
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 834 new cases of COVID-19, including three epi-linked cases, for a total of 34,728 cases in British Columbia.

“There are 8,941 active cases of COVID-19 in the province. There are 337 individuals currently hospitalized with COVID-19, 79 of whom are in intensive care. The remaining people with COVID-19 are recovering at home in self-isolation.

“Currently, 10,201 people are under active public health monitoring as a result of identified exposure to known cases and 24,424 people who tested positive have recovered.

“Since we last reported, we have had 174 new cases of COVID-19 in the Vancouver Coastal Health region, 529 new cases in the Fraser Health region, 20 in the Island Health region, 66 in the Interior Health region, 45 in the Northern Health region and no new cases of people who reside outside of Canada.

“There have been 12 new COVID-19 related deaths, for a total of 469 deaths in British Columbia. We offer our condolences to everyone who has lost their loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We have had three new health-care facility outbreaks at Royal City Manor, West Coast General Hospital and Saanich Peninsula Hospital. The outbreaks at Cottage-Worthington Pavilion, Discovery Harbor Care and Orchard Manor are over.

“There have been two new community outbreaks at Cove Shelter and Millennium Pacific Greenhouses.

“We recognize that COVID-19 is taking a toll on all of us. After many months of restrictions on who we can see, where we can go and what we can do, we are all feeling the fatigue.

“Many, many people are doing all they can to help in our COVID-19 response. Yet, this is the time for all of us to do that little bit more, to do our part to slow the spread in our communities until vaccines are available – in a few short weeks.

“This virus moves quickly and easily between us. We are continuing to see unchecked transmission in many places, despite the efforts of our public health teams and contact tracers. That is why, during this second surge, the need to follow the provincial health orders is so

important.

“We need to stay local, we need to stay small and we need to avoid those public settings that, right now, are a risk for all of us.

“We strongly recommend and ask everyone in B.C. to not travel right now, unless it is absolutely essential for work or medical care. This includes travel within B.C. and between provinces.

“A provincial health officer (PHO) order cannot stop you from getting into your car or onto a plane, but I am asking in the strongest of terms to not travel unless it is absolutely necessary.

“If a family member is planning to return home for the holidays, then it is critical they follow all of the orders and guidelines here in B.C., which means no socializing and no gatherings of any kind.

“From the outset, we have spoken about the importance of getting outside and staying active. However, we remind everyone that no matter where those activities are taking place, there is to be no travel and no spectators.

“We have seen that if we maintain our distance, we can be outside, we can go to parks and play games without close contact.

“However, we continue to see that indoor group activities – whether for fitness or team sports – are much higher risk right now. The details of sports activities have been added to the order on events and gatherings. This order is available on the PHO website.

“The order requires that right now, all indoor group high intensity fitness activity is prohibited. This includes: hot yoga, spin, aerobics, bootcamp, dance classes, dance fitness, circuit training, and high-intensity interval training.

“Low intensity fitness activity like yoga, Pilates, tai chi, stretching and individual fitness activity is also suspended until new guidelines are available to resume these activities safely.

“These new guidelines will be available next week and will require some changes to COVID-19 safety plans. Approval is not needed for the updated plans, but monitoring and enforcement will be targeted to these locations and activities.

“All indoor adult team sport is also prohibited. This includes basketball, cheerleading, combat sports, martial arts, floor hockey, floor ringette, ice hockey, ringette, netball, skating, soccer, squash and volleyball.

“Structured child and youth programs and sport are permitted, but must meet and follow the ViaSport Phase 2 requirements.

“We know the restrictions put an added burden on what is an already difficult time for all of us, but they are what is required right now.

“Despite the fatigue, let’s stand strong against this virus. We are asking everyone in B.C. to please do a bit more right now and help everyone to see us through to the light ahead.”

Learn More:

For weekly health service delivery area case rates, visit page three of the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) situation report, updated each Friday:

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

For information on overdoses, visit: <https://www.stopoverdose.gov.bc.ca>

People in B.C. experiencing violence can access VictimLink, a toll-free, confidential multilingual service available 24/7 by calling or texting 1 800 563-0808 or emailing: VictimLinkBC@bc211.ca

For more details on the PHO's Nov. 19 orders, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/covid19

Nov. 12, 2020, 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

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

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

Vancouver Coastal Health – 15 facilities

- Arbutus Care Centre (second occurrence)
- Banfield Pavilion
- Capilano Care Centre
- Columbus Residence
- German Canadian Benevolent Society Home (second occurrence)
- Lakeview Care Centre (second occurrence)
- Little Mountain Place (second occurrence)
- Renfrew Care Centre
- Royal Arch Masonic Home (second occurrence)
- Royal Ascot Care Centre
- St. Judes Anglican Home
- Three Links Care Centre
- Windermere Care Centre
- Youville Residence
- Villa Cathay (second occurrence)

Fraser Health – 33 facilities

- Agassiz Seniors Community
- Agecare Harmony Court Care Centre
- Agecare Harmony Court Estates
- Al Hogg Pavilion (second occurrence)
- Amenida Seniors Community
- Amica White Rock (third occurrence)
- Belvedere Care Centre
- Care Life Fleetwood (second occurrence)
- Chartwell Langley Gardens (second occurrence)
- Fellburn Care Centre
- Finnish Manor
- Fleetwood Villa
- 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
- Laurel Place
- Menno Home
- Morgan Place Care
- Northcrest Care Centre
- PICS Assisted Living (third occurrence)
- Queen’s Park Care Centre
- Royal City Manor
- Sunset Manor (second occurrence)
- Tabor Home (second occurrence)
- The Harrison at Elim Village (third occurrence)
- The Residence at Clayton Heights
- The Residence in Mission
- White Rock Senior Village (second occurrence)
- Valley Haven Care Home

Northern Health – two facilities

- North Peace Seniors Housing Society
- Rotary Manor Dawson Creek

Interior Health – two facilities

- Mountainview Village
- Sun Pointe Village

Island Health – two facilities

- Tsawaayuss-Rainbow Gardens
- Veterans Memorial Lodge at Broadmead

Acute Care Facilities:

- Burnaby Hospital
- Langley Memorial Hospital
- Lions Gate Hospital
- Ridge Meadows Hospital
- Saanich Peninsula Hospital
- Surrey Memorial Hospital
- West Coast General Hospital

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