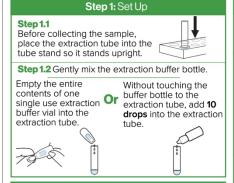






### Procedure Card | COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Device

IMPORTANT: Bring all testing materials and specimens to room temperature (15-30°C) before use. Process specimens as soon as possible after collection.



Step 2a.1

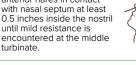


Gently insert the sterile swab into the nostril parallel to the palate, not upwards. The distance should be equivalent to that from the ear to the nostril of the patient, indicating contact with the nasopharynx, or until resistance is encountered.

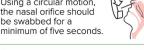
Gently rub and roll the swab, leave in place several seconds to saturate tip with secretions. Slowly remove the swab while rotating it

### Step 2 - Option B: Nasal Swab Step 2b.1 Remove the swab from its packaging.

Tilt patient's head back 70°. Insert the swab through the anterior nares in contact with nasal septum at least 0.5 inches inside the nostril until mild resistance is



Step 2b.3 Using a circular motion, the nasal orifice should be swabbed for a



Step 2b.4 Compress the nostril with the fingers to trap the swab tip and rotate the tip for a minimum of five seconds.

Step 2b.5 Remove and repeat for the other nostril with the same swab.



min 0.5 inch





Insert the swab with the collected specimen into the extraction tube. Swirl the swab, mixing well. Squeeze the swab 10-15 times by compressing the walls of the tube against the swab.

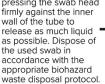


the tube stand. Let the swab stand in the solution for 2 minutes.



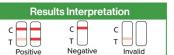
### Step 3.3

Remove the swab while pressing the swab head firmly against the inner wall of the tube to release as much liquid as possible. Dispose of the used swab in accordance with the appropriate biohazard



Attach nozzle to sample extraction tube. Invert the tube and add 3 drops of the extracted solution into the sample well of the test device by gently squeezing the tube. Start the timer. Wait for coloured line(s) to appear. Read results at 15 minutes.





This reference sheet is not a replacement for the Product Insert. Read the instructions prior to use and follow the directions carefully.

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### Video resource link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWPa39AuFkY

# How to test using a BTNX COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test

### You will need

- 1x sterile swab
- 1x test tube
- Plastic vial with buffer liquid
- Test tube rack or a small glass
- 1x test device
- Timer and garbage can

### Step 1 - Prepare for the test

- Blow your nose and discard the tissue
- Do not use this test if you have a nose bleed
- Wash your hands with soap
- Gather all testing equipment

### Step 2 - Get the tube ready

- Twist the top off the buffer liquid vial.
- Squeeze all the buffer liquid into the test tube.
- Place the filled test tube in the test tube holder or a clean glass or cup.

### Step 3 - Collect the sample

- Remove the swab from the packaging.
   Touch only the plastic handle.
- Tilt your head back.
- Insert the cotton end of the swab straight back (not up) into one nostril for 2.5 cm or when you meet resistance
- Turn the swab against the inside of your nose for 5 seconds.
- Press the side of your nose with your finger to trap the swab. Rotate the swab for 5 seconds
- Repeat same steps in your other nostril.

Do not use the swab for testing if there
is any blood on it. Blow your nose and use a
clean swab. If you have had a nose bleed
wait 24 hours before testing.

### Step 4 - Perform the test

- Gently insert the cotton end of the swab into the test tube:
- Swirl the swab gently in the liquid and squeeze the swab with the sides of the tube 10-15 times.
- Place the tube in the glass or test tube rack and leave with the swab in the solution for 2 minutes.
- With the swab inside, pinch the outside of the tube with your fingers to get the remaining liquid out of the swab tip.
- Remove the swab and put in the garbage.
- Attach the nozzle to the tube.

### Step 5 - Test device

- Open a test device and place it on a flat surface.
- Slowly squeeze 3 drops onto the circle on the test device.

