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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:

- 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.