

LOCAL UPDATES

- All local governments in the region remain united in the desire to reduce the impacts of this virus on our health care system and our communities.
- While Emergency Room visits are generally down across the Province, hospitals are open if you have an emergency. Also, local doctors and medical health care providers remain ready to respond to patients' needs and many are using new tools to connect virtually. Contact your clinic if you need to access your physician.



NEW PROVINCIAL UPDATES

- There have been incredible sacrifices made and we want you to know that what you are doing today matters. Your individual efforts make a difference in our shared well-being.
- Physical distancing does not mean being alone or without help. From the outset, we have said it is critically important to ensure there are also strong social connections in place.
- Federal officials have confirmed 41 inmate cases of COVID-19 at the medium security Mission Institution (MI) federal correctional centre. The Mobile Medical Unit from the Vancouver Convention Centre has been deployed to Abbotsford to provide additional patient capacity.



Links:

- COVID-19 Update: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0020-000691>
- Measures for Travelers: <https://gov.bc.ca/returningtravellers>

NEW FEDERAL UPDATES

- The Federal Government received shipments of PPE over the weekend including 4 plane loads of N95 masks, there are 1.1 million N95 masks ready to be distributed to Provinces & Territories. New shipments of gloves have arrived and will be distributed starting next Monday
- The Federal Government will be investing nearly \$130 million to northern communities (in Yukon, NWT and Nunavut) including \$72.6 million to northern healthcare preparedness, and support to Nutrition North Canada
- Financial support for students, essential service workers, and hard hit business sectors will be announced this week
- Plans are in place for strengthening quarantine measures for returning travelers as of midnight tonight. Symptomatic and asymptomatic travelers will need to provide a credible quarantine plan on their arrival, or they will be required to quarantine in a hotel.

LINKS:

- **Support for Northern Communities:** <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/14/prime-minister-announces-health-and-social-support-northern>

Are you an essential worker looking for child care? Help is available, contact EK Child Care Resource & Referral at: **1-800-661-2445**



Current Situation in BC

(as of 3:00pm PDT April 14, 2020)

Cases:

- Total confirmed cases in BC: 1,517
- New cases since April 13: 27
- Hospitalized cases: 134
- Intensive Care: 58
- COVID-19 Related Deaths: 72
- Recovered: 942
- Long term care/assisted living homes currently affected: 21

Confirmed cases by region:

- Vancouver Coastal Health: 658
- Fraser Health: 601
- Island Health: 89
- Interior Health: 141
- Northern Health: 28

Link to full news release:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMBC0020-000692>

Open burning restrictions remain in place across much of the East Kootenay.

Visit www.bcwildfire.ca

to view the map of affected areas.

These Restrictions do not apply to campfires

A NEW WAY TO TEST

(via CBC news)



The first shipments of a made-in-Canada, rapid COVID-19 test will begin arriving at federal and provincial health agencies this week, following approval of the new technology by Health Canada over the Easter weekend.

Despite global demand, Spartan Bioscience is only taking Canadian orders for now, said company CEO Paul Lem.

The federal government has put in an order to Spartan for 40,000 tests a month.

Link: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/spartan-covid19-test-kit-new-1.5530669>

Phone Numbers:

- **1-888-COVID19 (1-888-268-4319)**. The line is for non-health COVID-19 information.
- **811** - dial 811 for health related information on COVID-19
- **211** - seniors looking for help (or volunteers willing to help), can call 211 or visit: <http://www.bc211.ca/>
- **Crisis Line: 1.888.353.2273** - free, anonymous support
- **Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868**

Online Links:

- **COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool & App** - use this online tool to complete a self-assessment & get updates.
- **BC Centre for Disease Control** - includes information on their testing protocols.
- **Interior Health** - links to the latest Interior Health information.
- **Government of Canada** - statistics, travel info and economic and financial supports available federally.
- **Province of BC Information Hub** - links to Provincial supports for non-health information (childcare, travel, employee/employer resources, business support)