### Step 6 - Get your results and clean up

- Set a timer for 15 minutes. Readings after 20 minutes may not be accurate.
- Do not move the test device during this time.
- Check your result. Your result could be:
  - Positive
  - Negative
  - Invalid
- Put all testing equipment in the garbage
- Wash your hands.

http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing/rapid-antigen-testing#btnx

# COELS Rapid Test Procedure

COELS has received a very limited supply of COVID-19 rapid tests. Currently there are managers, staff, family members, Brothers and Sisters who have tested positive for COVID-19 at the Healing Lodges, as well as in their homes. Currently we have access to a very limited number of COVID-19 rapid tests. The following procedure will be followed:

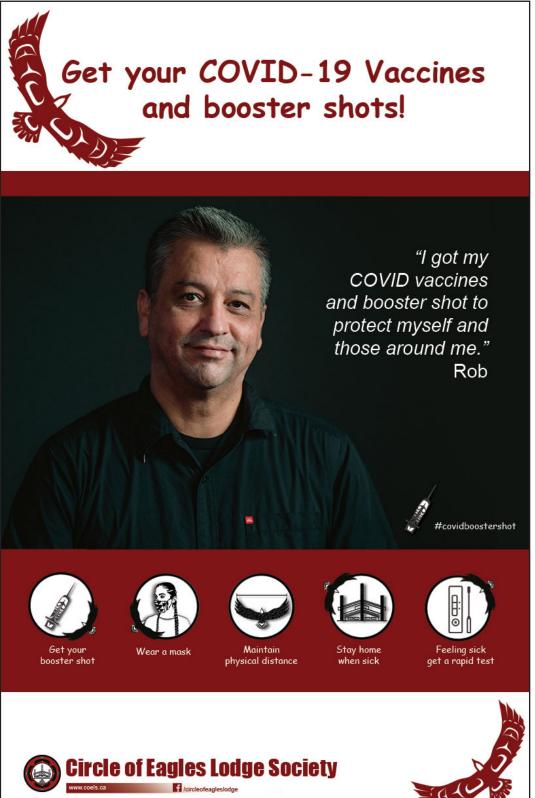
- 1. Managers, staff, Brothers and Sisters will be given priority to the rapid tests
- 2. Only those who are displaying symptoms will be given a rapid test. See list of COVID symptoms
- 3. Staff will notify their immediate supervisor if they show any symptoms as listed below and stay at home.
- 4. Brothers / Sisters will notify staff if they show any symptoms as listed below and isolate in their room until further instruction.
- 5. Contact the COVID Coordination, Jason at <u>jason@coels.ca</u> or 604-879-1949 for a rapid test.
- 6. The COVID-19 Coordinator will arrange that a rapid test be delivered by himself and/or a delegated staff person.
- 7. The test results need to be shared with the COVID coordinator and Management as soon as possible so that we can reduce contact exposure.
- 8. If a family member tests positive at home, staff and/or Brothers/Sisters need to monitor for symptoms. Staff will continue to show up for work but will immediately self-isolate at the onset of any symptoms.

  Brothers/ Sisters will continue to stay at the Lodges and at the onset of any
- symptoms isolate in their room until further instruction.

  9. Tracking Sheet will record:
  - a. Who has taken the rapid test? List name(s).
  - b. The date the test was done; and
  - c. The results of the test.
  - d. These will be shared with the CEO and DOO on a weekly basis.
- 10. Person(s) will self-isolate in a safe location away from the Lodges following COELS COVID isolation procedures for a minimum of five days and/or until their symptoms go away.
- 11. Person(s) will notify their supervisors prior to returning to work and/or to the Lodge. COVID Coordinator or designate will be in contact with staff,

Brothers / Sisters daily during the first five days. Groceries and medicines can be arranged if needed through the COVID-19 Coordinator.

- 12. These procedures will be followed as long as COELS has access to rapid tests.
- 13. COVID Coordinator will ensure that the procedures are being followed. If there are any issues, they will be brought to the attention of the CEO and DOO.





