

File No.: 04-1000-20-2021-346

September 27, 2021

s.22(1)

Dear s.22(1)

Re: **Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")**

I am responding to your request dated June 30, 2021 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, (the Act)***, for:

All briefing notes and situation reports from June 24, 2021 to June 30, 2021 about the heat wave and agendas and minutes of the civic emergency operations or emergency response committee.

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed, (blacked out), under s.20 of the Act. You can read or download this section here: http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00. The records subject to s.20 will be publicly posted on the City's website within 60 days through this link: <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/city-managers-emails-and-memos-to-mayor-and-council.aspx>.

Under section 52 of the Act, and within 30 business days of receipt of this letter, you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your FOI request by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, info@oipc.bc.ca or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number (#04-1000-20-2021-346); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request; and 4) detailed reasons why you are seeking the review.

Yours truly,

[Signature on file]

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MEETING

Topic: Coordination Call #1

June 24, 2021 @ 10:30AM

Webex

Attendees:

- Park board comms
 - Christine Ulmer
- Water quality/ access to water program
 - Robyn King and Laura
- 3-1-1
 - Richard Traer
- Film and special events (engineering)
 - Desiree Hamilton
- VPL
 - Dave Coggles (primary for weekend)
 - Jon Downey (secondary)
- VPB
 - Darren Peterson
- VFRS
 - Andreas Czeppel
- Carnegie Community Centre
 - Rika Uto (back up for Karla Kloepper)
- VEMA
 - Ian Batt, Liz Clark, Miranda, Daniel Stevens, Gillian, Davin Fung, Kris Hayne, Kirsten Jasper, jackie Kloosterboer
- EOC
 - Sita Kumar, Will Dereume
- Crystal Brisson
- Ashley Hooper
- Paul Hsu
- Chris Adolph
- Sam Stephen
- Jody Bourgeau

In the interest of expediency, please forgive any errors in formatting/grammar. If clarification is needed, please contact emdutyofficer@vancouver.ca

Notes

- Desiree/FASE: Are there any drinking fountains coming from green events?
 - Robyn/ENG: green event drinking fountains have been turned into handwashing stations
 - Desiree/Robyn will connect on fountains/stations
- Covid-19 & occupancy
 - Chris Adolph: Will occupancy limits be in place for cooling centres?
 - Miranda/Daniel:
 - Site Safety plans are in place
 - Exemption from PHO that heat is exempt from occupancy - VEMA to check
 - Complications from heat take precedence over COVID concerns
- Laura/ENG: provided corrections for water/misting
- Drinking water:
 - REFM activates all of the parks outdoor drinking fountains at the same time that ENG activates seasonal fountains. Freeze proof fountains are on all year

- Darren/VPB: bottled water or cups available for visitors at indoor water bottle filling fountains. No longer providing access to kitchen. A correction was made to IRG
- Question: where can the water bottles be distributed for greatest need?
 - Some conflicting information about inventory.
 - VEMA also has 40 rubber maid coolers available.
- Daniel/VEMA: There is a chance we may reach extreme heat alert
- Spray parks:
 - VFRS to check if these can be deployed.
 - Can check with ACCS/Fire about areas and locations of greatest need.
 - Any concerns about covid-19? VEMA/Daniel to check with VCH.
- Additional facilities:
 - Daniel/VEMA: are ice rinks or other facilities available for an extreme heat alert?
 - Darren/VPB: ice is maintained in the summer at Britannia, Hillcrest (also an AC building), Sunset
- Signage:
 - Digital signage will be available today
 - Miranda: Physical signage hopefully available tomorrow - update after 3PM around readiness and distribution to sites
- Community Centres:
 - Darren/VPB:
 - VPB contacts are correct
 - If need extended hours at community centres, will need to meet again

Next meetings will be held Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Invitation forthcoming.

ACTIONS:

- ALL - ensure contact list is updated, especially thinking about weekend coverage
- VFRS - check in about pop-up spray parks being deployed in the event they are needed for extreme alert
- Daniel/VEMA - check with VCH about heat concurrent with COVID -19. For both cooling centres and pop-up spray parks.
- Darren
 - follow up with Amit to get confirmation that park rangers will monitor for people affected by heat-related illness
 - will hold a meeting with supervisors today for preparing community centres as cooling centres
- Miranda/VEMA - follow up on signage/poster boards
- Gillian/VEMA: Set up meeting around water bottle supply/distribution
 - Attendees: Daniel, Miranda, Ashley, Kris, Darren, Rika, Crystal, Jody, Andrea Jung, Alex Ralph, Dave Coggles

MEETING

Topic: Daily Heat Response Coordination Call

June 26, 2021 @ 13:00 AM

Webex/phone

Attendees:

- VEMA - Daniel Stevens
- VEMA - Gillian Wong
- VEMA - Miranda Myles
- ECCC Meteorologist Nan Lu
- ENG - Chris Twemlow

- VPB- Luke Balson
- VPD - Karen Collins
- VFRS - Karen Fry - Chief
- VFRS - Tom Cooper
- 3-1-1 - Richard Traer
- ACCS - Rika Uto (Carnegie Community Centre)
- ACCS - Crystal Brisson (Nonmarket Housing)
- CEC - Kirsten Langan
- REFM - Dennis Leung

Notes:

ECCC – Metro Vancouver - Nan Lu

- Overnight min was 20
- Today – 30 near water and 37 inland
 - 30 at YVR reported around 1PM
 - Seeing record breaking temps already
- Sunday and Monday temp will be even higher
 - 31 water 34 inland
- Monday will be the hottest day during heatwave
- Tuesday – slight cooling – high of 29, 33 inland
- Wednesday – continued cooling 25-28
- Thurs – not record breaking heat, but still warm. Will have more certainty in future
- Extreme heat expected to continue through to Tuesday

Roundtable

- Daniel – VEMA Updates – level 2 requirements in IRG have already been implemented
- CEC –
 - Social media updated for extreme alert
 - Website needs to be updated: Web banner, update that the ACCS community centres have extended hours + 2 wading pools open
 - Kirsten L has submitted request to Tadhg designate but haven't heard back yet
 - Richard Traer – will check with Stan Levie/Leo (KL will send email to Richard for reference)
 - Media is interested in park rangers monitoring for fire danger, heat.
 - Kira Hutchinson on call for media inquiries
 - Luke Balson – do these calls get directed to VPB comms?
 - Kirsten L: Kira/CoV CEC is using current information to respond and covering for VPB comms and is in touch with Donnie Rosa
- ACCS –
 - Rika - Carnegie
 - Quiet right now in official cooling centre, haven't seen large influx
 - However other areas of community centre are being used
 - Bottled water is being distributed
 - Have made space available during closing
 - Open to 11 PM
 - Received signage
 - Crystal – non-market housing
 - One tenant has gone to hospital due to underlying conditions exacerbated by heat
 - Fans deployed, staff are well poised
 - Require Mandarin speaking information in particular
 - ACTION: Kirsten and Gillian to send posters to Crystal – Kirsten provided link

- ENG – Chris Twemlow - staff worked overtime yesterday to install and deploy misting stations
 - Locations are all posted on the vancouver.ca
 - 1 week earlier than usual installation
 - Once the misting stations were installed people were waiting and excited to step into the mist - shows value of initiative
- Parks Board - Luke
 - 7 cooling centres are up and running
 - Protocols in place, signage in place
 - Wading pools close to open but still hiring staff
 - Will be open 2-5PM
 - Kirsten – Oppenheimer park opening?
 - Yes soon, but not this weekend.
 - [From separate call with Amit Gandha June 26th]
 - Oppenheimer opening Monday
 - Recommends pop-up spray parks at crab park, grandview, and livingstone, victory square
 - Note: VCH Heat map suggests - Sunset, killarney, fairview
 - ACTION: Daniel will call Tyler moore to initiate and to do just in time promotion with CEC
- VPL - Dave Coggles
 - More members using libraries than usual
 - No calls or issues
 - Signage up and posted yesterday morning
 - Info got out to staff
- 3-1-1 – Richard
 - Inquiries: Cooling centres, misting stations, pools
 - Questions about if cooling centres are open 24/7
 - Questions about Oppenheimer
 - SROs are super hot
 - Callers informed CoV they will start gathering and plan to “make a fuss”
 - 3-1-1 notified VPD
 - ACTION: Luke and Daniel to advise Donnie and CLT that this is getting attention
- VPD – Karen Collins
 - Districts are aware
 - Messaging provided to ECOMM so they are aware of cooling locations and misting
 - Public affairs has been unavailable via email, but does not warrant a phone call at this time. Karen provided media release from VCH and FHA
- VFRS – Tom Cooper
 - Keeping track of staff in hot weather
 - None of the firehalls are air conditioned, but have one small room in each hall for cooling
 - Could do something with hydrants if we need
 - Chief Fry – could potentially do a spray park for where there’s lots of people gathering/in need of relief
 - Reach out to Tyler moore to initiate
 - ACTION: All – contact Gillian or Tom/Tyler if you’re noticing gathering
- Daniel – Do the ACCS sites have enough water bottles? Rika fine for water bottles right now.
- Cost recovery – The province has approved incremental cost recovery for staff time. We are working with our finance team to discern the most fiscally prudent way forward and this will be confirmed next week. In the meantime, please keep track of incremental staff time during the heat response.

