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COVID-19

Vax for BC

If you haven't got vaccinated yet or if it's been more than 28 days since your first dose, get vaccinated now at a drop-in, mobile or special event clinic. Roll up your sleeve and stop the spread of COVID-19.

Visit the [Vax for BC website](#) for more information.

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

BCCDC COVID-19 dashboard

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

COVID-19 Numbers

As of August 31, **8,773** cases have been reported in the NH region since the beginning of the pandemic.

- Cases currently active: **479**
- New cases: **60**
- Currently in hospital: **15**
 - Currently in ICU level care in hospital: **12**
- Deaths in the NH region since the beginning of the pandemic: **161**

For the latest provincial numbers, see the Province of 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.

- [BC COVID-19 pandemic update](#) – August 31, 2021
- [BCCDC Situation Report](#) – August 25, 2021

Trusted links and resources for COVID-19

- [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**
- 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

International Overdose Awareness Day

"More than five years ago the Government of BC declared a state of emergency in response to the toxic drug supply, yet the crisis still continues and is getting much worse. The province has seen an increase in both the number of lives saved by implementing harm reduction approaches and, tragically, an increase in the number of lives lost."

Yesterday (August 31) was International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD). To continue reading this article, visit the [First Nations Health Authority](#). To learn more about IOAD and its ongoing campaigns, please visit the [International Overdose Awareness Day website](#).

Organizational news

Help shape the future of First Nations health governance in BC

"The [First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)] invites all First Nations people in BC to share their voices to help guide the development of the [BC Tripartite Framework Agreement](#) on First Nations Health Governance."

For more information, including dates and links for Zoom focus group meetings and surveys, please continue reading [this article](#).