# Coping with COVID-19: Mental Health, Wellness and Addictions

The pandemic has resulted in many changes that may have impacted our mental health. Living through a pandemic is stressful and it is normal to feel worried or anxious. It is important that we acknowledge and care for our mental health as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. You may have a lot of difficult feelings around the pandemic, including stress, uncertainty, fear, loss, and maybe even hopelessness. It is important for you to know that you are not alone.

The extremely contagious nature of COVID-19 means that we have to keep physically distant from others. But we can stay close emotionally. This is the time to lean on each other, and to reach out if we need support. There are many simple and accessible steps we can take, to take care of our mental health and well-being during this collective challenging time.

FNHA (First Nations Health Authority) has produced a series of videos and fact sheets designed to help you support your mental health and wellness during this difficult time. These resources aim to explain the nature of the pandemic and the impact it might be having on your mental health. They also provide specific suggestions for dealing with the mental health and wellness issues raised by the pandemic.

To view these videos, go to the FNHA website: https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus/mental-health-and-wellness

For available support programs through the Canadian Mental Health Association, please see this website for more information: <a href="https://cmha.bc.ca/covid-19/">https://cmha.bc.ca/covid-19/</a>

# Indigenous Specific Mental Health and Addictions Support

If you would like to speak to an experienced and culturally safe counsellor for Indigenous specific support, you can:

- Call the Hope for Wellness Help Line at 1-855-242-3310 (toll free) 24/7.
- Connect to the online Hope for Wellness chat at https://www.hopeforwellness.ca

The Hope for Wellness Help Line offers immediate mental health counselling and crisis intervention to all Indigenous peoples across Canada.

Experienced and culturally competent Help Line counsellors can help if you:

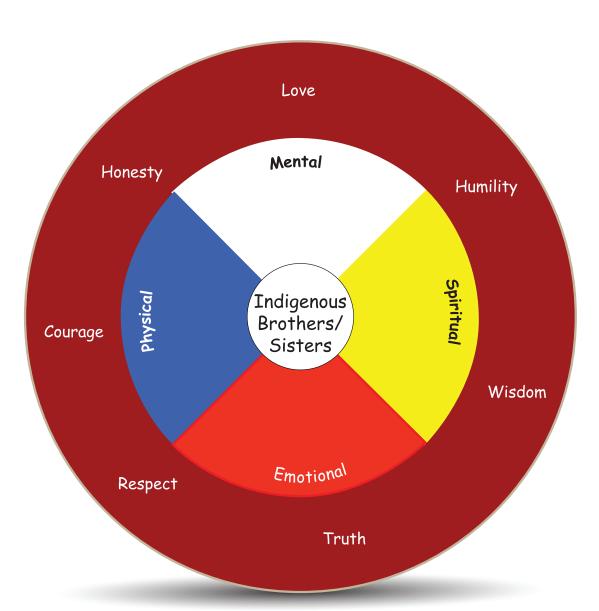
- want to talk
- are distressed
- have strong emotional reactions
- are triggered by painful memories

If asked, counsellors can also work with you to find other wellness supports that are available near you

Phone and chat counselling is available in English and French. On request, phone counselling is also available in:

- Cree
- Ojibway
- Inuktitut

It's important to look after your medicine wheel.



# **Isolation Procedures**

# If you are Exposed to COVID-19

This section shares information on what happens if you or a family get COVID-19 or are exposed to someone with COVID-19.

### COVID-19 Positive Test Results

If you receive a positive COVID-19 test result, it is important to stay calm and to know that you will have a lot of support from COELS, CSC and through Public Health.