- Next meeting: Daily at 1PM Saturday through Wednesday (June 26-30)

ACTIONS:

- Richard Traer – will check with Stan Levie/Leo about website updates
- Kirsten and Gillian to send posters to Crystal – Kirsten provided link
- Daniel will call Tyler moore to initiate spray parks at location and to do just in time promotion with CEC
- Luke and Daniel to advise Donnie and CLT that Oppenheimer is getting attention
- All – contact Gillian or Tyler Moore if you're noticing gatherings of people that could benefit from water spray cooling initiative from VFRS

MEETING

Topic: Daily Heat Response Coordination Call

June 27, 2021 @ 13:00 AM

Webex/phone

Attendees:

- VEMA - Daniel Stevens
- VEMA - Gillian Wong
- VEMA - Miranda Myles
- Storm Prediction Centre - Gary Dickenson
- Transportation - Winston Chou
- CEC - Ellie Lambert
- ENG - Ashley Hooper
- ENG - Chris Twemlow
- VPB- Luke Balson
- VFRS - Tom Cooper
- 3-1-1 - Richard Traer
- VPB - Amit Gandha
- VPD – Karen Collins

Forecast – Gary Dickenson

- Sunday – high of 33
- Monday - high of 34
- Tuesday – slight cooling – high of 31, low 18
- Wednesday through Thursday– continued cooling, high of 26
- Friday - 28 C
- Extreme heat alert will likely be in place, today, Monday, Tuesday at least

Roundtable

CEC - Ellie

- Not a lot of questions mostly sharing CoV materials
- Saturday – lots of media requests for park board facilities
- A lot of comments about limited capacity at pools and why occupancies haven't been expanded
- If any installations by VFRS, would be great to share on social media
- Miranda/VEMA: Wading pool opened at Ross Park?
 - Luke B: Not that we are aware of
- Miranda/VEMA: Did Evelyne Saller expand hours?
 - Ellie – haven't heard
 - Action: Gillian to call Evelyne Saller about what their hours are right now – send note to 3-1-1 about the response (Richard and 311.operations@vancouver.ca; Ellie)

ACCS

- No rep on call

ENG – Chris

- No issues or complaints for the temporary infrastructure
- Received some water conservation concern questions e.g. kids playing in sprinkler

VPB

- Luke – nothing new to report
- Amit – pressures from the public re: Oppenheimer

VFRS – Tom

- On duty assistant chief, Trevor Connelly, took a look at some of the recommended spray park sites. Recommendation by A/C Connelly: small sections of street to be closed for spray parks. Set up sprinklers/misters in the morning and shut them down at a pre-determined time

VPD – Karen

- No updates

3-1-1 Richard

- Questions about cooling centre hours and if there will be overnight cooling centres, Access to Oppenheimer
- Are there any cooling centres that are dog friendly?
 - Luke – unsure. Policy likely allows for guide dogs only. ACCS sites may?
 - Ellie - Warming centres have in the past allowed dogs for overnight.
 - Chris - Misting stations are 24/7 and could be good for dogs . Richard will relay to 3-1-1.
- Received notice an event at Strathcona park being set up
 - A service request for park rangers to go check in was submitted 15152584
 - Amit: black indigenous peoples organization will be there until 10 pm
 - Porta potties were dropped off and equipment
 - Rangers will be monitoring for damage etc
 - Current expectation is it will be a peaceful protest
 - Karen C: contacted VPD ops and they are aware

Location of pop-up spray park/Street Closure

- Aim is to deploy Monday morning
- Current option (#1): Next to Oppenheimer park on Jackson St between Cordova and Powell, particularly on the north section of Jackson between Cordova and the alley.
 - ACTION: Tom/VFRS will confirm if the hose can reach from south section of Jackson to north section
 - ACTION: Daniel/VEMA
 - to reach out to Buddhist Temple
 - Confirm details with Ellie (location, hours of operation, a bit of a description/photo of the equipment being used)
 - ACTION: Winston/ENG:
 - will contact street ops for emergency closure of street and/or Ansan contractor for barricades
 - confirm costs for barricades/barriers
 - will contact director to determine feasibility (if there are requirements for permitting, public engagement)
- *Other options/considerations reviewed in meeting discussion:*
 - Amit –
 - Oppenheimer is planned to open on Tuesday with MST and partners
 - Internal discussions to open Oppenheimer on Monday
 - Option #1: Oppenheimer
 - Amit/Parks –

- east side will remain closed (field house repairs are not complete), but fine to have mister there. Doesn't recommend running through hoses through the park
 - Good canopy cover on Jackson between cordova and powell
 - For south section of Jackson: homes are multi-unit dwellings and very active. They have been through a lot with Oppenheimer being occupied and shut down. Better to avoid inconveniencing them, especially without advanced notice.
 - Chris/ENG - women's shelter is being run by Atira at northeast of Jackson by powell
 - Tom/VFRS – close both lanes of that section of the street
 - Winston/ENG – hydrant is in the boulevard – makes the street a better choice for avoiding tripping hazards/damage to hoses
 - Elli/CEC - There will be a news release tomorrow about the opening of Oppenheimer park. Would be good to include information about the spray park and keep VPB comms looped in
- Option #2: Victory Park
 - Chris: Hamilton has seating and washrooms but is a memorial so unsure if there is unintended disrespect
 - Amit: use and foot traffic likely higher by oppenheimer
 - Winston – transit trolley route and some sloping so not a great choice
 - Daniel – could a small mister go at victory?
 - Chris will look into it.
- Other:
 - Crab Park: no hydrants at Crab park
 - Dunlevy street next to Oppenheimer for larger VFRS mister: Dunlevy st not a good option due to set up and port-a-potties for re-opening event
 - Pidgeon Park for a standard mister location: hydrant is in the boulevard and bike path in between

MEETING

Topic: Daily Heat Response Coordination Call

June 28, 2021 @ 13:00 AM

Webex/Phone

Attendees

- VEMA - Daniel Stevens
- VEMA - Gillian Wong
- VEMA - Miranda Myles
- VPD – Karen Collins
- VCH public health - Alexis Crabtree
- VCH - Michael Schwandt
- VFRS - Andreas Czeppel
- VFRS - Martin Paulson
- VPB- Luke Balson
- VPB - Amit Gandha
- VPB - Darren Peterson
- VPB Comms - Christine Ulmer
- VPL - Nathan Kung
- VPL - Jon Downey
- ACCS - Andrea Jung
- ACCS - Karla Kloepper
- ACCS – Jody Bourgeau
- ECCC - Lisa Erven

- 3-1-1 - Richard Traer
- ENG - Chris Twemlow
- CEC - Lillienne Zen
- CEC- Jo Loughlin
- OHS - Chris Adolph
- HR - Andrew Ross
- ET - Leo de Sousa

Forecast

- High of 34 today, 43 inland
 - Still hot tonight in the evening: low of 24
- Wednesday cooling trend 28 to low 30s (still seasonally hot)
- Heat Warning may be rescinded Tuesday evening

Updates

VFRS misters

- Jackson location: Some service providers we were unable to reach previously expressed concerns around drawing crowds to the area but staff have spoken with them about it's short activation period
- Potentially another mister can be installed on Abbott street

Comments from the public: Complaint about chairs/seating at VPL and CCs. Wish to allow pets at cooling centres.

- VPL/Jon Downey and Nathan Kung-
 - have added 50 seats to central branch
 - Best to direct patrons to central branch as a location
 - There is an opportunity for VPL to add more chairs as needed
- VPB /Darren –
 - regular lobby seating has been removed or wrapped up but adding folding chairs. There are no capacity issues. There is seating for anybody who needs seating.
 - Pets - trying to accommodate but not actively promoting . Staff are allowing people to come in with pets.
- ACCS - Andrea
 - Staff have been monitoring for people who are outside, or have offered to watch people's pets and belongings if someone wants to go into the cooling centre for relief. Not something that we're promoting, but is happening.
 - Challenging to allow people's pets in to facilities.

Water distribution

- ACCS good with water?
 - Need more at Carnegie and Saller
 - ACTION: Karla - can take a tally of what they need
 - ACTION: Daniel to check with central stores

Roundtable

- CEC - Lillienne – Clarify location of mister: Jackson not princess
- VPB-
 - VPB Comms/Christine Ulmer
 - Reopening Oppenheimer ahead of schedule
 - new misting station on Jackson St.
 - Activated 15 pop up spray parks (hours?)
 - Closing Van Dusen (time?) and pitch and putts early today (1PM)
 - Increased park ranger staff
 - Limited menu items in kitchens to reduce heat for staff

- Golf courses- play has been suspended to protect assets
 - Darren - Killarney CC lobby can be added as a cooling centre
 - Richard/3-1-1 – received comments regarding cooling centres that are not in a lounge or space, so suggestion to provide wayfinding
 - ACTION: Darren will bring back to staff
- VPL
 - Britannia library is closed
 - West end community closing
 - ACTION: Nathan to provide update to emdutyofficer inbox
- CEC - request to receive cooling centre closures and any changes to misting or other services
- VCH - confirming that capacity limits at cooling centres shouldn't be constrained by covid restrictions. Don't want to see people turned away due to relative risk
- ACCS-
 - Crystal - will require water bottles later in the summer. Good for now
 - Andrea - would be good to have a printed map of misting stations or spray parks
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 - Lillienne - have a pdf map of cooling centres but the misting station map has had continued issues.
 - ACTION: Lillienne will see what we can pull together based on website
- VFRS –
 - second misting location could be set up at Abbott between cordova and hastings. More confirmations to come.
 - VFRS distributing water to crews and unsheltered
 - Call volume for VFRS and BCEHS is extremely high - crews are waiting on scene for BCEHS for 1-2 hours right now
- ENG – no updates
- VPD -
 - call load is extremely high and staff trying to stay hydrated
 - PHSA - increase in children falling out windows - possible thing to re-post and share through social media
- VCH - Michael
 - Unofficial data from emergency department show increased # of admissions at diff stages of heat illness or exhaustion. Not unexpected but seeing data to confirm increase.
 - Prioritize heat exhaustion and heat illness above covid-19 right now given our context of high vaccination rate and lower case counts
 - Endorses allowing pets or watching pets to reduce barriers to cooling spaces and generally reducing barriers to cooling

City of Vancouver Staff wellness during heat

- Leo and Darcy -
 - City hall is hot. Have made more space available at spyglass, richards, and crossroads. People have brought pets to office. Being open and flexible.
 - How is this being communicated? Formally?
 - Paul Mochrie looking at options
 - Daniel/VEMA: In regards to remote workers , possible power outages. We haven't received concerns from BC Hydro about power outages at this time
 - Leo/Darcy - If you can't work from home, we have place at city facilities for people to come into work.
- Daniel/VEMA –Question to VCH: Any idea of when extreme heat alert will be rescinded?

- Michael/VCH: would move with ECCC pattern but a note that it wouldn't necessarily be rescinded as soon as the forecast dips below the threshold due to cumulative effects of heat

MEETING

Topic: Daily Heat Response Coordination Call

June 29, 2021 @ 13:00-14:00

Webex/Phone

Attendees

- VEMA - Daniel Stevens
- VEMA - Gillian Wong
- VEMA - Miranda Myles
- VEMA - Kris Hayne
- VPD – Karen Collins
- OHS - Chris Adolph
- 3-1-1 - Denise Gsponer
- ACCS - Andrea Jung
- ECCC - Lisa Erven
- VCH public health - Alexis Crabtree
- VCH - Michael Schwandt
- ACCS - Karla Kloepper
- ACCS – Crystal Brisson
- Phil Paulus
- ENG - Chris Twemlow
- VPB Comms - Christine Ulmer
- CEC- Lillienne Zen
- VPL - Nathan Kung
- VPL – Dave Coggles
- VPL - Jon Downey
- VPB - Darren Peterson

Forecast

- No precipitation in the area of Vancouver
- Extreme heat moving eastwards
 - High of 30 except 35 inland
 - Overnight – only ~ 20 C so still meets heat warning criteria
- Cooling trend still occurring but still seasonal highs (10 degrees higher than normal)
- Wednesday high of 28, low is 17 so still above threshold
- Thursday-Monday – 24 near water, 28 inland (could apply to east Vancouver)
- ECCC discussing when to rescind heat warning. Heat is still hot and near criteria.

