

In case you didn't see the info on the COVID-19 Immunization Plan, you can see the details below. The plan that protects the most vulnerable and therefore protects all of us.

## COVID-19 Immunization Plan

Phase 1 Dec 2020-Feb 2021	Phase 2 Feb-March 2021	Phase 3 April-June 2021	Phase 4 July-Sept 2021
<b>High-risk population</b>		<b>General population</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents, staff, and essential visitors to long-term care and assisted living</li> <li>Individuals assessed for/awaiting long-term care</li> <li>Hospital health care workers who may provide care for COVID-19 patients</li> <li>Remote and isolated Indigenous communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seniors aged 80+ who are not yet immunized</li> <li>Indigenous seniors aged 65+, Elders, and additional communities not yet immunized</li> <li>Hospital staff, community GPs and medical specialists not yet immunized</li> <li>Vulnerable populations in select congregated settings</li> <li>Staff in community home support and nursing services for seniors</li> </ul>	<p>People aged 79 to 60, in five year increments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>79 to 75</li> <li>74 to 70</li> <li>69 to 65</li> <li>64 to 60</li> </ul> <p>People aged 69 to 16 who are clinically extremely vulnerable</p>	<p>People aged 59 to 18, in five year increments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>59 to 55</li> <li>54 to 50</li> <li>49 to 45</li> <li>44 to 40</li> <li>39 to 35</li> <li>34 to 30</li> <li>29 to 25</li> <li>24 to 18</li> </ul>
<p>Once more vaccines are approved/available, people 64 to 18 yrs who are front-line essential workers or work in specific workplaces/industries may be included later in Phase 3.</p>			
<p>The timeline for BC's COVID-19 Immunization Plan may change based on vaccine availability.</p>			<p><b>COVID-19 IN BC</b></p>

As of Monday 33,023 Longterm Care facility Staff have been immunized and 25,701 Long term care residents received the vaccine. The Province of BC has also immunized 450 staff and 7147 and residents in assisted living. Though this represents the light at the end of the tunnel Dr. Henry noted that though we have plateaued we have to try it's still too high. We need to bend the curve back down especially as we have to wait for the current delays of the vaccine doses.

From this

[More Health Care Assistant training locally and throughout the province](#)

Our government recognizes the need for more health care assistants, and it's so great to see these extra seats coming to North Island College

The New Democrat government is creating 16 new seats in the health care assistant program at North Island College, between the Comox Valley and Campbell River campuses. These are some of the 600 new seats being created at public post-secondary institutions across the province, as part of the Health Career Access Program, with a total investment of \$8.4 million. This is one part of BC's Economic Recovery plan to help people up or reskill in the post-COVID economy.

Click here for more info: [https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news\\_releases\\_2020-2024/2021AEST0004-000103.htm](https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2020-2024/2021AEST0004-000103.htm)

Or read it in the Comox Valley Record: <https://www.comoxvalleyrecord.com/news/sixteen-seats-added-to-nic-health-care-assistant-program/>

### Sid Williams get provincial funding

We want our arts venues to be ready for when we are able to gather again to appreciate art together. With the limitations that the pandemic has put on public events, the Side Willian Theatre Society has been working hard to bring art and theatre to people in a safe way. I am pleased to announce that \$15,000 in funding from the Province will help support arts and culture in Courtenay-Comox through the Sid to make sure we can have art and theatre in a safe way and adapt to new protocols.

### Student Rangers!

BC Parks within the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy has created the **BC Parks Student Ranger Program** to promote outdoor youth employment opportunities across the province. Students studying and/or interested in pursuing future studies or employment in a related field are encouraged to apply.

Applications are now being accepted for student ranger [crew member](#) and student ranger [crew lead](#) positions. The competitions close at 11:00 pm on February 21, 2021.

### Homeowners Grant

- If you are not familiar with Property Tax and the Homeowner Grant, [this page has a good overview](#).
- [this page](#) has specific info about how to pay.
- Info about Rural Property Tax can be found [here](#).
- [This page](#) has details about what dates notices are mailed out, payment due dates, and dates to apply for reviews or extensions.
- [Here is info for people who get their property tax paid through their mortgage](#).

...there is more info about various things if you have time to dig.