



COMMUNITY UPDATE

The latest from Northern Health

May 12, 2021

COVID-19

COVID-19 case counts and statements

As of May 11, **7,369** cases have been reported in the NH region since the beginning of the pandemic.

- Cases currently active: **134**
- New cases: **12**
- Currently in hospital: **11**
 - Currently admitted to HAU/ICU in hospital: **5**
- Deaths in the NH region since the beginning of the pandemic: **143**

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.

As well, see the [COVID-19 Epidemiology app](#), which visualizes COVID-19 in BC in comparison to other Canadian and global jurisdictions, at the HSDA level. It's updated on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

- [Joint statement on Province of B.C.'s COVID-19 response](#) – May 11, 2021
- [BCCDC Situation Report](#) – May 5, 2021

COVID-19 update for BC Hydro Site C project

Ongoing monitoring and testing have not identified any new cases of COVID-19 associated with an outbreak declared by NH Medical Health Officers on April 28, 2021, among contracted workforces on the Site C hydroelectric dam project in Northeast BC.

To date, there have been 39 lab-confirmed cases identified among clusters of COVID-19 activity involving various contractors. There have been no new cases since the previous update (May 7).

There are currently no active cases associated with the outbreak; all 39 individuals who had tested positive in association with the outbreak, have recovered. A small number of close contacts are completing their required self-isolation.

For more details, [read the full story here](#).

Trusted links and resources for COVID-19

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): A Northern Health Guide for Your Community](#) – watch for a fully updated version (coming soon!)
- [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 Virtual 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

NH Overdose Prevention and Response: Regional Update and Northern Health Overdose Prevention Webpage

As a response to the growing crisis in opioid overdose, and to keep our community partners and NH staff informed about the opioid epidemic, the NH Overdose Prevention and Response Team will commence with issuing quarterly OPR/Regional Updates. These updates will provide valuable information to determine where efforts and focus should be to support people with lived/living experiences with substance use and information about OPR services currently being offered.

Please visit [NH Overdose Prevention & Response](#) to access the OPR Regional Update for May 2021.

A newly updated [NH Overdose Prevention](#) webpage is now available! The webpage contains essential and up-to-date information for people who use drugs, their families, health care workers, and community partners regarding substance use, overdose recognition and response, harm reduction, and treatment services, and other related topics.

Other organizational news

Celebrating National Nursing Week 2021 #WeAnswerTheCall

Happy National Nursing Week (May 10-16) and International Nurses' Day (May 12)! The theme for Nursing Week in 2021 is #WeAnswerTheCall. To celebrate, we interviewed our three Chief Operating Officers, who are all nurses, and asked them about 'answering the call.'

See the [full story on Northern Health Stories](#).