VCH Health

- Trajectory for next few days is starting to drop below extreme heat alert
- Will maintain extreme heat alert even if slightly below, however could be reasonable to
- ECCC – Inland definition for Metro Vancouver means away from water/coastline (as little as 1km away from the water)
- Potentially may need to continue cooling resources on July 1
- ACTION: VCH, VEMA, VPB, VPL to meet further about keeping cooling operations in place for Thursday July 1

CEC

- Website is updated with operational hours of cooling centres for June 28-Jun 30

- CEC is short staffed today
- Social media:
 - Good feedback on misting stations
 - Some conversations about heat map for Vancouver
- Let CEC know if cooling centres are opened on Thursday July 1

VPB Comms

- Irrigation systems opened up yesterday – well received by public, fairly easy to do
- CEC - Pets – will be amplifying BC SPCA tips for keeping pets cool
 - VPB will put out more tips on social media. CEC will
- Cooling centre poster – Nathan, Christine, Darren, Lillienne, Gillian to connect on accessibility

VPB – no update

VPL –

- have added 200 seats yesterday and today
- Very busy days and seating is showing as sufficient
- All libraries will be closed on July 1? Yes. Except Carnegie centre and branch will be open.
- ACTION: VEMA and VPL to discuss continuing operations on July 1.

ACCS

- Karla –
 - quite busy in the centres
 - Still looking to have more water

VFRS – No reps on the call

VPD –

- Call loads are busy, main concerns is sustaining members. Shortages on water.
- DOC will be activated for protests on Canada Day.
- VPD Finance – questions for cost recovery for costs associated with extreme heat
 - Purchase of ice machine
 - Finance should have sent an email out for recoverable costs and accounting
 - ACTION: VPD and VEMA to connect

ENG – no update

- Daniel – funeral on Wednesday by Buddhist temple on Jackson St.
- ACTION: VFRS and VEMA to connect. ENG doesn't need to be involved.
- Crab park spray park closure
 - Darren/VPB: Power has been turned off. REFM is responding to issue
 - ACTION: VEMA to follow up with REFM
- Please ensure that the webpages for cooling centres etc are up-to-date for Thursday July 1. 3-1-1 will be working.
 - ACTION: Lillienne to connect with digital in case of after hours changes

Update:

- VEMA on behalf of VFRS:
 - VFRS has opened Departmental Operations Centre
 - VFRS/VEMA have received approval from province to fund 2 medical units
 - VFRS responded to wildland fire at UEL lands
 - VFRS has issued a press release

NEXT MEETING: Daily at 1PM.

FYI: May receive a new meeting invite series in your inbox.

Extreme Heat – Coordination Call June 30th 1pm

Attendees

- VEMA - Daniel Stevens
- VEMA - Gillian Wong
- VEMA - Miranda Myles
- VEMA - Kris Hayne
- OHS - Chris Adolph
- 3-1-1 – Danny Enright
- ECCC - Lisa Erven
- VCH public health - Alexis Crabtree / Michael Schwandt
- VCH - Micheal Schwandt
- VPD- Don Chapman
- ACCS – Jody Bourgeau, Andrea Jung
- ENG - Chris Twemlow
- CEC- Lillienne Zen
- VPL - Jon Downey / Sita Kumar
- VPB - Darren Peterson / **Mele Susan**

Forecast: Weather Alerts: https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/report_e.html?bc42

Weather Update EC:

- Mainly sunny – High of 26 except 29 inland, low of 18 overnight Inland is way from water up to 600 meters
- Canada Day, High of 24 except 27 inland, low of 18.
- July 2, high of 25, low of 18
- July 3, High 25, low of 17
- Over the next five days overnight lows will hover around 16/17 degrees.
- Warnings:

▼ Current Conditions		Past 24 hours	Weather Radar	Satellite	Lightning
 22°C °C °F		Observed at: Vancouver Int'l Airport Date: 12:00 PM PDT Wednesday 30 June 2021			
Condition: Mainly Sunny Pressure: 101.2 kPa Tendency: Rising		Temperature: 22.2°C Dew point: 14.4°C Humidity: 61%		Wind: SE 26 km/h Humidex: 26 Visibility: 32 km	

▼ Forecast		Hourly Forecast		Air Quality	Alerts	Jet Stream
<u>Wed</u> 30 Jun	Thu 1 Jul	Fri 2 Jul	Sat 3 Jul	Sun 4 Jul	Mon 5 Jul	Tue 6 Jul
 26°C Mainly sunny	 24°C A mix of sun and cloud	 25°C A mix of sun and cloud	 25°C Sunny	 25°C A mix of sun and cloud	 24°C A mix of sun and cloud	 24°C A mix of sun and cloud
Tonight	Night	Night	Night	Night	Night	
 18°C A few clouds	 16°C Clear	 18°C Clear	 17°C Clear	 17°C Cloudy periods	 16°C Cloudy periods	
▼ Forecast issued: 11:00 AM PDT Wednesday 30 June 2021						

VCH Health:

- Impact: Overall number of deaths will take some time to gather, but within VCH services there has been a spike of mortality
- Challenges in long-term care homes to keep the facilities cool, residents, and staff safe.
- Cancellation of heat Warning: Consensus is the criteria not being triggered and one night with the overnight threshold, not being met that being met, being 16 degrees. Once that is reached the heat warning would be cancelled
- The MHO on-call will be available 24/7 over July 1, at 604-527-4893.

311

- Citizens are calling for 24 cooling and wonder if there are options for the public
- Where can we send calls like these to help inform, send to EMdutyofficer@vancouver.ca
- Can also forward these calls if the citizen is homeless they can be forwarded to homeless services. homlessness@vancouver.ca

CEC

- Coordinate message for vulnerable populations
- Can department update their hours on their websites Cooling centre table and operating hours will be updated
- Cooling centre information may also go out to social media

OHS:

- No issues to report
- Reminding to staff to follow safety procedures

ENG

- No issues

ACCS

- Outreach team is patrolling DTES and assist those who have barriers and supporting them
- 70th & Hudson can act as a cooling centre but need staff to support it
- VCH: 24 hour cooling centres would be very helpful for vulnerable populations in helping to support , generally this would be in the DTES,
- Need to consider options for sleeping and shelter if a 24 hr centre was available.
- **Action:** VEMA to take offline with ACCS.

VPB

- Community centres are slowing down with patrons yesterday 25-30 in the lobby today 2-3.

VPL

- Strathcona branch has been taken offline as a cooling centre as the AC has stopped working at that site
- Central branch has been very busy but has slowed down today

VFRS

- Update by VEMA, continued to have a heavy strain on their crews and resources responding to medical calls. Have brought in additional resources to augment operations.

VPD:

- Have seen a slowdown in service calls but over the last few days, it was extremely busy, many officers responded to sudden death calls, had to call in other areas of VPD resources and pull in additional staff to support operations. , Department operating centre was activated to support operational needs and staffing across the city.
- VPD has responded to 171 sudden deaths calls since the start of June.
- Officers are on scene for 8-10 hours until coroner arrived.
- With the cooler weather hope to scale, back their response.
- **Support:** No support is required at this time.

VEMA

- Cooling centres and Park Board Locations
- South hill Branch Library
- All misters and water infrastructure in Place
- Both larger misters (Jackson & Abbot in place

NEXT MEETING July 1st: 1PM.

VEMA, VPL, VPB, ACCS, VFRS, VPD, 311 and CEC to attend

FYI: May receive a new meeting invite series in your inbox.

Extreme Heat – Coordination Call July 1st 1pm

Attendees

- VEMA - Miranda Myles
- VEMA - Kris Hayne
- 3-1-1 – Danny Enright
- ECCC - Lisa Erven
- VCH public health - Alexis Crabtree / Michael Schwandt
- VCH - Micheal Schwandt
- VPD- Don Chapman
- ACCS – Jody Bourgeau, Andrea Jung
- ENG - Chris Twemlow
- CEC- Godfrey Tait
- VPL - Jon Downey
- VPB - Darren Peterson / Mele Susan
- VFRS:

Forecast: Weather Alerts: https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/report_e.html?bc42

Weather Update Environment Canada:

Today Clearing this afternoon. High 24. Humidex 28. UV index 8 or very high.

Tonight A few clouds. Windy near the water before morning. Low 17.

Fri, 2 Jul A mix of sun and cloud. Becoming sunny in the afternoon. Windy near the water in the morning.
High 24 except 27 inland. Humidex 29 except 31 inland. UV index 8 or very high.

Night Clear. Low 17.

Sat, 3 Jul A mix of sun and cloud. High 24 except 27 inland.

Night Cloudy periods. Low 17.

Sun, 4 Jul A mix of sun and cloud. High 23 except 26 inland.

Night Cloudy periods. Low 17.

⚠
HEAT WARNING
▶

▼ Current Conditions		Past 24 hours	Weather Radar	Satellite	Lightning
 21°C °C °F		Observed at: Vancouver Int'l Airport Date: 12:00 PM PDT Thursday 1 July 2021			
		Condition: Mostly Cloudy Pressure: 101.6 kPa Tendency: Rising	Temperature: 20.6°C Dew point: 14.0°C Humidity: 65%	Wind: SE 14 km/h Humidex: 24 Visibility: 32 km	














▼ Forecast

Hourly Forecast

Air Quality

Alerts

Jet Stream

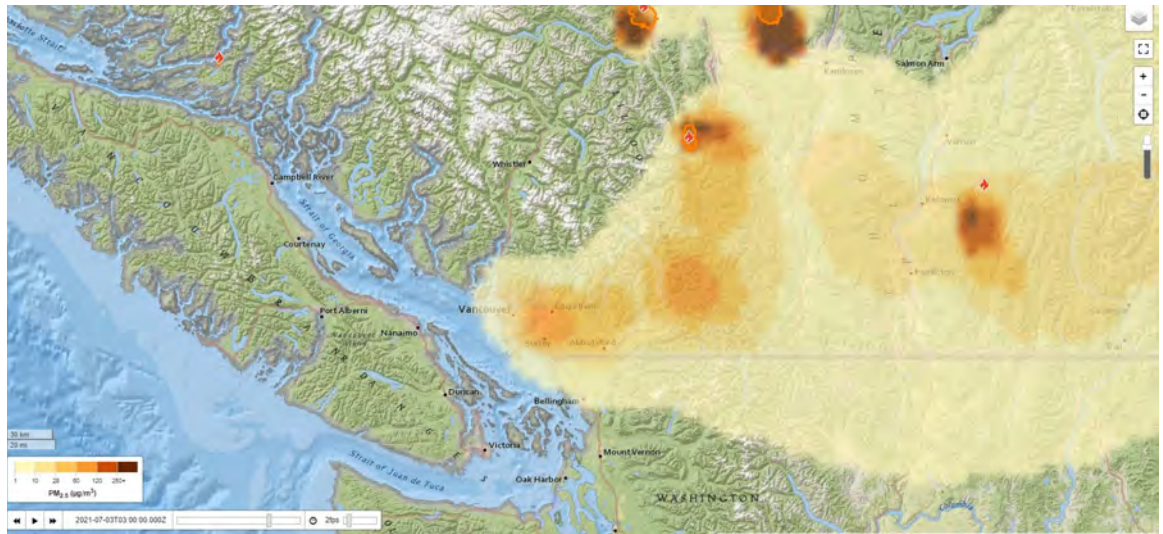
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Tonight	Night	Night	Night	Night	Night	
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VCH Health:

- The MHO on-call will be available 24/7 over July 1, at 604-527-4893.

