
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 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 119 new cases, including four epi-linked case, for a total of 10,185 cases in British Columbia.

“There are 1,406 active cases of COVID-19 in the province, 3,180 people who are under active public health monitoring as a result of identified exposure to known cases and 8,502 people who tested positive have recovered.

“Currently, 68 individuals are hospitalized with COVID-19, 19 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 3,728 cases of COVID-19 in the Vancouver Coastal Health region, 5,253 in the Fraser Health region, 225 in the Island Health region, 559 in the Interior Health region, 331 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 245 deaths in British Columbia. We offer our condolences to everyone who has lost their loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“There has been one new health-care facility outbreak at the Good Samaritan Delta View Care Centre. 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. 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.

“Let's do all we can to protect ourselves and our loved ones from COVID-19 by ensuring we always use our layers of protection this long weekend.

“The care we show each other today will help protect all of us tomorrow, so let's make this Thanksgiving about safe connections and safe celebrations.

“We offer our thanks and gratitude to everyone throughout the province and in particular, our front-line essential workers, for doing so much to keep our communities safe and strong.”

A backgrounder follows.

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 October 5 modelling presentation, visit: 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
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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BACKGROUND

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

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
- Good Samaritan Delta View Care 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)
- 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

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