



# COMMUNITY UPDATE

*The latest from Northern Health*

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## Organization and community news

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### Northern Health Story highlights

The [Northern Health Stories site](#) is a great place to read about what's going on in Northern Health – people, places, projects, and more! Here are some recent highlights:

- [Remembering those who've lost their lives to overdose, and introducing the regional peer coordinator](#)
- [Dr. Magda Du Plessis and the Chickadee Maternity Clinic in Dawson Creek](#)
- [Riding the NH Connections bus as a senior: Affordable, fun, and COVID-safe](#)
- [Provincial awards for Northern Health's innovative program to redistribute blood products](#)

### Strengthening patients' access to primary care by supporting family doctors

The [Ministry of Health and Doctors of BC are providing \\$118 million in stabilization funding to family doctors throughout British Columbia](#) to help them ensure their patients have continued access to primary care services.

## Overdose prevention and response

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### Toxic Drug Alert Issued for Fort St. John - August 25

There has been an [increase in overdose events in the community of Fort St. John](#). The two reported substances are meth, clear or blue colour in crystal form, and crack, white/yellow colour in rock form. Both substances have tested positive for fentanyl. These substances are highly toxic, and cause sudden, heavy, and prolonged sedation. Overdoses are happening

when the substances are smoked. (See the [Northern Health overdose prevention website](#) for more information, including posters for this alert.)

## COVID-19 and Monkeypox information and updates

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### Fall booster doses

[BC is offering everyone five and older a fall booster dose](#). This approach will provide the best protection in the fall and winter when we're all spending more time inside and respiratory illness may be passed around our communities. [You will receive a personalized booking invitation when it's time to book your dose](#).

### Resources and information

The [Northern Health COVID-19](#) and [COVID-19 information](#) pages have information about immunization clinics, testing and self-isolation, the community toolkit, and trusted contacts.

For information outside of Northern Health, see [these trusted resources](#).