VEMA

- Due to a number of fires outside of the region, VEMA has been monitoring Air Quality and smoke forecasts
- In preparation VEMA has sent out the documentation to ACCS, VPL, VPB for clean air space signage
- At the time of this update, fine particulate matter concentrations at all Metro Vancouver stations are below the 24-hour objective. Smoke models are currently not predicting smoke impacts to the Metro Vancouver region today, but fire behavior can change quickly
- You can reference smoke forecasts here: <http://firesmoke.ca/forecasts/current/>
- Air Quality: <https://gis.metrovancouver.org/maps/Air>
- **Note the smoke forecasts change hourly, this is an experimental system. Used for planning purposes.**



This will be the last meeting unless other issues arise.

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Date: 7/2/2021 2:03:30 PM
Subject: Heat Warning and Extreme Heat Alert rescinded

Paul,

Due to cooling temperatures, Environment Canada has rescinded the Heat Warning and Vancouver Coastal Health has rescinded the Extreme Heat Alert.

City of Vancouver response measures will be reduced, accordingly.

- Temporary water fountain and Engineering misters will remain in place throughout the summer, though the two VFRS misting stations will be taken down today and roads opened.
- Community centres and libraries that served as cooling centres will revert to standard hours; they will continue to have cool air and provide access to water through fountains and bottle fillers as per normal.
- Community centres in the DTES may continue to provide some level of enhanced support.

If you need further details, feel free to reach out to Kris Hayne on my team or contact me directly.

I'll connect with Magnus to discuss next steps on an after-action review. Please let me know if you had other thoughts on that review.

Daniel

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Daniel Stevens,
Director of Emergency Management, City of Vancouver

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EOC SITUATION REPORT
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Incident Summary for 2021-06-24

REPORT #	130	Incident Name	COVID-19
Day*	465	Incident #	EM-2020-0034
Week*	67	Activation Level	1
*since 100 BC Cases		EMBC Task #	206452

State of Emergency

- Province of BC has extended its provincial state of emergency to end of day July 6, 2021.
- [COV state of emergency](#) remains in effect. [Council passed a motion](#) to lift the Vancouver state of emergency at the first council meeting following the lifting of the provincial state of emergency.

Emerging Issues and Updates

Heat Warning for Vancouver and area

- Environment Canada has issued a [Heat Warning](#) for Vancouver and area, indicating the hottest temperatures are expected between Friday and Tuesday. The [forecast](#) indicates highs of 30-31 C on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, and lows of 20 C on all three days.
- The City has implemented level 1 of its extreme heat response plan including cooling centres, shade, water fountains and misters, patrols by Park Rangers and emergency responders, support to non-market housing residents and increased [communication](#).

Changes to Orders and Restrictions

- The Province is in [Step 2](#) of [BC's Restart Plan](#) and is on track to move into Step 3 on July 1st.
- June 22, [the Gathering and Events order](#) was updated.
- June 17, the PHO issued a Statement for Employers on [Transitioning from COVID-19 Safety Plans to Communicable Disease Plans](#).

Vaccinations

- Vaccination clinics in civic facilities: Kerrisdale (ends ~August 2021), Sunset (June 14-27) and West End (June 22-25 and June 28-July 9).

Other

- Nearly all [COVID-19 deaths in US](#) are now among unvaccinated people.
- [Girl with disabilities forced to leave Playland](#) over mask policy.
- Vancouver advocates call for more [investment in food security](#) as COVID-19 emergency funding ends.
- [StongerBC supports Indigenous tourism businesses](#) through pandemic recovery.
- [Indigenous businesses faced barriers accessing COVID-19 relief programs](#), survey finds.
- [Ontario is moving to Step 2 of its reopening plan](#) on Wednesday, two days earlier than planned.

- [Public Health Agency of Canada launches intelligence team](#) tasked with providing better, faster warnings of future pandemics.

Current EOC Priorities

- Supporting coordination of the City's restart efforts in alignment with the provincial Restart Plan.
- Monitor public health orders and liaise between City and Vancouver Coastal Health.
- Support to health authorities with COVID19 response and vaccination effort, as requested.
- Monitor critical supplies.

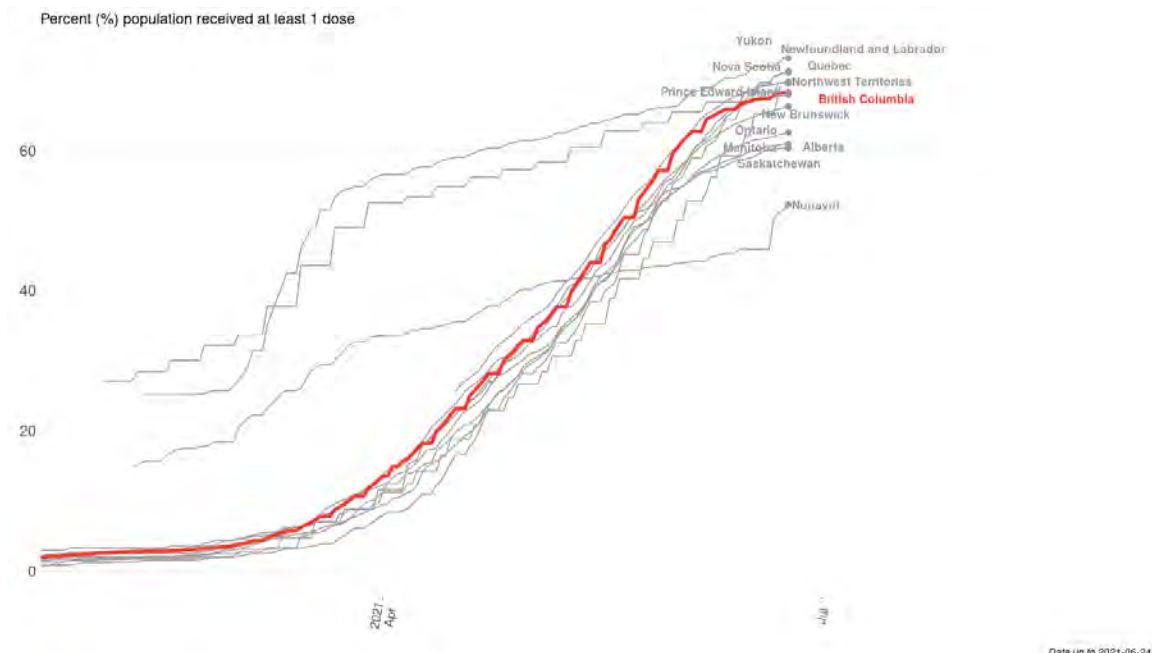
COVID-19 Current Statistics and Trends: Vaccines

	Vancouver Coastal Health	BC
Total Vaccine Doses Administered	1,156,165	4,652,087
Total First Doses	922,581	3,530,063
Total Second Doses	233,584	1,122,024
Source	BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard 16:30, 2021/06/24	

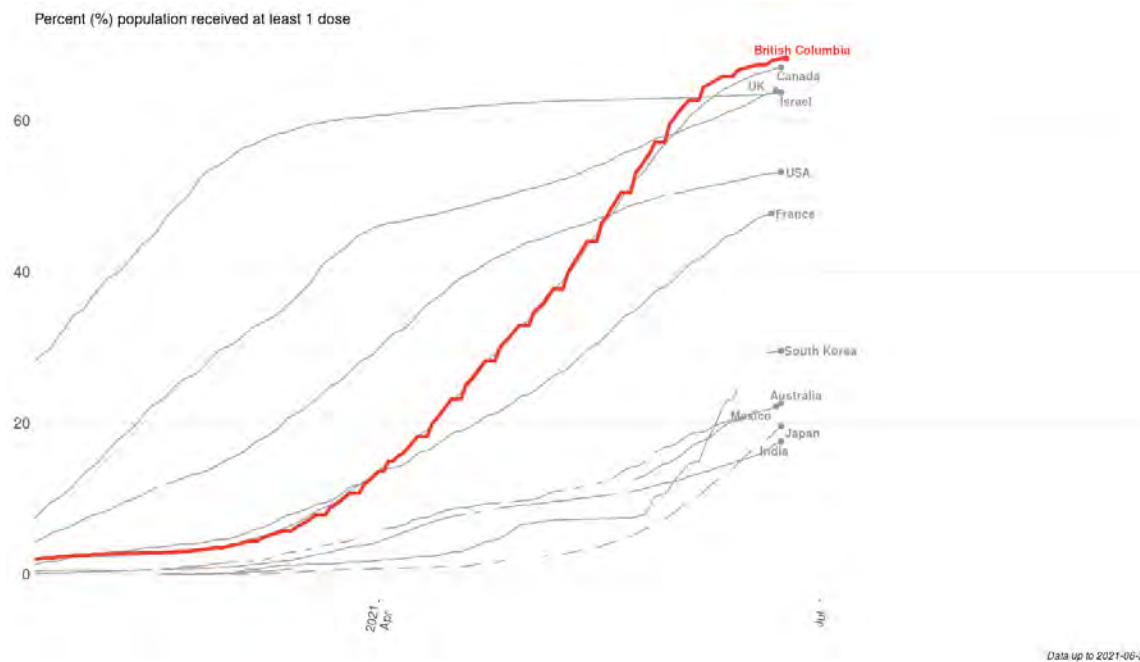
% of 12+ Vaccinated

	Vancouver Community Health Service Areas	BC
At Least First Dose	70% (DTES) - 86% (Kitsilano)	76.0%
Second Dose	<i>Not reported</i>	24.2%
Source	BCCDC COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard 16:30, 2021/06/21	Joint Statement , 2021/06/24