COELS, CSC and Public Health will work together to ensure that you are safe as well as ensure the safety of everyone else at the Healing Lodges. The following steps will generally be followed:

- 1. Brother or Sister tests positive -Staff will follow the isolation protocols and procedures
  - a. The Brother or Sister will immediately self-isolate in their room.
  - b. Staff will notify Admin, the CEO, Director of Operations, House Manager.
  - c. Ensuring that food is brought to the Brother's or Sister's room.
  - d. Posting a sign on the closest bathroom for use ONLY by the Brother or Sister that tested positive.
  - e. Practicing Universal Precautions while serving or interacting with the Brother or Sister.
- 2. CSC and Public Health will determine if the Brother and Sister are to self-isolate.
- CSC will identify where the Brother or Sister will self-isolate, Brothers will be moved to another facility such as a trailer in North Vancouver, Tim's Manor and/or other locations.
- 4. Sisters who are homeless, will be placed at a COVID-19 hotel and other community supports.
- 5. Brother or Sister will move back into the Healing Lodges once their self-isolation is completed.
  - self-isolate (for at least five days from the first day you had symptoms if you are fully vaccinated, or at least 10 days if you are not).
     https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-diseasecontrol/coronavirus/covid-19-rapid-testing/

COELS is not able to provide a safe space currently for individuals to self-isolate in the Healing Lodges. Your cooperation and understanding as you go through this incident will ensure that you are safe and that those that live and work within the Healing Lodges and by extension their families are safe as well.

# Proof of Vaccination and the BC Vaccine Card

In order to access many events, services, and businesses, we are required to show a proof of vaccination. This requirement has just been extended until June 30, 2022. Here are the steps to get your proof of vaccination and the BC Vaccine Card, which is also sometimes called a "QR code".

A QR code is a machine-readable code consisting of an array of black and white squares, typically used for storing URLs or other information for reading by the camera on a smartphone. A QR code is a type of barcode that can hold more information than the familiar kind scanned at checkouts around the country. The "QR" stands for "quick response," a reference to the speed at which the large amounts of information they contain can be decoded by scanners.

### Step 1: Log in

To log in securely, you need to provide your:

- Date of birth
- Personal Health Number (PHN)
- Date you got dose 1 or dose 2

If you already have a Health Gateway account, log in with your BC Services Card App.

### Step 2: Save or print

Once logged in, you have 3 options:

- Select "Save a copy" and save it to your phone's photo album or computer folder
- Save a screenshot to your device
- Print a copy on paper
  - It is requested that you have a digital copy on your phone. If you have circumstances/conditions, then it is important you carry a printed copy
  - When you print this, you need to make sure that your QR Code is clear as it will be scanned to confirm vaccination

### Step 3: Show your card

Have your card ready when entering a business. They'll look at your vaccine card and also check your government ID.

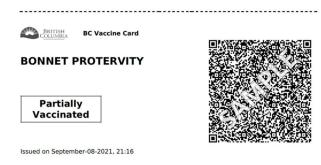
Image 1: What the BC Vaccine Card looks like

### **Digital card**

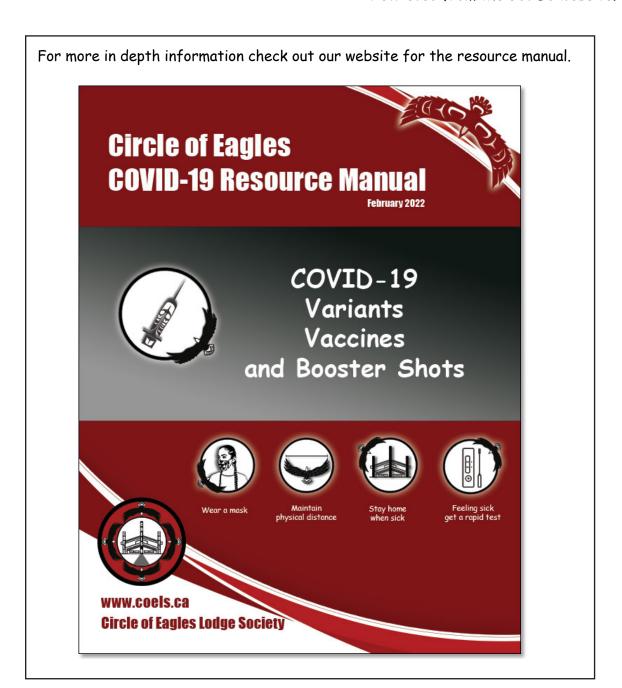




### Paper card



Retrieved from the Gov BC website.



