
JOINT STATEMENT

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Ministry of Health
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 Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, have issued the following joint statement regarding updates on the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) response in British Columbia:

“Today, we are reporting 717 new cases of COVID-19, including one epi-linked case, for a total of 23,661 cases in British Columbia.

“There are 6,589 active cases of COVID-19 in the province. There are 198 individuals currently hospitalized with COVID-19, 63 of whom are in intensive care. The remaining people are recovering at home in self-isolation.

“Currently, 10,960 people are under active public health monitoring as a result of identified exposure to known cases and 16,469 people who tested positive have recovered.

“We have had 177 new cases of COVID-19 in the Vancouver Coastal Health region, 484 in the Fraser Health region, 16 in the Island Health region, 18 in the Interior Health region, 21 in the Northern Health region and one new case of a person who resides outside of Canada.

“There have been 11 new COVID-19 related deaths, for a total of 310 deaths in British Columbia. We offer our condolences to everyone who has lost their loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We have one new health-care facility outbreak at Tsawaayuss-Rainbow Gardens in the Island Health region. There have been no new community outbreaks.

“We need everyone working together to stay small, stay local and help us slow the spread of COVID-19 in our province.

“The biggest impact you can make is through the small actions you take every day.

“Just as we put on our jackets to keep us warm in the rain and snow, so too are our COVID-19 safety layers there to protect all of us. Washing your hands, keeping a safe distance and always wearing a mask in places where you are around people you don't know – these things make a difference.

“We have seen an increase in new cases on Vancouver Island, in the Interior and in the North, many of which are connected to travel to and from the Lower Mainland. That is why it is important that we stay local and travel less right now.

“When we spend time inside with people from outside of our household, our work group or school cohort, the risks increase for everyone. Instead, let's stay connected virtually and make

it a safer winter for all of us.”

Learn More:

Nov. 12 modelling update:

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

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>

Guidance on new restrictions for those in the Fraser and Vancouver Coastal health regions: <http://gov.bc.ca/regionalrestrictions>

Businesses in the Fraser Health and Vancouver Coastal health regions with group physical activities can submit their plans to: ehvc@vch.ca

Or worksitfitnessplans@fraserhealth.ca

BCCDC’s safer celebrations guidance:

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

BCCDC national and international COVID-19 epidemiological data:

https://bccdc.shinyapps.io/covid19_global_epi_app/

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

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 – nine facilities

- Arbutus Care Centre (second occurrence)
- Banfield Pavilion
- Capilano Care Centre
- Columbus Residence
- Fraserview Intermediate Care Lodge
- Holy Family Hospital (fourth occurrence)
- Louis Brier Home & Hospital
- Royal Arch Masonic Home (second occurrence)
- Three Links Care Centre

Fraser Health – 28 facilities

- Agassiz Seniors Community
- Al Hogg Pavilion (second occurrence)
- Amenida Seniors Community
- Belvedere Care Centre
- Chartwell Langley Gardens (second occurrence)
- Dania Home (second occurrence)
- Evergreen Baptist Care Society
- Fellburn Care Centre
- Finnish Manor
- Fort Langley Seniors Community
- George Derby Centre (second occurrence)
- Good Samaritan Delta View Care Centre
- Harrison Pointe
- Hawthorne Senior Care Community – assisted living
- Hawthorne Seniors Care Community – long-term care
- Holyrood Manor
- Jackman Manor
- Kiwanis Care Centre
- Laurel Place
- Normanna (second occurrence)
- Northcrest Care Centre
- Peace Portal Seniors Village (second occurrence)
- PICS Assisted Living (third occurrence)

- Suncreek Village
- Tabor Home (second occurrence)
- The Harrison at Elim Village (second occurrence)
- The Residence in Mission
- White Rock Senior Village (second occurrence)

Northern Health – one facility

- Rotary Manor Dawson Creek

Interior Health – three facilities

- Hamlets at Westsyde
- Sun Pointe Village
- Village by the Station

Island Health – one facility

- Tsawaayuss-Rainbow Gardens

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