Trends: Vaccination Rates in BC and Canada



Source: [BCCDC COVID-19 Epidemiology App](#) 2021/06/24

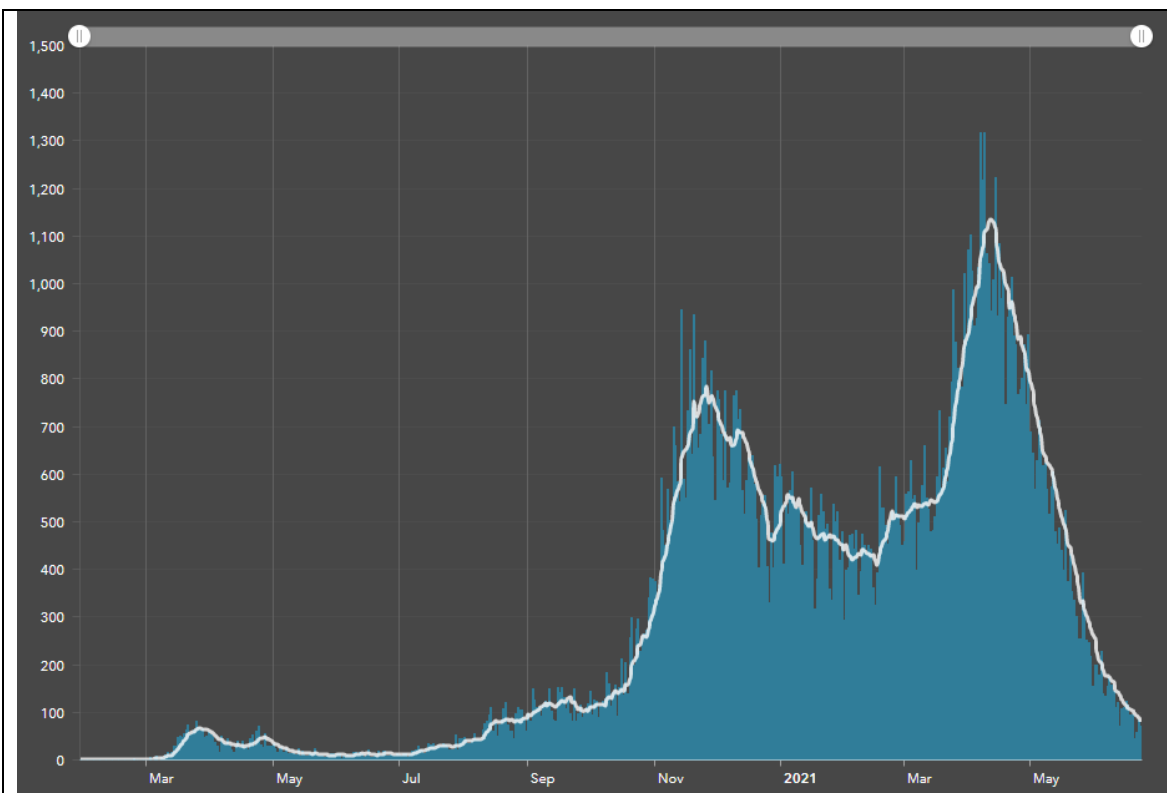


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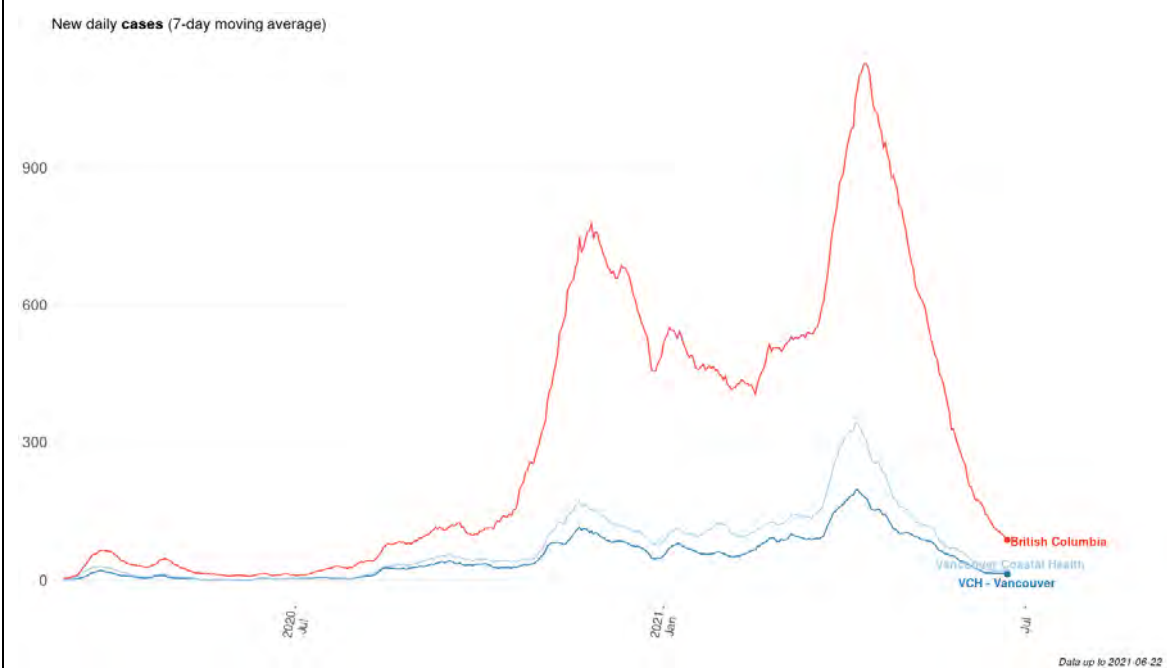
COVID-19 Current Statistics and Trends: Cases

	Vancouver Coastal Health	BC
Total Active Cases	306	1,111
New Cases Today	17	75
Currently Hospitalized	46	113
Currently in Critical Care	8	34
Source	BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard 16:30, 2021/06/24	

Trends: BC Cases by Day



Source: [BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard](#) 2021/06/23



Source: [BCCDC COVID-19 Epidemiology App](#) 2021/06/22

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Opioid Overdose

	Overdose Deaths	COVID-19 Deaths
June 14 - 20, 2021	7* [City of Vancouver only]	9*** [Province of BC]
January – April 2021	680** [Province of BC]	680*** [Province of BC]

**City of Vancouver ACCS data. Toxicology reports were not completed on these cases, and final overdose death numbers need to be confirmed by the BC Coroner Service.*

***BC Coroner Service confirmed overdose deaths until April 2021*

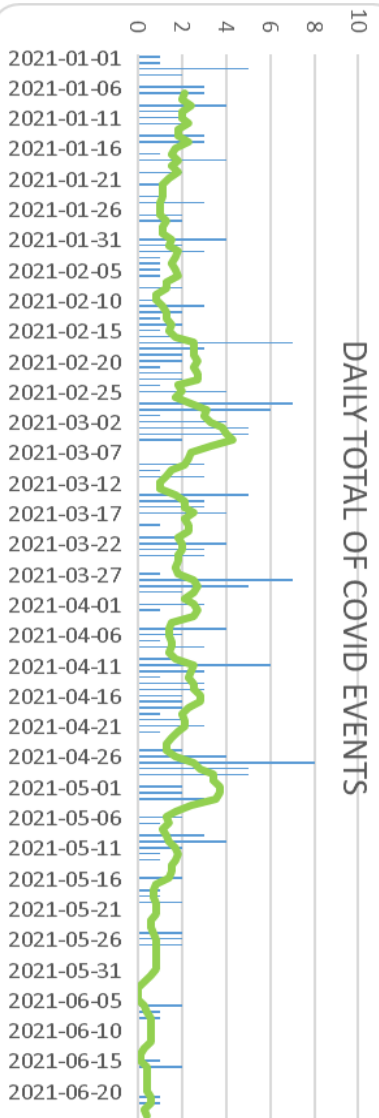
**** BC Health Press Release*

City of Vancouver COVID-19 Event Metrics

A COVID-19 event may refer to an instance of one or more employees from a business unit who have been directed to self-isolate by health due to a potential exposure, who have a positive test result, or have been asked to self-isolate by supervisor due to a high concern situation.

They represent instances of possible business impacts to departments and not necessarily a count of individuals nor confirmed COVID cases, and may not include employees working from home with no workplace contact. Event recordings started on November 4th except Vancouver Fire Rescue Services (VFRS) which started at a later date. VPL and VPD are not included in this data.

Business Unit	Total Events (Nov 4 – June 24)	New Events within last 7 days (June 18 - 24)
Office of the City Manager	5	0
Board of Parks & Recreation	112	0
Engineering Services	234	2
Arts, Culture & Community Services	17	0
IT, Digital Strategy & 311	3	0
Fire and Rescue Services	22	0
Real Estate & Facilities Management	23	0
Finance, Risk & Supply Chain Mgmt	4	0
City Clerk's Office	1	0
Law department	1	0
Development, Buildings, & Licensing	2	0
Planning, Urban Des & Sustain	2	0



City of Vancouver COVID-19 Provincial Health Order Enforcement Data and Trends

COVID Related Enforcement Requests*

# of Closed Cases	10,813
# of Open Cases	7
# of Cases not met SLA	301
% of Cases met SL	97.2%

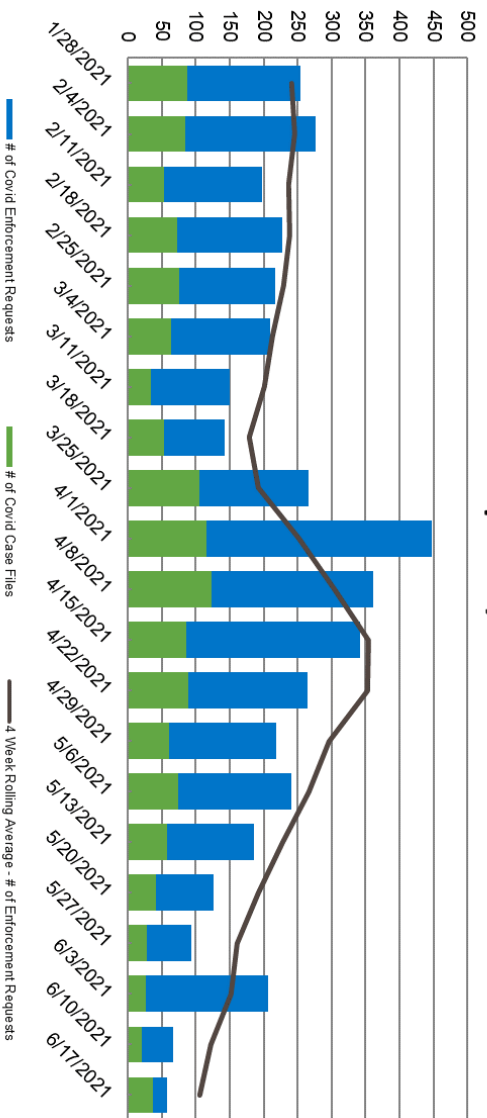
COVID Related Case Files**

# of Closed Cases	3,840
# of Open Cases	90
# of Investigation	4,719
# of Follow-ups [^]	691
# of Letters Sent ^{^^}	88
# of Orders Sent ^{^^^}	2

Source: City of Vancouver 311 Interactions and POSSE data (August 2020 to June 23, 2021)

- *Occurs when a citizen submits a request for enforcement, either via 311 or Digitally. SLA to review the request is 3 days.
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- ^{^^}When a file is found to be in continued violation and warrants a Letter notification to the respondent.
- ^{^^^}When a file is found to be in continued violation and warrants a Compliance Order to the respondent.

