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Joint statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, latest updates
Updated at 4:55 p.m. with correct number of hospitalizations

VICTORIA – Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, and Stephen Brown, deputy minister of health, have issued the following joint statement regarding updates on the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) response in British Columbia:

“Today, we are announcing 115 new cases, including five epi-linked cases, for a total of 9,956 cases in British Columbia.

“There are 1,387 active cases of COVID-19 in the province, 3,042 people who are under active public health monitoring as a result of identified exposure to known cases and 8,296 people who tested positive have recovered.

“Currently, 72 individuals are hospitalized with COVID-19, 15 of whom are in intensive care. The remaining people with COVID-19 are recovering at home in self-isolation.

“Since the start of the pandemic, there have been 3,644 cases of COVID-19 in the Vancouver Coastal Health region, 5,119 in the Fraser Health region, 222 in the Island Health region, 557 in the Interior Health region, 325 in the Northern Health region and 89 cases of people who reside outside of Canada.

“There have been no new COVID-19 related deaths, for a total of 244 deaths in British Columbia. We offer our condolences to everyone who has lost their loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“There have been no new health-care facility outbreaks. The outbreak at Rideau Retirement Centre has been declared over. In total, 15 long-term care or assisted-living facilities and three acute-care facilities have active outbreaks.

“There have been no new community outbreaks, although there continue to be exposure events around the province. Public alerts and notifications are posted on the BC Centre for Disease Control's (BCCDC) website and on all health authorities' websites.

“As we come up to Thanksgiving this weekend, it's important to remember while many things have changed and we have faced many challenges, we still have much to be thankful for.

“Let's show our gratitude by doing a small kindness for a friend, neighbour or family member. Reaching out virtually or by phone, helping with a small task or a sending a care package tells people in your life and community that you care. We're all in this together, and we have come this far by supporting each other while staying apart.

“Kindness counts. What we do today directly influences the well-being of our communities tomorrow, so let’s continue to do our part to protect ourselves and each other – each day and every day.”

Quick Facts:

Assisted living, long-term care homes and seniors' rental buildings with ongoing COVID-19 outbreaks are as follows:

- Vancouver Coastal Health
 - Banfield Pavilion long-term care facility
 - Haro Park Centre long-term care facility (second occurrence)
 - Point Grey Private Hospital long-term care facility
- Fraser Health
 - Chartwell Crescent Gardens long-term care facility
 - Cherington Place long-term care facility
 - Evergreen Hamlets long-term care facility
 - George Derby Centre long-term care facility
 - Harrison West at Elim Village long-term care facility
 - Kin Village assisted-living facility
 - Langley Lodge long-term care facility (third occurrence)
 - Milieu Children and Family Services Society community living facility
 - New Vista Care Home long-term care facility
 - Thornebridge Gardens assisted-living facility
 - Peace Portal Seniors Village long-term care facility
 - White Rock Seniors Village long-term care facility

Learn More:

BCCDC’s safer celebrations guidance:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/social-interactions/safer-celebrations>

To learn more about the Oct. 5 modelling presentation, visit:

https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/COVID19_Going_Forward_Oct_2020.pdf

Guidance for Halloween during COVID19: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/social-interactions/halloween>

To find the provincial health officer’s orders, visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

To see a map of COVID-19 cases by local health area, visit:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/data>

If you are experiencing symptoms, find a collection centre near you to get tested:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing>

For mental health and anxiety support, visit: www.bouncebackbc.ca

Or: www.anxietycanada.com

For a listing of the community exposure events, go to:

BCCDC (flights, work sites, etc.): <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/public-exposures>

Fraser Health: fraserhealth.ca/covid19exposure

Interior Health: <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/public-exposures/>

Island Health: <https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/covid-19/outbreaks-and-exposures>

Northern Health: <https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/outbreaks-and-exposures>

Vancouver Coastal: <http://www.vch.ca/covid-19/public-exposures>

For the latest medical updates, including case counts, prevention, risks and testing, visit: <http://www.bccdc.ca/>

Or follow @CDCofBC on Twitter.

For non-health related information, including financial, child care and education supports, travel, transportation and essential service information, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/covid19

Or call 1 888 COVID19 (1 888 268-4319) between 7:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. (Pacific time), seven days a week.

For the latest videos and livestreaming of COVID-19 media availabilities, visit:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BCGovNews>

YouTube: www.youtube.com/ProvinceofBC

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