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## JOINT STATEMENT

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Office of the Provincial Health Officer

### **Joint statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, latest updates**

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 155 new cases, including nine epi-linked cases, for a total of 11,189 cases in British Columbia.

“There are 1,513 active cases of COVID-19 in the province, 3,713 people who are under active public health monitoring as a result of identified exposure to known cases and 9,387 people who tested positive have recovered.

“Currently, 72 individuals are hospitalized with COVID-19, 26 of whom are in intensive care. The remaining people are recovering at home in self-isolation.

“Since the start of the pandemic, there have been 4,036 cases of COVID-19 in the Vancouver Coastal Health region, 5,884 in the Fraser Health region, 240 in the Island Health region, 590 in the Interior Health region, 350 in the Northern Health region and 89 cases of people who reside outside of Canada.

“There has been one new COVID-19 related death, for a total of 251 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 and the outbreak at New Vista Care Home long-term care facility is over. In total, 16 long-term care or assisted-living facilities and two acute-care facilities have active outbreaks.

“There has been one new community outbreak at the Tim Hortons in Merritt. There also 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.

“The provincial election is just over one week away and advanced voting is available throughout the province. To ensure the safety of voters, election workers and candidates, Elections BC has COVID-19 safety plans in place for all locations.

“If you are planning on voting in person, remember to give others the space to stay safe when going to vote, wash your hands before and after voting, and consider using a mask if distancing is a challenge.

“If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 or are feeling unwell, you can still vote without going

to a voting place. Contact Elections BC at 1 800 661-8683 for more information or assistance.

“Let’s all do our part to protect our communities this fall and winter, no matter what we are doing. Simple steps make a big difference in keeping all of us safe.”

**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](https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/COVID19_Going_Forward_Oct_2020.pdf)

Guidance for Halloween during COVID-19: <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](http://www.bouncebackbc.ca)

Or: [www.anxietycanada.com](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/)

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

YouTube: [www.youtube.com/ProvinceofBC](http://www.youtube.com/ProvinceofBC)

A backgrounder follows.

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## BACKGROUND

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### **Assisted living, long-term care homes, seniors' rental buildings with ongoing COVID-19 outbreaks**

#### **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
- Weinberg Residence long-term care facility
- Yaletown House long-term care facility

#### **Fraser Health**

- Chartwell Carrington House assisted- and independent-living facility
- Chartwell Crescent Gardens long-term care facility
- George Derby Centre long-term care facility
- Good Samaritan Delta View Care Centre long-term care facility
- Harrison West at Elim Village long-term care facility
- Langley Lodge long-term care facility (third occurrence)
- Peace Portal Seniors Village long-term care facility
- PICS assisted-living facility
- Thornebridge Gardens assisted-living facility
- White Rock Seniors Village long-term care facility

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