Covid Enforcement Requests / Covid-Related Case Files



- June 17 - 23: 58 enforcement requests received; 37 COVID-related case files opened.

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Incident Summary for 2021-06-30

REPORT #	131	Incident Name/#	COVID-19 / EM-2020-0034
Day*	472		Heatwave June 2021/ EM-2021-0041
Week*	68	Activation Level	1
*since 100 BC Cases		EMBC Task #	COVID 19: 206452 Heatwave: 221292

Current EOC Priorities

- Coordinating response to extreme heat since June 23, 2021.
- Continued support to COVID 19:
 - Monitor public health orders and liaise between City and Vancouver Coastal Health.
 - Supporting coordination of the City's COVID-19 restart efforts in alignment with the provincial Restart Plan.
 - Support to health authorities with COVID19 response and vaccination effort, as requested.

Heatwave June 2021 Emerging Issues and Updates

- An [extreme heat alert](#) and [heat warning](#) is in effect.
 - The heat warning is likely to continue through Friday due to the cumulative effects of heat.
 - The current [Environment Canada](#) forecast is:

	Thu 1 Jul	Fri 2 Jul	Sat 3 Jul	Sun 4 Jul	Mon 5 Jul	Tue 6 Jul
	 24°C A mix of sun and cloud	 24°C A mix of sun and cloud	 24°C Sunny	 24°C A mix of sun and cloud	 24°C A mix of sun and cloud	 24°C A mix of sun and cloud
Tonight	Night	Night	Night	Night	Night	
	 18°C A few clouds	 17°C A few clouds	 16°C Clear	 17°C Cloudy periods	 16°C Cloudy periods	

▼ Forecast issued: 4:00 PM PDT Wednesday 30 June 2021

- The City continues to implement level two of its extreme heat response plan, which was activated at level 1 on Wednesday, June 23, 2021. Coordination for a level 2 heat response was started in advance of the level 2 threshold being issued by VCH on June 25th.
- Following discussions with Environment Canada and VCH Medical Health Officers, we anticipate keeping our core response activated up to and including Thursday July 1, and possibly through the weekend.
- Key elements of the extreme heat response plan include:

- activation of cooling centres at VPB and VPL locations – these centres have seen increased usage but have not reached capacity limits. July 1 operations are modified, see section below.
- communication across social media and [website](#) to raise awareness of the effects of heat and opportunities to reduce risk across the city. Messaging today will focus on hours of operation of cooling centres and re-emphasizing the call to check on others who may need assistance.
- early deployment of temporary seasonal drinking water fountains and handwashing stations, which complement the permanent network of fountains.
- installation of temporary misting stations by Engineering and VFRS.
- spray parks, swimming pools and early activation of two wading pools
- water for distribution to the community is available at community centres, with a focus on the DTES.
- Park Rangers and VPD have heightened vigilance for people who may be suffering from or are at risk of heat exposure.
- VFRS have deployed additional medic and other resources to address increased call-load and to deal with delays in crews being released from medical calls by BC Ambulance.
- VPD has deployed additional resources and activated its department operations centre to deal with call-load and delays in officers being released from sudden deaths calls.

Details for July 1 Operations

Although there's a forecast drop in temperature starting July 1st, given the cumulative effect of extreme heat we expect the Heat Warning and/or Extreme Heat Alert to continue and we are scaling our operations as appropriate. Operations for July 1st are:

- The following ten cooling centres will be opened to provide coverage across the city:
 1. Britannia Community Centre 12-6pm
 2. Carnegie Community Centre 9am-11pm
 3. Evelyne Saller Centre 9am-11pm
 4. Gathering Place Community Centre 9am-12am
 5. Hillcrest Centre 8am-8pm
 6. Kerrisdale Community Centre 9am -5pm
 7. Killarney Community Centre 9am -8pm
 8. Mount Pleasant Community Centre 9am – 8pm
 9. Ray-Cam Co-operative Centre 12pm-8pm (typically closed to the public, but open for heat response)
 10. South Hill Branch Library 12pm-8pm
- All other measures continue to be in place
- Operations for Friday July 2 will be based on the updated forecast

Media Announcements

- [Mayor Kennedy Stewart](#) offered condolences to all those who lost loved ones. He thanked firefighters, police officers, and other emergency responders, the Province for the funding to VFRS to add two additional medic units, everyone at VCH, the Park Board, city staff, and all of the volunteers. He also asked the City Manager to conduct a review to determine if there are additional measures the city can implement to prepare for future extreme heat events and help prevent fatalities.
- [Chief coroner issues statement](#) on public safety during heat wave and heat related deaths.

- Minister for Public Safety and Solicitor General issued statement that heat response will be reviewed.

COVID-19 State of Emergency

- Province of BC will lift its provincial state of emergency in response to COVID-19 on the end of day June 30, 2021.
- [COV state of emergency](#) for COVID-19 remains in effect until the next City Council meeting on July 6, 2021.

COVID- 19 Emerging Issues and Updates

Adjustments to EOC Operations in line with Step 3

- The EOC will no longer issue daily COVID-19 updates effective today.
- The EOC will continue to issue weekly Situation Reports with modifications. Sections being removed have been noted.
- EOC-led coordination meetings (Director's Forum, CEC, OHS/Legal/Risk) will continue, frequency may be reduced

COVID Event Reports

- Between June 25 – 30, there were no COVID-19 events reported within COV departments.
- COVID Event Reports will not be tracked as of July 1.

Changes to Orders and Restrictions

- BC will begin [Step 3](#) of Restart Plan on July 1st and the following key points apply:
 - the order of mask wearing will be lifted and mask wearing will be recommended in indoor public spaces for people 12+ who are not fully vaccinated;
 - WorkSafeBC has provided [guidelines](#) for businesses to gradually transition from COVID-19 Safety Plans to new communicable disease prevention plans;
 - Restrictions to indoor and outdoor gatherings and events have been relaxed;
 - Return to Canada-wide recreational travel.

Vaccinations

- Vaccination clinics in civic facilities: Kerrisdale (ends ~August 2021) and West End (June 28-July 9).
- The Public Health Agency of Canada released [guidance](#) for not/partially/fully vaccinated Canadians at various settings/activities.

Other

- [Health Canada updates several COVID-19 vaccine labels](#) with warning about certain health risks.
- [PNE](#) announces it will open this summer.
- [Translink confirms](#) mandatory mask policy will end starting July 1, 2021.
- [BC liquor retailers](#) authorized to open earlier for customer safety and convenience during the COVID-19 pandemic now have option to maintain expanded morning hours.
- US [CDC leaves it up to local officials to set guidelines for mask-wearing](#) as the highly contagious delta variant of the coronavirus surges in areas with low vaccination rates.
- [UK records 26,068 new cases](#), highest total for five months, but deaths are going up at a

much slower rate, and from a very low level.

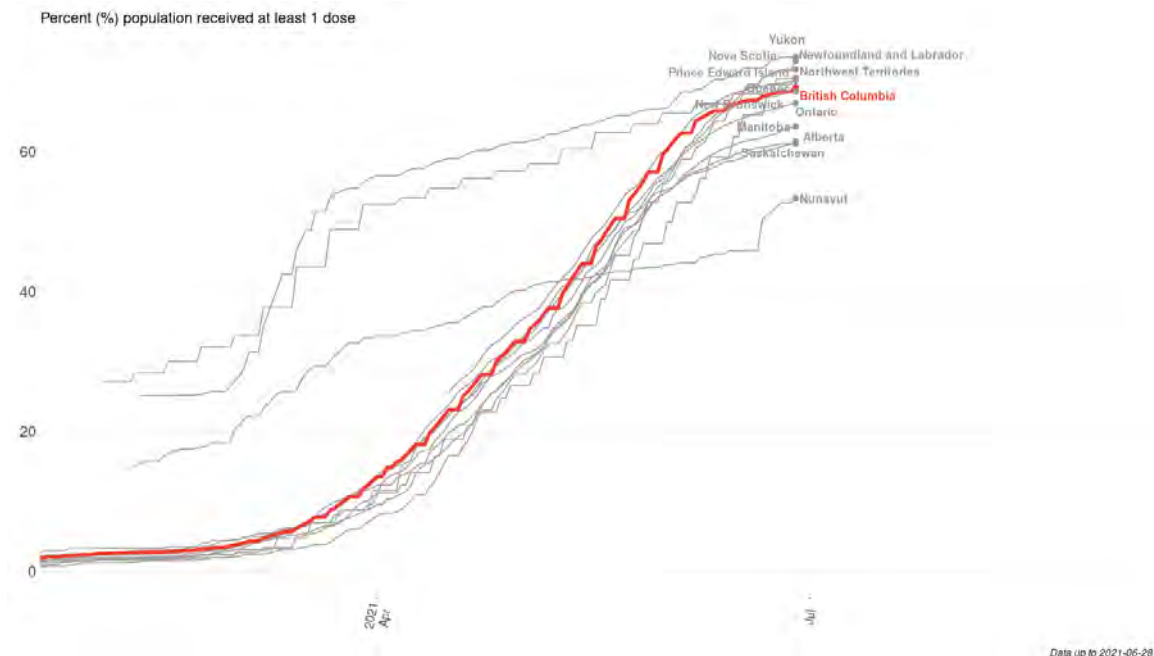
- Delta variant a concern as several [Australian cities go into lockdown](#) and many are unvaccinated.
- [EU responds to African Union](#) criticizing its planned digital vaccination certificate for travel.
- Warning that end to pandemic is 'a distant future' in [Latin America and Caribbean](#).