# Trusted Sources for Information

There is a lot of information that we need to know about COVID-19 and not all of it is reliable.

Some tips to best navigate the information include:

### 1. Assess the source

Who shared the information with you and where did they get it from? Even if it is friends or family, you still need to vet their source. To check for fake social media accounts, look at how long profiles have been active, their number of followers and their most recent posts. For websites, check the "About Us" and "Contact Us" pages to look for background information and legitimate contact details.

### 2. Go beyond headlines

Headlines may be intentionally sensational or provocative to get high numbers of clicks. Read more than just the headline of an article - go further and look at the entire story. Search more widely than social media for information - look at print sources such as newspapers and magazines, and digital sources such as podcasts and online news sites. Diversifying your sources allows you to get a better picture of what is or is not trustworthy.

### 3. Identify the author

Search the author's name online to see if they are real or credible.

### 4. Check the date

When you come across information, ask yourself these questions: Is this a recent

story? Is it up to date and relevant to current events? Has a headline, image or statistic been used out of context?

### 5. Examine the supporting evidence

Credible stories back up their claims with facts - for example, quotes from experts or links to statistics or studies. Verify that experts are reliable and that links actually support the story

### 6. Check your biases

We all have biases, and these factor into how we view what's happening around us. Evaluate your own biases and why you may have been drawn to a particular headline or story. What is your interpretation of it? Why did you react to it that way? Does it challenge your assumptions or tell you what you want to hear? What did you learn about yourself from your interpretation or reaction?

Think about whether your own biases could affect your judgement on what is or is not trustworthy.

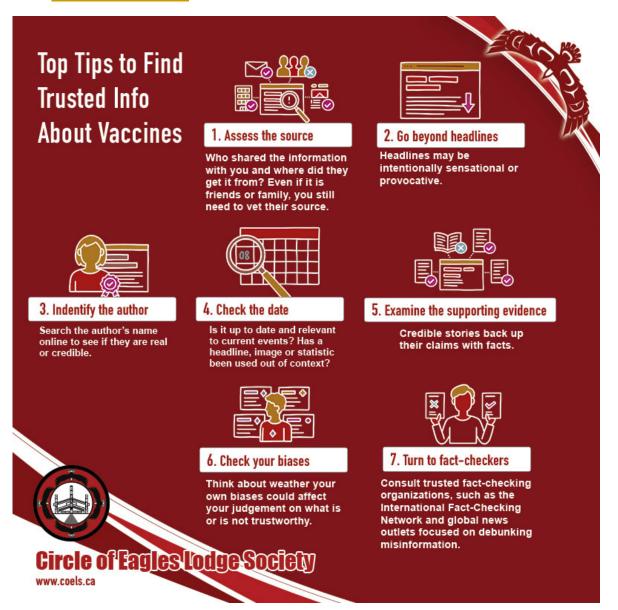
### 7. Turn to fact-checkers

When in doubt, consult trusted fact-checking organizations, such as the International Fact-Checking Network and global news outlets focused on debunking misinformation, including the Associated Press and Reuters.

For more information about navigating COVID-19 information, misinformation, and disinformation, please see this website: <a href="http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/how-to-find-trusted-information-about-vaccines">http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/how-to-find-trusted-information-about-vaccines</a>

In a recent survey completed by COELS Brothers, Sisters, and staff, the top identified trusted source of COVID-19 information is from health authorities. Accessing information from your local health authority is a reliable and trusted source of relevant, and up-to-date information for your local COVID-19 information.

