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.