



# COMMUNITY UPDATE

*The latest from Northern Health*

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## COVID-19

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### Proof of vaccination card

“The BC Vaccine Card will allow vaccinated people to conveniently and securely show their proof of vaccination at higher-risk social and recreational events and settings when new COVID-19 vaccine requirement rules take effect on September 13, 2021. This will help increase vaccinations, while protecting people in these settings, keeping businesses open and allowing events to take place.”

To keep reading this article, please read the [update from the premier](#). For more information about and for access to your proof of vaccine card, please visit the [Government of BC website](#).

### 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 September 7, **9,371** cases have been reported in the NH region since the beginning of the pandemic.

- Cases currently active: **703**
- New cases: **82**
- Currently in hospital: **29**
  - Currently in ICU level care in hospital: **15**
- 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](#) – September 7, 2021
- [BCCDC Situation Report](#) – September 1, 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

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### Illicit drug toxicity deaths for June 2021 now available

On August 31, the BC Coroners Service released a [report on the illicit drug toxicity deaths for June 2021](#).

Summary:

June 2021 (N=159) was the second highest number of deaths ever recorded (June 2020 N=185).

In June, NH have the second highest rate of illicit drug toxicity deaths in the province with a rate of 45 deaths per 100,000 individuals

Northern Health Summary:

**NH** saw 6 illicit drug toxicity deaths in June (~25 deaths per 100,000 individuals)

- **NW** has seen 16 illicit drug toxicity deaths in 2021 for a rate of 42.1 deaths per 100,000 individuals
  - There were 3 deaths in June
- **NI** has seen 33 illicit drug toxicity deaths in 2021 for a rate of 44.7 deaths per 100,000 individuals.
  - There were 3 deaths in June
- **NE** has seen 16 illicit drug toxicity deaths in 2021 for a rate of 48.7 deaths per 100,000 individuals.
  - There were 0 deaths in June

For more information, see the BC Coroners Service report: [Illicit Drug Toxicity Deaths in BC \(January 1, 2011 – June 30, 2021\)](#)

## Organizational news

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### Interested in seeing what the new Mills Memorial Hospital plans look like?

We'll be showing design plans and more information about the Mills Memorial Hospital (MMH) Replacement project in Terrace from September 13 to 23. One display will be in the Skeena Mall, and the other will be in the basement of the Mills Memorial Hospital, in the hallway outside of the cafeteria. Drop by and check them out!

The draft designs and project information will also be available on the [Let's Talk MMH site](#).