



COMMUNITY UPDATE

The latest from Northern Health

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COVID-19

COVID-19 case counts and statements

As of January 26, **3,251** cases have been reported in the NH region since the beginning of the pandemic.

- Cases currently active: **511**
- New cases: **38**
- Currently in hospital: **46**
 - Currently admitted to HAU/ICU in hospital: **16**
- Deaths in the NH region since the beginning of the pandemic: **61**

For the latest provincial numbers, see the [BC COVID-19 dashboard](#), which is updated Monday-Friday. The dashboard may not work in all browsers; Chrome is suggested.

Situation reports, including a breakdown of cases by HSDA, are [posted each Friday by the BCCDC](#).

- [Joint statement on Province of B.C.'s COVID-19 response](#) – January 26, 2021
- [BCCDC Situation Report](#) – January 22, 2021

Northern Health's most recent vaccine clinics

See stories and photos from Northern vaccine clinics in these recent Facebook posts:

- [Fraser Lake Community Health Centre](#)
- [Smithers: Bulkley Lodge, and Bulkley Valley District Hospital](#)
- [Quesnel: Dunrovin Park Lodge](#)

Even with the COVID-19 vaccines, we still need to follow all the [orders and guidelines for public health and safety](#). This will help keep us all safe.

For more information on vaccines:

- See Northern Health's new [vaccine information page](#)
- For immunization numbers, see "Vaccine supply and administered" on the [provincial dashboard](#) (works best in Chrome).
- See details on vaccine distribution: [BCCDC: BC's plan for vaccine distribution](#).
- Follow Northern Health on social media, where we share the most up-to-date information on vaccine clinics, outbreaks, new provincial orders, and more:
 - [Facebook](#)
 - [Twitter](#)
 - Spread the good news! Like and share this Facebook post, which provides general info on COVID-19 vaccines throughout the North: [COVID-19 vaccine arrives in Prince George](#)
- For local vaccine information for your community, check out the [Northern Health Facebook community groups](#).

Trusted links and resources for COVID-19

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): A Northern Health Guide for Your Community](#)
- [BC Centre for Disease Control](#)
- [HealthLink BC COVID-19 page](#)
- [WHO FAQ](#)
- [Health Canada FAQ](#)
- [COVID-19 content in other languages](#)
- WorkSafe BC - [COVID-19 information and resources](#)
- Northern Health COVID-19 Online Clinic & Information Line: **1-844-645-7811**
- Northern Health Environmental Health Officer Line: **1-250-565-7322**
- For **non-medical info**, call **1-888-COVID19 / 1-888-268-4319** 7 days, 7:30 am - 8 pm

For current information on restrictions on travel, gatherings and other issues, see the [Provincial Health Officer's COVID-19 webpage](#).

Overdose prevention and response

Episodic Overdose Prevention Services (e-OPS) available

To prevent overdose deaths, episodic overdose prevention services (e-OPS) is another option to meet these needs in Northern communities. E-OPS allows providers to observe substance use anywhere and anytime. To learn how it works for people who use drugs, see the BCCDC's overdose resource: [Episodic Overdose Prevention Services \(e-OPS\)](#).

To find a harm reduction site near you, visit <https://towardtheheart.com/site-finder>.

Other Northern Health news

New Long-Term Care/Assisted Living Digest – Issue #15: Information for residents and families

The long-term care task group is continuing to produce updates twice a month for residents and families of long-term care homes and assisted living facilities.

[This issue](#) of the update provides information on COVID-19 vaccinations and the updates to the long-term care and seniors' assisted living visitor policy.