- Circle of Eagles Lodge Society <a href="https://coels.ca/covid-19-2022/">https://coels.ca/covid-19-2022/</a>
- For more information about COVID-19 from the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, please see this website: <a href="http://www.vch.ca/covid-19">http://www.vch.ca/covid-19</a>
- For more information about COVID-19 from the First Nations Health Authority, please see this website: <a href="https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus">https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus</a>



# COVID supports in VCH region

Please note: services may be listed under multiple headings to help with navigation

Other supports may be available to Patients through VCH and the COVID Outreach Team

General self-isolation supports

Support & contact information	Brief Description & Eligibility
First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)	self-isolation support (travel, meals,
Health Benefits Self-Isolation Support team	accommodation)
1-888-305-1505	8:30am-4:30pm 7d/wk
	*Status First Nations
Individual Nations	community-level supports may be available.
Community level support	
see First Nations contact listing	*Status First Nations

# Housing Supports

Support & contact information	Brief Description & Eligibility
Pacific Association of First Nations Women	Will be placed on a wait list, with follow up if
emergency housing subsidies -	support becomes available
Online application:	
https://tinyurl.com/reachinghomegfb	
OR	*Lower mainland residents only. Open to
https://pafnw.wordpress.com/covid-19/	Indigenous women and children

# Cultural & Mental Wellness Supports

Support & contact information	Brief Description & Eligibility
Tsow-tun-le lum:	Cultural support & counselling by phone or video
1-888-403-3123 (toll-free)	
Or contact via <u>Facebook messaging</u>	
Indian Residential School Survivors Society	Emotional support services during isolation
Resolution Health Support Workers	
Executive Director: Angela White	
angelawhite@irsss.ca	*Urban, Indigenous, and directly affected by COVID
Indian Residential School Survivors Society	Traditional healing and medicines by phone or
Virtual cultural support	video
Online request form	
	*Urban, Indigenous, and directly affected by
	COVID
Pacific Association of First Nations Women	by phone or video (zoom)
COVID-19 support group	*Indigenous folks of all genders and ages
Pacific Association of First Nations Women	Counselling by phone or video (zoom)
COVID-19 Counselling	
Online application	*Indigenous folks of all genders and ages
VCH Aboriginal Health	Cultural and emotional support by phone or video
Virtual cultural support	provided by VCH Elders/Knowledge Keepers
info.aboriginalhealth@vch.ca	*Indigenous folks of all genders and ages in need
1-877-875-1131 (toll-free)	of additional support
FNHA	Referral-based (no-cost) service
Virtual Substance Use and Psychiatry Service	Substance Use and Addictions Medicine: Monday
Virtual Psychiatry Service referral guide	to Friday 9:30am-5:30pm
	Psychiatry: Monday to Friday 10am-3pm.
	*Available to all BC First Nations people and
	their families, even if family members are not
	Indigenous
Spirit of the Children Society	Virtual cultural teachings (zoom)
Cultural teaching (virtual)	Mondays 4-5pm
604-524-9113	
<u>reception@sotcs.ca</u>	*Youth aged 7-18

Broadway Youth Resource Centre	Weekly zoom socials
Queer, Trans, & Two-Spirit zoom social	,
Lindsay McKinnon	
lmckinnon@pcrs.ca	*Youth aged 14-24 who identify as queer, trans,
778-877-0993	or two-spirit
QMUNITY	Virtual drop-in (zoom) Mondays 4-5pm
Youth drop-in	
youth@qmunity.ca	*queer youth aged 14-25
Spirit of the Children Society	Virtual youth group (zoom) Wednesdays 4-5pm
Youth Hub (virtual)	
604-524-9113	
<u>reception@sotcs.ca</u>	*Youth aged 13-18
Foundry	Free virtual counselling (phone or video)
Virtual counselling	1:15-9pm Monday-Friday
1-833-308-6379 online@foundrybc.ca	
OR	
book an appointment online	*Youth aged 12-24
WAVAW	Phone counselling and support groups using a
Indigenous Counselling	holistic approach utilizing traditional teachings
604-255-6344	and ceremonies
	Also do Community referrals
	* Indigenous people of marginalized genders,
	including trans and cis women, as well as trans,
	non-binary, and Two Spirit people seeking
	health, wellness, and safety
WAVAW	One-to-one counselling and support groups
Counselling	*survivors of marginalized genders: cis and trans
604-255-6344	women, Two-Spirit, trans and/or non-binary
	people who have experienced sexual assault
2 Spirits of BC	Online Talking Circle (Zoom)
Online Talking Circle	Tuesdays @ 7pm
admin@fourfeathers.net	*Indigenous 2-Spirits living in BC
Support Network for Indigenous Women &	Free counselling for low income, racialized
Women of Colour	women
https://www.sinwwoc.ca	

