



COMMUNITY UPDATE

The latest from Northern Health

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COVID-19

Community Toolkit

To empower local partners to share helpful information, we have created a [COVID-19 Community Toolkit](#) - a digital resource for community partners, which includes vaccine clinic information (including clinic schedules), a community guide, trusted information and links, and more!

BC vaccination coverage rates and COVID-19 activity

COVID-19 dashboard

Visit the [COVID-19 surveillance dashboard](#) from the BCCDC for information by local health area (LHA) and community health service area (CHSA):

- Graphs, maps, and data showing COVID-19 case rates
- Test positivity and vaccination coverage

COVID-19 numbers

As of July 6, **7,800** cases have been reported in the NH region since the beginning of the pandemic.

- Cases currently active: **29**
- New cases: **2**
- Currently in hospital: **2**
- Currently in ICU level care in hospital: **2**
- Deaths in the NH region since the beginning of the pandemic: **157**

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](#) – July 2, 2021
- [BCCDC Situation Report](#) – June 30, 2021

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](#).

Organizational news

Staying safe in warm weather

Summer is here and the warm weather and bright sunshine can lead to increased risks for our health and safety. For ways to stay safe while working in the heat, please see:

- [Northern Health heatwave information](#)
- [BC Government tips to stay safe and cool](#)
- [HealthLinkBC's beat the heat resources](#)
- [BCCDC's Warm weather safety](#)

Wildfire safety

High temperatures across the province have increased the wildfire risk. Northern Health is collaborating with local and provincial to monitor wildfires in the North, as well as their impact on Northerners' health and Northern Health services.

- Report a wildfire by calling ***5555** on most cell phones or **1-800-663-5555**.
- [BC Wildfire Management Branch](#)
- [Emergency Info BC](#)
- [Wildfire Preparedness](#)
- [BC Air Quality Advisories](#)
- [Interactive Wildfire Map](#)
- [Wildfire App for Apple](#) and [Android](#)

Flood information

Northern Health is monitoring higher-than-normal water levels due to rapid melting and forecasted rainfall in several locations. For up to date information on flood conditions, visit [Emergency Info BC](#) for the latest updates in your area. More safety precautions and resource links:

- [Emergency preparedness, response and recovery](#)
- [Floods](#)
- [Clean-up after a flood](#)
- [Sewage systems & flooding](#)
- [Local environmental contacts](#)