



COVID-19 UPDATE

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Note 1: Please share any information in this update as appropriate.

Note 2: We're testing to ensure all stakeholders on our list are receiving our emails. Therefore, you may also receive today's email in another form. The content in both emails is identical – you need to read only one of them.

Provincial case counts and statement

- **As of May 27, 2020**, there were **63** confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Northern Health region.
- **Province of BC statistics:**
 - Confirmed cases: **2,550** (9 new)
 - Active cases: **244**
 - Deaths: **162** (1 new)
 - In hospital: **37** (7 in ICU/CCU)
 - Recovered: **2,144**
- [Joint statement on Province of B.C.'s COVID-19 response](#) – May 27, 2020

BC's restart plan: Phase breakdown

As the BC government and residents work together to adjust to the new normal, a phased restart approach is being taken to ensure a safe return of services. Each phase will see more services resuming operations under enhanced protocols.

Phase 2: Started May 20

- Restoration of health services
 - Re-scheduling elective surgery
- Medically related services:
 - Dentistry, physiotherapy, registered massage therapy, and chiropractors
 - Physical therapy, speech therapy, and similar services
- Retail sector
- Hair salons, barbers, and other personal service establishments
- In-person counselling

- Restaurants, cafes, and pubs (with sufficient distancing measures)
- Museums, art galleries, and libraries
- Office-based worksites
- Recreation and sports
- Parks, beaches, and outdoor spaces
- Child care

WorkSafeBC has created a resource for [services returning to safe operations during Phase 2](#).

Phase 3: June to September if transmission rates remain low or in decline

- Hotels and resorts (June 2020)
- Parks – broader reopening, including some overnight camping (June 2020)
- Film industry – beginning with domestic productions (June/July 2020)
- Select entertainment – movies and symphony, but not large concerts (July 2020)
- Post-secondary education – with mix of online and in-class (September 2020)
- K-12 education – with only [a partial return this school year](#) (September 2020)

Phase 4: Date to be determined, and conditional on one or more of wide vaccination, “community” immunity, or broad successful treatment.

- Activities requiring large gatherings, such as:
 - Conventions
 - Live audience professional sports
 - Concerts
- International tourism

For more information, see the [Government of BC’s restart plan](#).

Updated: Helpful list of funding opportunities for food programs

Ensuring access to food for all is an important part of the COVID-19 response. This document offers potential granting opportunities for community-based food programs – see [Food Program Funding Opportunities](#) (updated this week – new grant opportunities!). If you know of, or represent, a community-based organization that supports food access, some of these grants may be helpful. Each grant has specific eligibility guidelines, so be sure to read the information in detail.

Reminder: Your story, our future: Take BC’s COVID-19 survey

From the provincial government

“BC COVID-19 SPEAK: Your story, our future” is a population health survey to understand citizen experiences, knowledge and actions during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was launched on Tuesday, May 12.

Join the hundreds of thousands of British Columbians who have already responded -- take the survey now: www.bccdc.ca/covid19survey

Dashboard provides detailed look at BC data

For data broken down by health authority, see the [BC COVID-19 dashboard](#) (may not work in all browsers; Chrome is suggested)

Northern Health's COVID-19 Guide for communities

Northern Health's printable booklet [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): A Northern Health Guide for Your Community](#) contains all the information you need to help keep your community safe and well informed. We regularly update the guide online; however, there are no new changes this week.

Trusted links and resources

- [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 COVID-19 Online Clinic & Information Line: **1-844-645-7811**
- Northern Health Environmental Health Officer Line: **1-250-565-7322**
- For **non-medical info** or to **report concerns about compliance with public health orders**, 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 webpage on current health topics](#).