# Links to additional mental wellness and cultural resource listings

Link/Source	Brief Summary
Virtual Mental Health Supports During COVID-	- List of virtual mental health supports available
19 (Government of Canada)	
COVID-19 Mental Health and Cultural Supports	- Full list of Mental Health Support available for
(FNHA)	community members, community leaders
	- List of cultural support
Staying Connected During the COVID-19	- Poster
Pandemic (FNHA)	

Mental Health & Wellness Resources (FNHA)	- Links to videos, fact sheet, poster, news
	article
Database of youth support programs and	- Service locator for youth support programs
services in communities across Canada	and services
(Kids Help Phone)	

# Harm Reduction & Substance Use Supports

Support & contact information	Brief Description & Eligibility
Western Aboriginal Harm Reduction Society	Delivery of harm reduction supplies, food, and
Outreach	hydration
WAHRS Coordinator: Tracey Draper	
wahrsdtes@gmail.com	
(604) 374-3594	*Indigenous folks in the DTES area

# Virtual Care during COVID-19

Link/Source	Brief Summary
FNHA	Virtual primary healthcare 8:30am-4:30pm
<u>Virtual Doctors of the Day</u>	7d/wk
1-855-344-3800 to book an appointment	
Poster for community members	*Available to all BC First Nations people and
	their families, even if family members are not
	Indigenous
FNHA	Referral-based (no-cost) service
Virtual Substance Use and Psychiatry Service	Substance Use and Addictions Medicine: Monday
Virtual Psychiatry Service referral guide	to Friday 9:30am-5:30pm
	Psychiatry: Monday to Friday 10am–3pm.
	*Available to all BC First Nations people and
	their families, even if family members are not
	Indigenous

# Miscellaneous Funding Supports, Income Assistance, and Payment Deferrals

Support & contact information	Brief Description & Eligibility
Indian Residential School Survivors Society	Funding supports for every day necessities
Funding supports	(medicine, food, etc.)
Executive Director: Angela White angelawhite@irsss.ca	Limited funding available – have family name, contact information, number of adults/children, and summary of needs ready *Urban, Indigenous, and directly affected by COVID

Métis Nation BC (MNBC)	Emergency COVID supports may be available if
Emergency COVID supports	other resources have been exhausted via online
Apply through online portal:	portal application system
www.mnbc.ca/covid	
OR contact	
Regional Health Coordinator: Arathy	
Menon	
amenon@mnbc.ca	*MNBC (Métis) citizens
604-202-2873 (cell)	
Métis Chartered Communities (MCC) (North	Some supports available through MCC
Fraser & Powell River)	presidents
President, Métis Nation Powell River:	
Tabatha Berggren	
presidentmnpr@gmail.com	
604-223-5856	
OR contact	
Regional Health Coordinator: Arathy	
Menon	*Self-identified Métis living in qathet Regional
amenon@mnbc.ca	district (formerly Powell River Regional
604-202-2873 (cell)	District); Richmond; and Vancouver
Province	one-time payment of up to \$1,000 (families)
BC Recovery Benefit	and up to \$500 (individuals)
Online application	*eligible individuals with net income up to
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/econ	\$87,500 and eligible families with net income
omic-recovery/recovery-benefit	up to \$175,000
	full eligibility criteria on website
Government of Canada	Information on:
Support for individuals	Employment insurance (EI)
	Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)
	Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)
	Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)
	Mortgage payment deferral
Government of Canada	
Transitioning from CERB	
BC Hydro	Bill deferral, payment plans, as well as crisis
Customer Crisis Fund (CCF)	funding is available.
1-800-BC-HYDRO	*Residential customer experiencing a
apply online	temporary financial crisis
ICBC	Monthly payment deferral by up to 90 days
Monthly payment deferral	
1-800-665-6442	
Apply online	