COVID-19 Current Statistics and Trends: Vaccines

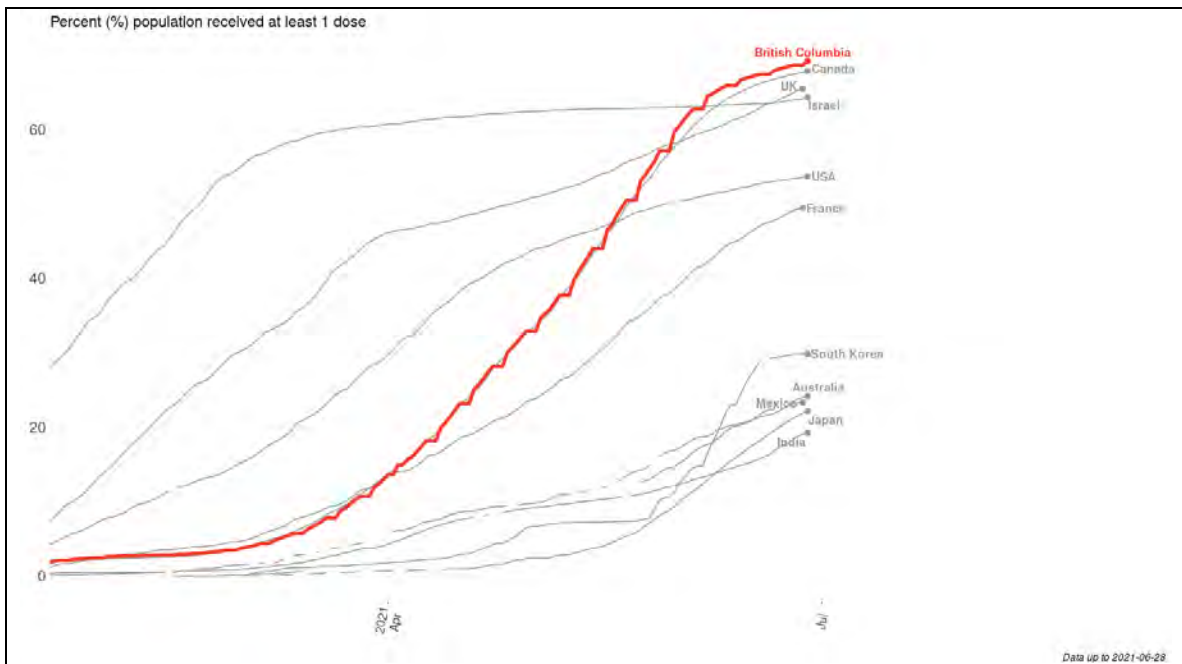
	Vancouver Coastal Health	BC
Total Vaccine Doses Administered	1,252,263	5,002,916
Total First Doses	937,007	3,581,410
Total Second Doses	315,253	1,421,506
Source	BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard 16:30, 2021/06/30	

	Vancouver Community Health Service Areas	BC
% of 12+ Vaccinated		
At Least First Dose	70% (DTES – no change) - 86% (various neighbourhoods)	77.1%
Second Dose	<i>Not reported</i>	30.6%
Source	BCCDC COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard 16:30, 2021/06/28	Joint Statement , 2021/06/30

Trends: Vaccination Rates in BC and Canada



Source: [BCCDC COVID-19 Epidemiology App](#) 2021/06/28

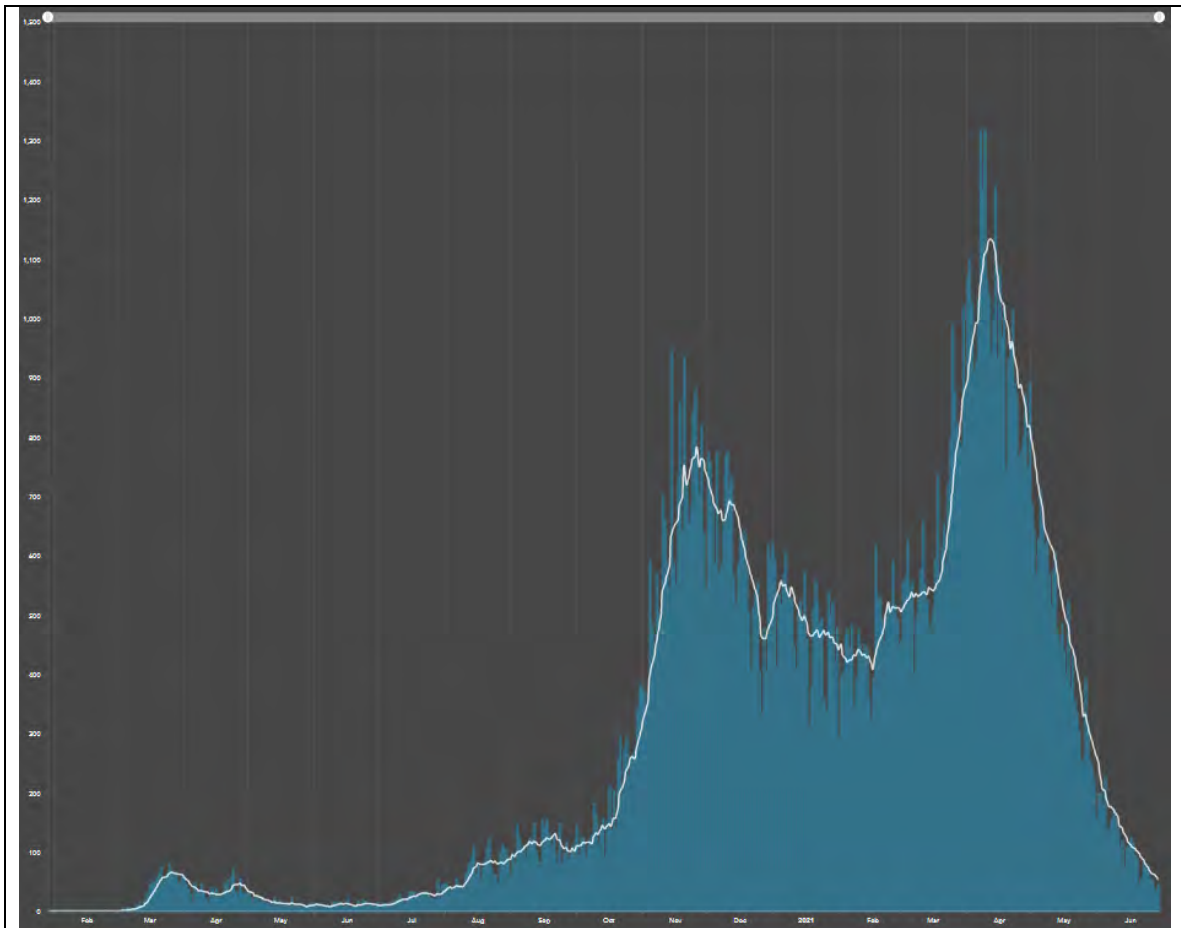


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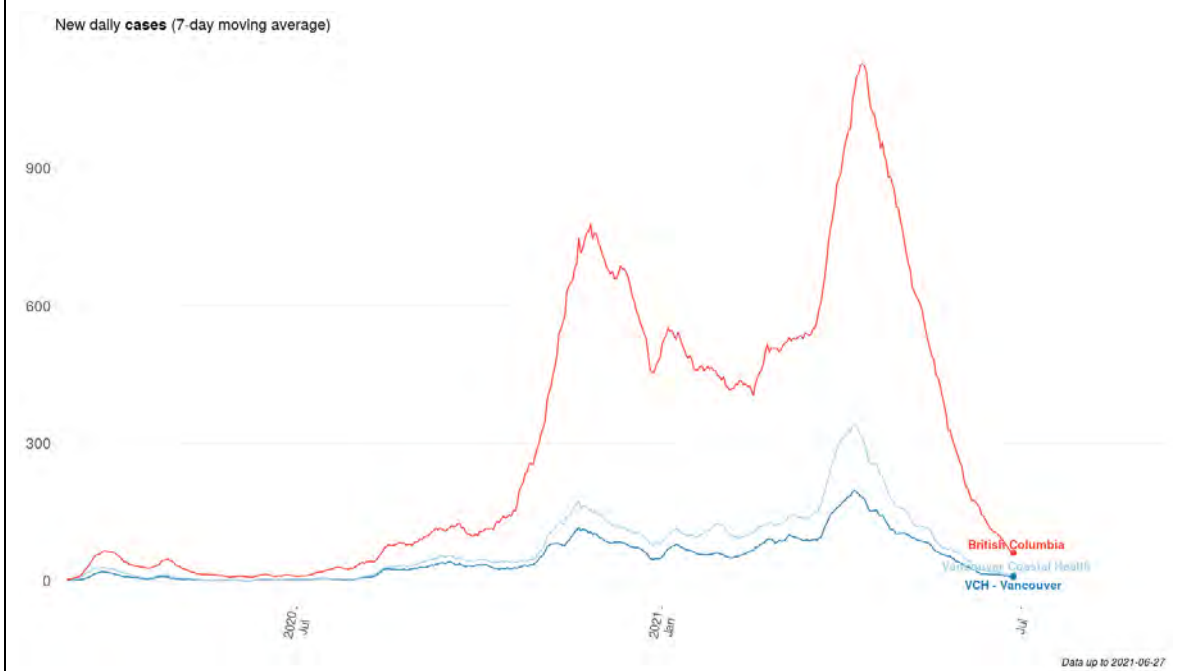
COVID-19 Current Statistics and Trends: Cases

	Vancouver Coastal Health	BC
Total Active Cases	294	816
New Cases Today	12	44
Currently Hospitalized	40	108
Currently in Critical Care	10	34
Source	BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard 16:30, 2021/06/30	

Trends: BC Cases by Day



Source: [BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard](#) 2021/06/29



Source: [BCCDC COVID-19 Epidemiology App](#) 2021/06/27

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Opioid Overdose

(Note: This section will not be reported on future COVID-19 situation reports)

	Overdose Deaths	COVID-19 Deaths
June 21 - 27, 2021	6* [City of Vancouver only]	11*** [Province of BC]
January – May 2021	851** [Province of BC]	803*** [Province of BC]

- VPD attended **6 overdose-suspected deaths** last week, bringing our estimated year-to-date total to at least **207** deaths from overdoses so far in 2021. VFRS is also reporting 181 OD Calls, the highest number on record.
- An average of 5.2 lives were lost to illicit drugs every day in BC in May.

*City of Vancouver ACCS data. Toxicology reports were not completed on these cases, and final overdose death numbers need to be confirmed by the BC Coroner Service.

