
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 737 new cases of COVID-19, including six epi-linked cases, for a total of 40,797 cases in British Columbia.

“There are 9,589 active cases of COVID-19 in the province. There are 342 individuals currently hospitalized with COVID-19, 87 of whom are in intensive care. The remaining people with COVID-19 are recovering at home in self-isolation.

“Currently, 12,008 people are under active public health monitoring as a result of identified exposure to known cases. A further 29,598 people who tested positive have recovered.

“Since we last reported, we have had 119 new cases of COVID-19 in the Vancouver Coastal Health region, 469 new cases in the Fraser Health region, eight in the Island Health region, 99 in the Interior Health region, 41 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 598 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 Agassiz Seniors Community, Hilton Villa Seniors Community and St. Michael's Centre. The outbreaks at Veterans Memorial Lodge, Amica White Rock and Burnaby Hospital are over.

“There has been one new community outbreak at Regent Christian Academy.

“COVID-19 continues to circulate in our communities and the risk to all of us remains high. This is why it is so important to follow the public health orders and to use our layers of protection until the vaccine is available for all of us.

“This weekend, take a step back from the usual holiday rush. Take the time to get outside and enjoy a quieter weekend with those in your household. Show your loved ones you care by staying local and staying away right now.

“We want to ensure we are moving into this stage of our COVID-19 response in the best position possible, which means working together to make sure we don't fall back as we move forward with our immunization program.

“We will get through this storm by supporting each other in our shared efforts. Let’s break the chain of transmission in our province and do our part to keep our communities, neighbours, friends and loved ones safe.”

Learn More:

For updated provincial health officer's (PHO) orders and new guidance:

For details on new restrictions, visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/restrictions>

For updated PHO 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>

Find out where to get tested:

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, anxiety and other supports:

For mental health and anxiety support, visit: www.bouncebackbc.ca

Or: www.anxietycanada.com

Or visit the BCCDC for further supports: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/mental-well-being-during-covid-19>

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

People in BC 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 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.

COVID-19 exposure events, updates and information by health authority:

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 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 and acute-care facilities with ongoing COVID-19 outbreaks

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

Vancouver Coastal Health – 13 facilities

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

Fraser Health – 37 facilities

- Agassiz Seniors Community (second occurrence)
- Agecare Harmony Court Care Centre
- Agecare Harmony Court Estates
- Al Hogg Pavilion (second occurrence)
- Amenida Seniors Community
- Baillie House (second occurrence)
- Belvedere Care Centre
- Bradley Centre
- Care Life Fleetwood (second occurrence)
- Chartwell Langley Gardens (second occurrence)
- Chilliwack Lifestyles
- Courtyard Terrace
- Fellburn Care Centre
- Finnish Manor
- Fleetwood Villa
- Fort Langley Seniors Community
- George Derby Centre (second occurrence)
- Good Samaritan Delta View Care Centre

- Harrison Pointe
- Hilton Villa Seniors Community
- Holyrood Manor
- Lakeshore Care Centre
- Langley Gardens
- Laurel Place
- Menno Home
- Morgan Place Care
- Northcrest Care Centre
- Peace Arch Hospital Foundation Lodge
- PICS Assisted Living (third occurrence)
- Queen's Park Care Centre
- Royal City Manor
- St. Michael's Centre
- 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)

Northern Health – three facilities

- Gateway Lodge
- North Peace Seniors Housing Society
- Rotary Manor Dawson Creek

Interior Health – four facilities

- McKinney Place
- Mountainview Village
- Sun Pointe Village
- Village by the Station (second occurrence)

Island Health – one facility

- Tsawaayuss-Rainbow Gardens

Acute-care facilities:

- Langley Memorial Hospital
- Lions Gate Hospital
- Richmond Hospital
- Saanich Peninsula Hospital
- Surrey Memorial Hospital
- West Coast General Hospital
- University Hospital of Northern BC

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