# Self-Monitor & Self-Isolation Information

Link/Source	Brief Summary
Self-isolation post COVID-19 testing (BCCDC)	- Resource on self-isolation
How to self-isolate - Handout (VCH)	- Hand on posters
How to self-monitor - Handout (VCH)	
Guide for Caregivers and Household Members of	- Information for caregiver and household
those with COVID-19 (VCH)	member living with someone self-isolating
How to self-isolate at home when you may have	- General resources
been exposed to COVID-19 and have no	- 3-pager on self-isolation considerations
<u>symptoms</u>	
(3 pager PDF)(Public Health Agency of Canada)	
Be Prepared (COVID-19) (Health Canada)	- Poster on how to plan for self-isolation/self-
	monitor
Health Benefit Self-Isolation Support (FNHA)	- Available seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to
	4:30 p.m. Call 1-888-305-1505
	- For eligible individual to secure self-isolation
	in or near community
<u>Visiting the Hospital</u> (VCH)	- Latest information on visiting a VCH hospital
COVID infection control - client	- Guide on steps to support client
transportation (FNHA)	transportation

# Crisis & Support Lines

Support & contact information	Brief Description & Eligibility
Indian Residential School Survivors	
24 hour Crisis Line	*Available for anyone experiencing pain or
1-866-925-4419	distress as a result of their residential school
	experience
Kuu-Us Crisis Line	
24 hour Crisis Line	
1-800-588-8717 (toll-free)	
250-723-2040 (youth line)	Indigenous and First Nations specific crisis line
250-723-4050 (adult line)	BC only
Battered Woman's Support Services Crisis Line	Monday-Friday 10am-5pm (Wednesday until
1-855-687-1868 (toll-free)	8pm)
	Emotional support & Safety planning
	<ul> <li>Referrals to transition houses, lawyers,</li> </ul>
	medical services, community support
	*Services open to all women (specific supports
	available for immigrant and Indigenous women)

Kids Help Phone  1-800-668-6868 (toll-free)  https://kidshelpphone.ca/ OR text 686868 (texting service)  https://www.facebook.com/CrisisTextLi nepoweredbyKidsHelpPhone (crisis text	24 hour phone service connecting kids to counsellors and crisis responders currently available in English, French, and Arabic
line via facebook messenger)	*Open to all children and youth
Suicide Crisis Line 1-800-784-2432  www.YouthInBC.com (online youth chat)  www.CrisisCentreChat.ca (online adult chat)	24 hour crisis line available in over 140 languages Online chat service: noon-1am
	*Open to anyone experiencing thoughts of suicide
Métis Crisis Line 1-833-Metis-BC (1-833-638-4722)	24 hour phone support for immediate crisis intervention and mental wellness supports *Self-identified Métis folks living in BC
Women Against Violence Against Women 24 hour Crisis and Information Line 604-255-6344	24 hour non-judgemental support, can provide information on available WAVAW services or referrals to other community programs/organizations  * survivors of sexualized violence
Trans Lifeline Hotline 1-877-330-6366	Peer support phone service run by trans people for trans and questioning peers guaranteed call operators 7am-2am *those in need of someone trans to talk to

First Nation Community Contact List

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# Circle of Eagles Lodge Society

### **Head Office Administration**

6520 Salish Drive Tel: 604-428-7963 Vancouver B.C. V6N 2C7 Fax: 604-874-3858

# Anderson Lodge Healing Centre for Women

2716 Clark Drive Tel: 604-874-1246 Vancouver B.C. V5N 3H6 Fax: 604-874-9464

### **Circle of Eagles Trading Post**

2008 Wall Street Tel: 778-658-5999 Vancouver B.C. V5L 1J5 Fax: 604-874-3858

### Naa-na-himyis Brothers Healing Lodge

1470 East Broadway Tel: 604-874-9610 Vancouver B.C. V5N 1V6 Fax: 604-874-3858

### **COELS Resource Center**

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### **Circle of Eagles Graphic Design**

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