

B.C. Election 2026 - Day 21 Brief

Campaign Day 21: Monday, October 12, 2026 | Final Voting Day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 21 IN 30 SECONDS

- **New NDP health-care pledge:** Eby unveiled a candidate-wide Public Health Care Guarantee, promising stricter rules on extra billing and a three-year transition away from private agency nurses. [\[1\]\[2\]](#)
- **Conservative response:** Doerkson rejected the NDP's privatization claims and reiterated his party's existing commitment to universal, publicly funded health care; no revised insurance model was announced. [\[2\]\[3\]](#)
- **Two local care commitments:** The NDP proposed new urgent and primary care centres in **Coquitlam and North Delta**, without published opening dates. [\[4\]\[5\]](#)
- **Childcare and wealth-tax debate:** The Conservatives challenged Eby's use of \$10/day childcare, which he acknowledged; a Berkeley economist endorsed the Greens' *existing* wealth-tax concept. [\[6\]\[7\]](#)

What changed on Day 21

AREA	CONFIRMED DEVELOPMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT	STATUS / CONTEXT
BC NDP	Oct. 12: All NDP candidates signed Eby's Public Health Care Guarantee. Proposed measures include closing patient-charge loopholes, bringing nurse practitioners under the <i>Medicare Protection Act</i> , and ending hospital reliance on private agency nurses over three years. [1][2]	New election commitment, not enacted law . Claimed Conservative intentions are contested.
BC Conservatives	Oct. 12: Doerkson's party disputed Eby's allegations and pointed to its Oct. 5 promise to maintain universal, publicly funded health care with a health card. [2][3]	New response to NDP pledge; existing Conservative position, not a new plan.
BC NDP / care sites	Oct. 12: Separate NDP announcements pledged an urgent and primary care centre in Coquitlam and another in North Delta . [4][5]	Proposed facilities; no verified opening date or project-specific cost.
Childcare	Oct. 12: Conservatives criticized Eby's family's \$10/day childcare use. Eby confirmed a child attended, said the centre gained its subsidized status later and described donations to support the facility. [6][7]	Confirmed exchange and attributed statements; no new childcare program rule.
BC Greens	Reported Oct. 12: UC Berkeley economist Emmanuel Saez publicly supported the structure of the Greens' previously announced wealth-tax proposal. [6]	New third-party endorsement, not a new tax rate or independent revenue costing.

Campaign framing at close of Day 21

- **BC NDP** - Advanced public-health regulation and two new care-site proposals; responded to childcare questions. [\[1\]\[4\]\[5\]\[6\]](#)
- **BC Conservatives** - Reaffirmed publicly funded health care and raised questions about access to subsidized childcare. [\[3\]\[7\]](#)
- **BC Greens** - Highlighted outside academic support for a previously released wealth-tax proposal; no verified new design. [\[6\]](#)
- **CentreBC** - Its earlier fiscal platform remains the current reference; no verified distinct Day 21 pledge, MLA switch or nomination change. [\[8\]\[9\]](#)
- **OneBC** - No independently confirmed Day 21 leadership, candidate-status, or new policy development; prior endorsements are not official ballot changes. [\[9\]](#)

Election clock

DATE	MILESTONE	WHY IT MATTERS
OCT 13	Greater Vancouver Board of Trade provincial leaders forum, 12:30-2 p.m. Pacific. [14]	Announced: Eby, Doerkson and Lowan.
OCT 14	Televised provincial leaders' debate. [16]	Scheduled for Eby, Doerkson and Lowan.
OCT 16-21	Provincial advance voting, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. local time at scheduled sites. [11]	Check which dates individual sites open.
OCT 17	General local elections across B.C. [15]	Second day of provincial advance voting.
OCT 18	Provincial mail-ballot request deadline, online/by telephone. [11]	Completed ballots must reach Elections BC by Oct. 24 deadline.
OCT 24	Provincial Final Voting Day, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Pacific. [11]	12 days from Day 21; 93 districts.

Polling: no newly verified Oct. 12 province-wide survey

Latest verified release: Liaison Strategies, **Oct. 9** (fieldwork Oct. 7-8): BC Conservatives **43%**, BC NDP **37%**, BC Greens **10%**, OneBC **4%**, CentreBC **3%**, other **4%** among decided/leaning voters. Total is 101% because of rounding. [\[10\]](#)

Method: Random-digit-dialled automated telephone interviewing (IVR), mobile and landline, **n=1,000 adults**, weighted to 2021 Census. The published +/-3.1 percentage-point margin applies to the full sample, not the decided/leaning subgroup. Results are **not a seat forecast**. [\[10\]](#)

Provincial-local election overlap

Oct. 12: West Vancouver held local advance voting at Municipal Hall during Thanksgiving, even as provincial district electoral offices were closed. The schedules and administrators differ. [\[11\]\[12\]\[15\]](#)

Oct. 13: City of Vancouver local advance voting continues; its local mail-ballot service deadlines are *not* the same as Elections BC's Oct. 18 provincial request deadline. Local voting day **Oct. 17** intersects provincial advance voting **Oct. 16-21**. No province-wide effect on turnout has been quantified. [\[11\]\[13\]\[15\]](#)

What to watch on Day 22

- **Oct. 13 leaders forum:** Any new platform commitments or clarifications at the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade appearance. [\[14\]](#)
- **Election administration:** Any updated candidate affiliation or withdrawal notices ahead of advance voting; the latest verified bulletin checked was dated Oct. 10. [\[9\]\[11\]](#)
- **Debate positioning:** New statements from CentreBC or OneBC before the Oct. 14 broadcast; check local advance-voting instructions. [\[13\]\[16\]](#)

Scope note: Nonpartisan review of public sources through **8:10 p.m. Pacific, Monday, Oct. 12, 2026**. Party announcements establish what was said or proposed, not the accuracy of opposing claims. No verified Day 21 party leadership change, MLA switch, candidate withdrawal/addition or new province-wide poll was found. Earlier platform elements are labelled as context. No party, leader, candidate or electoral choice is endorsed, opposed, ranked or scored.

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- [\[4\]](#) BC NDP. Oct. 12 new Coquitlam urgent-care centre pledge.
- [\[5\]](#) BC NDP. Oct. 12 new North Delta urgent-care centre pledge.
- [\[6\]](#) The Canadian Press. Oct. 12 childcare dispute, Greens and health reports.
- [\[7\]](#) BC Conservatives. Oct. 12 statement about Eby family childcare.
- [\[8\]](#) CentreBC. Platform published before Day 21; background only.
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- [\[12\]](#) West Vancouver. Oct. 12 holiday civic-voting hours.
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- [\[14\]](#) Greater Vancouver Board of Trade. Oct. 13 provincial leaders forum event page.
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