**BC Coroner Service confirmed overdose deaths until May 2021

*** BC Health Press Release

City of Vancouver COVID-19 Event Metrics

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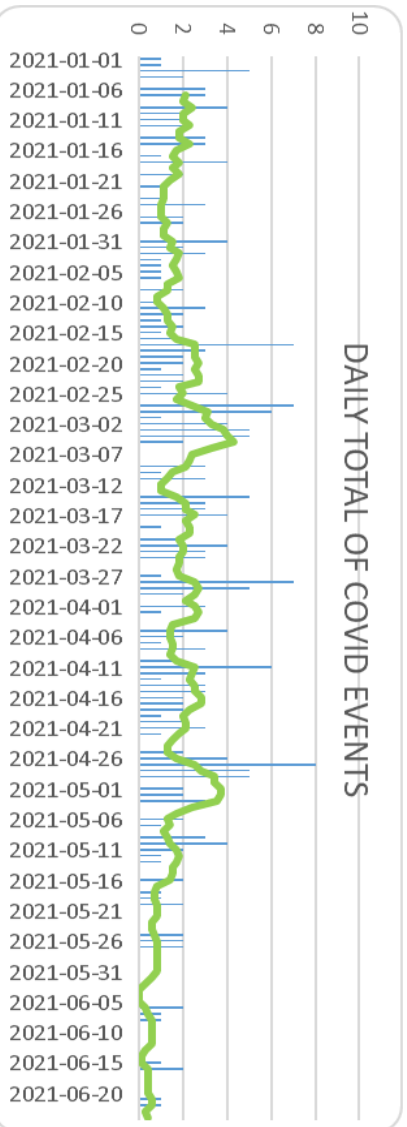
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Arts, Culture & Community Services	17	0
IT, Digital Strategy & 311	3	0
Fire and Rescue Services	22	0
Real Estate & Facilities Management	23	0
Finance, Risk & Supply Chain Mgmt	4	0
City Clerk's Office	1	0
Law department	1	0

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Planning, Urban Des & Sustain	2	0



City of Vancouver COVID-19 Provincial Health Order Enforcement Data and Trends

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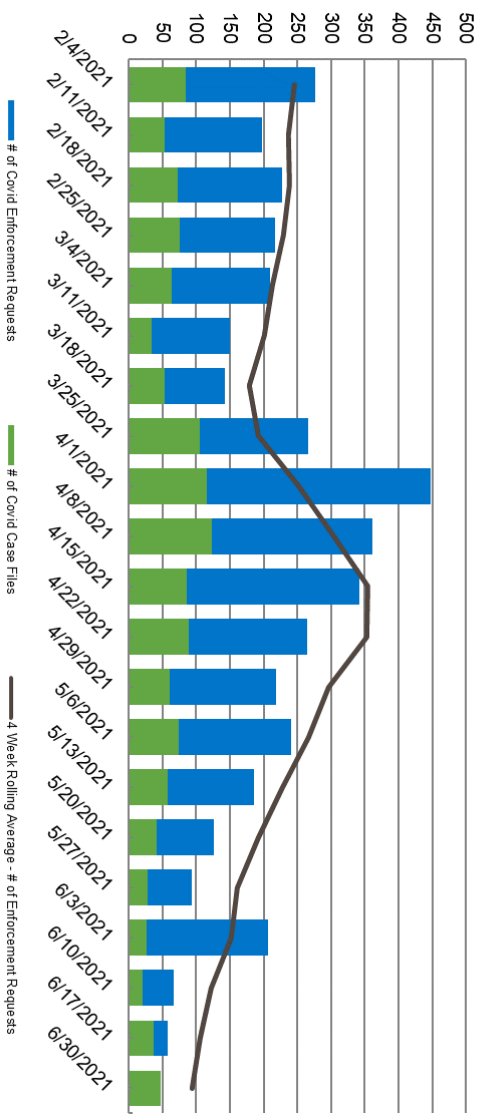
COVID Related Enforcement Requests*	
# of Closed Cases	10,859
# of Open Cases	7
# of Cases not met SLA	301
% of Cases met SL	97.2%

COVID Related Case Files**	
# of Closed Cases	3,861
# of Open Cases	115
# of Investigation	4,764
# of Follow-ups	694
# of Letters Sent	88
# of Orders Sent	2

Source: City of Vancouver 311 Interactions and POSSE data (August 2020 to June 29, 2021)

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Covid Enforcement Requests / Covid-Related Case Files



- **June 24 - 29:** 46 enforcement requests received; 47 COVID-related case files opened.

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Paul,

As you know, Environment Canada issue a Heat Warning earlier this week which initiated Vancouver's extreme heat response measures. Due to the increased temperatures, Vancouver Coastal Health has issued an Extreme Heat Alert, which signals more extreme temperatures and initiates the second stage of our response. This is the first time an Extreme Heat Alert has been issued in the region since the creation of the lower mainland's Heat Alert Response System. The Information Bulletin from VCH and FVHA is attached.

VEMA and our City departments have already begun implementing level 2 response measures. These additional measures include:

1. Extending hours at our cooling centres in the Downtown Eastside
2. Opening two wading pools, starting tomorrow ☑ Park Board regularly opens wading pools in early July, but was able to open two wading pools in high-need starting tomorrow (12-5) for the duration of the heat wave
3. Distributing bottled water through Downtown Eastside community centres and community partners, and through Park Board cooling centres where needed

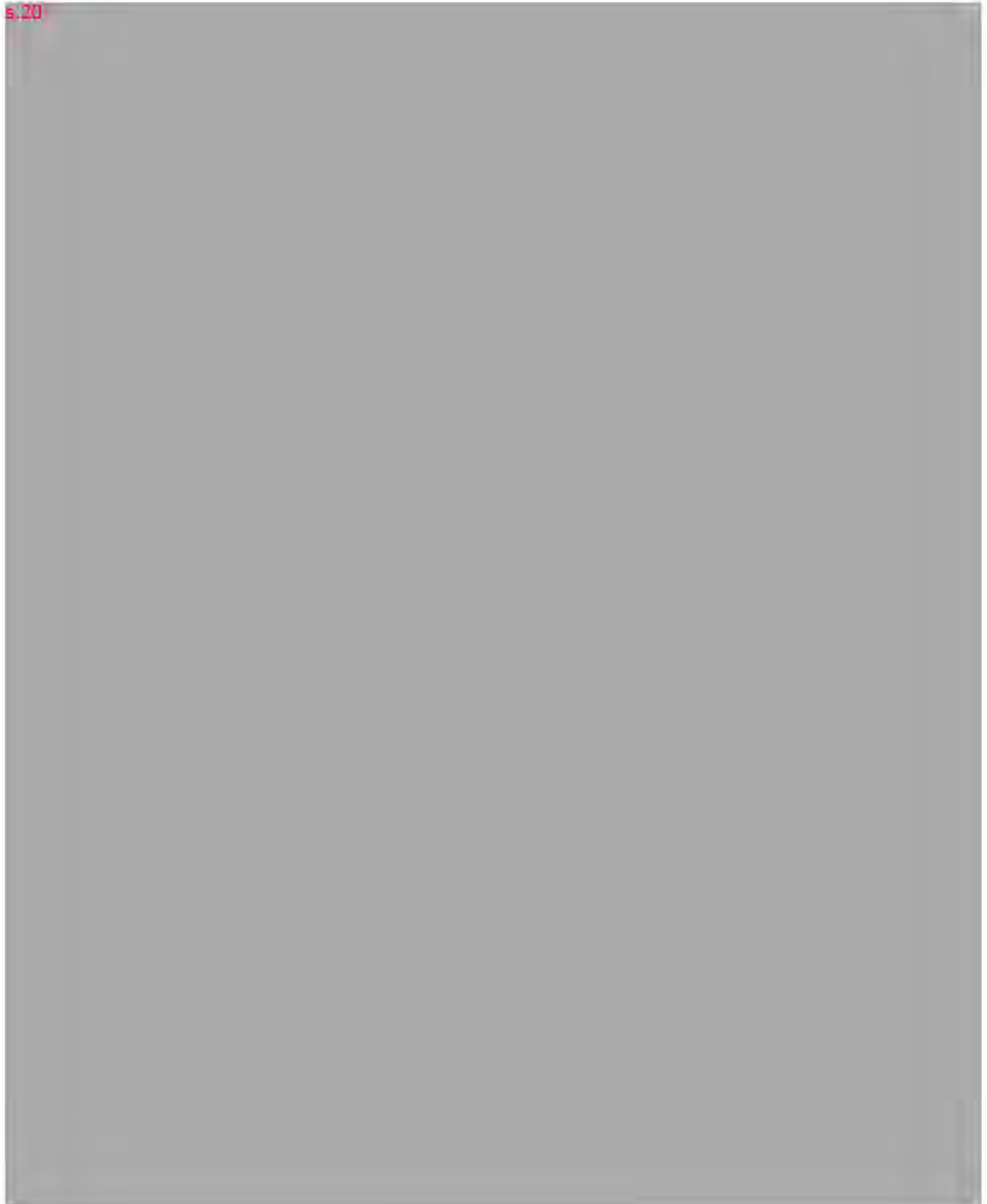
VCH has also clarified that COVID-related occupancy restrictions, physical distancing, and wearing of masks at cooling centres is not required in Vancouver. People coming to the centres should be encourage to follow these practices where possible and staff will adjust plans to provide as much space to people attending cooling centres as feasible.

VEMA is holding a coordination call daily with departments involved in the response and will continue to assess needs, monitor the situation, and provide updates as the situation changes.

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While everyone is at risk of heat related illness, hot temperatures can be especially dangerous for the young, the elderly, those working or exercising in the heat, persons with chronic heart and lung conditions, persons with mental illness, people living alone and people experiencing homelessness. If you are taking medication, particularly for mental illness, ask your doctor or pharmacist if it increases your health risk in the heat and follow their recommendations.

The Lower Mainland Medical Health Officers for Fraser Health and Vancouver Coastal Health advise at this time that risks from extreme heat exceed risks from COVID-19. While the Extreme Heat Alert is in place:

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Coping with the heat

There are a variety of mild to severe symptoms linked with heat-related illness, including thirst, dizziness, confusion, weakness and fainting or collapsing. Medical Health Officers remind Lower Mainland residents to take precautions to protect themselves from the heat, including:

Stay hydrated

- Drink cool non-alcoholic beverages (preferably water) irrespective of your activity intake. Don't wait until you are thirsty.
- If your doctor generally limits the amount of fluid you drink or has you on water pills, ask about increasing the amount of water you can drink while the weather is hot.

Keep cool

- NEVER leave children or pets alone in a parked car. Temperatures can rise to 52°C (125°F) within 20 minutes in an enclosed vehicle when the outside temperature is 34°C (93°F). Leaving the car windows slightly open or "cracked" will not keep the inside of the vehicle at a safe temperature.

- Seek out an air-conditioned facility (such as a shopping centre, library, community centre or restaurant).
- Use public splash pools, water parks or pools or take a cool bath or shower.
- At current temperatures, fans alone are not effective. Applying cool water mist or wet towels prior to sitting in front of a fan is a quick way to cool off.
- Dress for the weather by wearing loose, light-weight clothing. Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.
- Keep your home cool. Open windows, close shades, use an air conditioner (if you have one) and prepare meals that do not require an oven.
- Avoid sunburn, stay in the shade or use sunscreen with SPF 15 or more.
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Check in on others

- People living alone are at high risk of severe heat related illness. Check regularly on older people, and those who are unable to leave their homes, for signs of heat-related illness.
- Ask whether people know how to prevent heat-related illness and are doing the same.
- If others are unwell, move them to a cool shady spot, help them get hydrated and call for medical assistance if appropriate.

Get informed.

- Listen to local news and weather channels.
- For more information on heat-related illness, call HealthLink BC at 811.

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