
JOINT STATEMENT

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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 on three 24-hour periods. From Nov. 20 to 21, we had 713 new cases. From Nov. 21 to 22 we had 626 new cases and in the last 24 hours, we have had a further 594 new cases.

“This represents 1,933 new cases of COVID-19, including 11 epi-linked cases, for a total of 27,407 cases in British Columbia.

“There are 7,360 active cases of COVID-19 in the province. There are 277 individuals currently hospitalized with COVID-19, 58 of whom are in intensive care. The remaining people are recovering at home in self-isolation.

“Currently, 10,200 people are under active public health monitoring as a result of identified exposure to known cases and 19,069 people who tested positive have recovered.

“Since we last reported, we have had 414 new cases of COVID-19 in the Vancouver Coastal Health region, 1,304 in the Fraser Health region, 48 in the Island Health region, 104 in the Interior Health region, 61 in the Northern Health region and two new cases of people who reside outside of Canada.

“There have been 17 new COVID-19 related deaths, for a total of 348 deaths in British Columbia. We offer our condolences to everyone who has lost their loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We have six new health-care facility outbreaks at North Peace Seniors Housing Society, Queen’s Park CareLife Fleetwood, Sunset Manor, Renfrew Care Centre and Lions Gate Hospital. The outbreaks at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, The Harrison at Elim Village, Dania Home, Suncreek Village and the Evergreen Baptist Care Society are over. There have been no new community outbreaks.

“We’re in a very challenging time of the COVID-19 pandemic and we are asking for everyone’s help to slow the spread of the virus in our province.

“As we have seen, this virus doesn’t pause when we are tired and doesn’t wait for us to catch up.

“This means that right now, we all need slow down our social interactions and increase our

layers of protection to get over this next hurdle together. Over the next two weeks, we need to reduce the level of transmission in our province to relieve the stress on our health-care system and keep our schools and workplaces open.

“It is about putting our social gatherings with anyone outside of our immediate household on hold and only doing those things that are essential and safe right now.

“We’re asking you to put the safety measures at the top of your list and focus on making a difference, rather than thinking about shortcuts or workarounds.

“We recognize you may have questions and we have provided further details of how the orders apply to our homes, workplaces and businesses, and where the exceptions may be. This information is available at: www.gov.bc.ca/covid19

“Let’s remember that by focusing on today and doing what we can to make a difference, we will see this pandemic through.”

Learn More:

For more details on the provincial health officer’s (PHO) Nov. 19 orders, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/covid19

Nov. 12 modeling update:

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

For the PHO’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

Two backgrounders follow.

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Assisted-living, long-term care homes, seniors' rental buildings and acute-care facilities with ongoing COVID-19 outbreaks

Assisted-living, long-term care homes and seniors' rental buildings:

Vancouver Coastal Health – 12 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
- Renfrew Care Centre
- Royal Arch Masonic Home (second occurrence)
- Three Links Care Centre
- Windermere Care Centre
- Youville Residence

Fraser Health – 31 facilities

- Agassiz Seniors Community
- Agecare Harmony Court Care Centre
- Agecare Harmony Court Estates
- Al Hogg Pavilion (second occurrence)
- Amenida Seniors Community
- Belvedere Care Centre
- CareLife Fleetwood (second occurrence)
- Chartwell Langley Gardens (second occurrence)
- Cottage-Worthington Pavilion
- 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
- Menno Home
- Northcrest Care Centre
- Peace Portal Seniors Village (second occurrence)
- PICS Assisted Living (third occurrence)
- Queen’s Park Care Centre
- Sunset Manor (second occurrence)
- Tabor Home (second occurrence)
- The Residence at Clayton Heights
- The Residence in Mission
- White Rock Senior Village (second occurrence)

Northern Health – two facilities

- North Peace Seniors Housing Society
- Rotary Manor Dawson Creek

Interior Health – four facilities

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

Island Health – two facilities

- Discovery Harbour Care
- Tsawaayuss-Rainbow Gardens

Acute-care facilities:

- Burnaby Hospital
- Langley Memorial Hospital
- Lions Gate Hospital
- Ridge Meadows Hospital
- Surrey Memorial Hospital
- Royal Columbian Hospital

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PPE update - Monday, Nov. 23, 2020

To recap B.C.'s cumulative totals, from March to last week's report on Nov. 16, the following personal protective equipment (PPE) has arrived in B.C.:

- Almost 7.5 million N95 or equivalent respirators
- Almost 126.4 million surgical or procedure masks
- Almost 2.9 million pieces of eye protection, including goggles and face shields
- Just over 223.6 million pairs of gloves
- Just over 14 million gowns

Many of the items listed above, and other supplies and equipment that have recently arrived, are in the testing process to make sure the products meet or exceed safety requirements before being used in B.C.'s health-care system.

Over the last week (since the update last week on Nov. 16 until yesterday), the following PPE has arrived in B.C.:

- 268,616 N95 or equivalent respirators
- 4,292,350 surgical or procedure masks
- 5,100 pieces of eye protection
- 11,780,550 pairs of gloves
- 1,023,275 gowns

These numbers do not yet include all of the supplies that arrived at Vancouver International Airport on a cargo carrier on Nov. 12.

Provincial Health Services Authority Supply Chain is working to inspect and sort that arrival. As of today, the understanding is that shipment includes:

- 43.2 million pairs of gloves
- 105,540 gowns
- 24 million procedure masks
- 21,600 procedure masks with visors

B.C. continues to source and test PPE. It is working to pursue any and all credible leads for safe and effective products for the health-care system.

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