



COMMUNITY UPDATE

The latest from Northern Health

June 16, 2021

COVID-19

BC Vaccination Coverage Rates and COVID-19 activity – New Dashboard

Visit the new [COVID-19 surveillance dashboard](#) from the BCCDC, to see graphs, maps, and data showing COVID-19 case rates, test positivity and vaccination coverage by local health area (LHA) and community health service area (CHSA).

As of June 15, **7,770** cases have been reported in the NH region since the beginning of the pandemic.

- Cases currently active: **69**
- New cases: **3**
- Currently in hospital: **2**
- Currently in ICU level care in hospital: **2**
- Deaths in the NH region since the beginning of the pandemic: **154**

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, for a visual comparison of COVID-19 cases in BC by HSDA to other Canadian and global jurisdictions, see the [COVID-19 Epidemiology app](#). It's updated on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

- [Joint statement on Province of B.C.'s COVID-19 response](#) – June 15, 2021
- [BCCDC Situation Report](#) – June 9, 2021

Effective Tuesday, June 15, 2021, British Columbia took the next step of its restart plan

The transition into Step 2 of the four-step restart plan aligns with key metrics for moving forward. More than 75% of adults are vaccinated with their first dose, exceeding the target Step 2 minimum threshold of 65%. The other metrics for moving through the stages – COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations – continue to steadily decline.

Visit the [Province of BC website for more details](#) on Step 2 of the restart plan.

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 Primary and Community Care Clinic: **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

The take home naloxone milestone - More than 1 million naloxone shipped in BC since 2012

British Columbia health officials marked a grim milestone. More than one million kits (a record 272,000 kits in 2020) containing the lifesaving medication naloxone, have been shipped to more than 1,860 registered sites throughout BC since the inception of the Take Home Naloxone program in 2012. The use of naloxone has averted more than 3,000 deaths between January 2015 and March 2021.

To read letters from people with lived/living experience that explain that while naloxone is an important step, it is not enough, and make suggestions that point to other necessary and effective strategies such as safer alternatives to the toxic drug supply, please visit <https://towardtheheart.com> and to learn more about the take home naloxone milestone, please visit <http://www.bccdc>.

Other organizational news

The First Nations Health Authority Releases 2021/22 Summary Service Plan

The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) [2021/22 Summary Service Plan](#) describes the FNHA's continued journey towards its vision of Healthy, Self-Determining and Vibrant BC First Nations Children, Families and Communities. The plan outlines the FNHA's direction for the year, including goals, outcomes, objectives, strategies, performance measures and priorities.

For more information, including the goals supported by this advancement work, please visit [the FNHA website](#).