



**Health Matters Newsletter
September October 1, 2021
Today's Health Matters Includes:**

- OCCHN Meeting Schedule
- Community Meetings
- Get Vaccinated- Just Do It! Information for your proof of Vaccination Information
- Day of Truth and Reconciliation in Cowichan
- Navigators Program to Assist with Vaccine Cards
- United Way Public Policy Institute- Fantastic Training Opportunity
- Food Infrastructure Grant
- Programs and Services offered by BC Schizophrenia Society- Attached



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- ✓ **Next Admin Committee Meeting** **October 7, 4:00 pm- zoom**
 - ✓ **Next Our Cowichan Network Meeting** **Location to be determined November 4, 5:30 pm**
 - ✓ **Next EPIC Committee Meeting-** **October 21, 1:30 pm-3:00 pm zoom call**
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Community Events- Meetings

Island Health Board Meeting **October 5th 7 pm-8 pm information inserted below**

GET Vaccinated Everyone in B.C. must register with the [Get Vaccinated provincial registration system](#) once.

Proof of Vaccination Starts September 13

The province has released details of how to show proof of vaccination, which will be required to access some non-essential business and services as of Sept. 13. [Use this link](#) to access your **digital BC Vaccine Card**, which includes a unique QR code link and can be printed or saved to a mobile device by [taking a](#)

[screenshot](#). Those who cannot access the card online may visit a Service BC office or call 1-833-838-2323 to request a paper copy. The BC Vaccine Card must be presented along with government-issued photo identification. From Sept. 13 through Sept. 26, other forms of vaccination records will be accepted, including the paper COVID-19 Immunization Record Card that was offered at vaccination appointments. Proof of one dose is required as of Sept. 13, and two doses as of Oct. 24. [This website](#) has more information, including where proof of vaccination will be required.

Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Cowichan Rises to the Call





Cowichan Navigators Program to Assist with Vaccine Cards



Good morning, Service providers of the Cowichan Valley. As you may know you now need proof of Vaccination to access some events, services and businesses. The easiest way to show proof is the BC Vaccine card through online services.

The Navigators program is happy to assist individuals in the process. For free and confidential services:

Participants can contact us by call or text on 250-732-9277,

email: tylerlitnowcow@gmail.com

Website: <https://cowichannavigators.online/>

Facebook page: Cowichan Navigators a project by Literacy Now

Thank you for your time, and support we all stand stronger together.

APPLY NOW: 2022 United Way Public Policy Institute

Are you a change-maker? Do you want to help strengthen your organization's capacity to advance policy change? The application period is now open for the 2022 United Way Public Policy Institute, an applied learning and training program designed to help non-profit leaders and their organizations increase their understanding of the public policy process in BC and their capacity to influence it.

Applicants must:

- be from the non-profit sector (or an organization with a registered charity number)
- have several years of experience in their field, and
- be actively involved in the area they would like to see policy change.

Enrollment is open to organizations from all regions of BC.

This year we welcome Carole James as our new Faculty lead. She has prepared a [personal message](#) to share with potential applicants. Our Public Policy Institute graduates go on to do inspiring work. [This link](#) features our annual Ida Goodreau Alumni Award winners, giving you a chance to read about what our graduates go on to do.

Monthly two-day sessions will be delivered from January to June 2022 in the Lower Mainland. This year's program will offer a hybrid model of some sessions in person and some via Zoom. United Way BC will accept applications for the 2022 Public Policy Institute until October 8, 2021.

For more information, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), Program Objectives, Faculty Biographies, a list of participating organizations from previous years, and more, please see the dedicated program page on our website at: <https://www.uwlm.ca/agencies/public-policy-institute/>.

The registration fee this year will be \$850 per participant. *Travel and accommodation expenses are covered for participants traveling from outside the Lower Mainland.*

Applications are now open and will close on October 8, 2021. To apply, [CLICK HERE](#).

If you have any additional questions, please contact Esther Moreno, Capacity Building Specialist at ppi@uwbc.ca or by calling 604.969.8643.

Food Infrastructure Grant

United Way British Columbia (UWBC) in partnership with the Ministry of Health would like to announce the upcoming **Food Infrastructure Grant** for **rural, remote and Indigenous communities**.

UWBC recognizes unique food access needs and food availability challenges of these communities. Two available funding streams will fund the **development, implementation or improvement of food infrastructure** to support year-round, long-term procurement, storage and distribution of fresh, nutritious, traditional and other food and enhance community well-being.

Details on Applications:

- Applications will be accepted starting **October 4, 2021 – December 15, 2021** via online form, phone or video interviews. UWBC staff will be available to assist.
- Funding amount between \$5,000 - \$20,000.
- Funding available to organizations with a charitable registration number located in any rural, remote and/or Indigenous community of British Columbia **OR**; BC First Nations Band or Tribal Council.

For more information on this funding as well as on upcoming [Info Sessions](#) please refer to the invitation attached. We hope that you will share this invitation with your networks.

If you have any additional questions, please contact:

Alžběta Sabová (Food Security Initiative Manager) AlzbetaS@uwbc.ca or
Heather Escobar (Food Security Coordinator) HeatherE@uwbc.ca

All the best,

UWBC Food Security Team

Programs and Services offered by BC Schizophrenia Society- Attached



Leah Hollins, Board Chair and the Island Health Board of Directors invite you to attend the Island Health Virtual Board Forum – Cowichan Valley.

Date: October 5, 2021

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Join us live on:

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/841015023279745>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/VanIslandHealth>

Join Island Health Board Chair, Leah Hollins and Kathy MacNeil, President and CEO as they host an interactive Virtual Board Public Forum for the Cowichan Valley.

- Meet your local Medical Health Officer, Dr. Shannon Waters and get an update on public health and wellness.
- Learn about health and care delivery in the Cowichan Valley from local Island Health leaders Alice Gelpke, Dr. Michelle Weizel and Elin Bjarnason
- Ask a question about health and care delivery in the Cowichan Valley

We invite you to submit questions in advance at asktheboard@islandhealth.ca or during the event through Facebook.

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Do you have a resource, event or information you would like to share?

Send it to cindyliccchn@shaw.ca and it will be included in the Friday Newsletter

