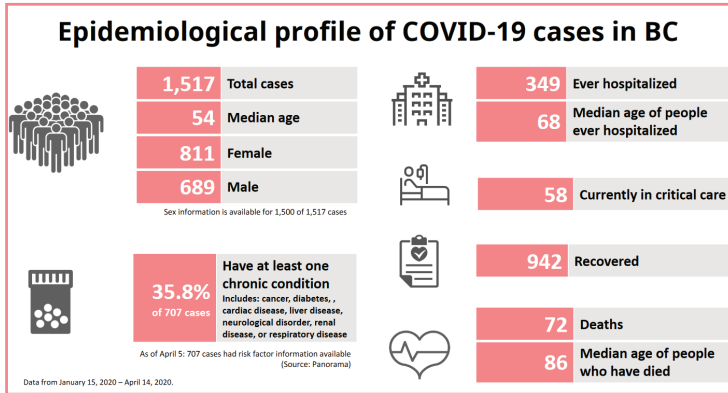


COVID-19

REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

APRIL 17, 2020



Current Situation in BC (as of 3:30pm PDT April 17, 2020)

Cases:

- Total confirmed cases in BC: 1,618
- New cases since April 16: 43
- Hospitalized cases: 119
- Intensive Care: 52
- COVID-19 related deaths: 78
- Recovered: 966
- Long term care/assisted living homes affected: 20

Confirmed cases by region:

- Vancouver Coastal Health: 680
- Fraser Health: 661
- Island Health: 94
- Interior Health: 150
- Northern Health: 33

News release:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0133-000713>

NEW PROVINCIAL UPDATES

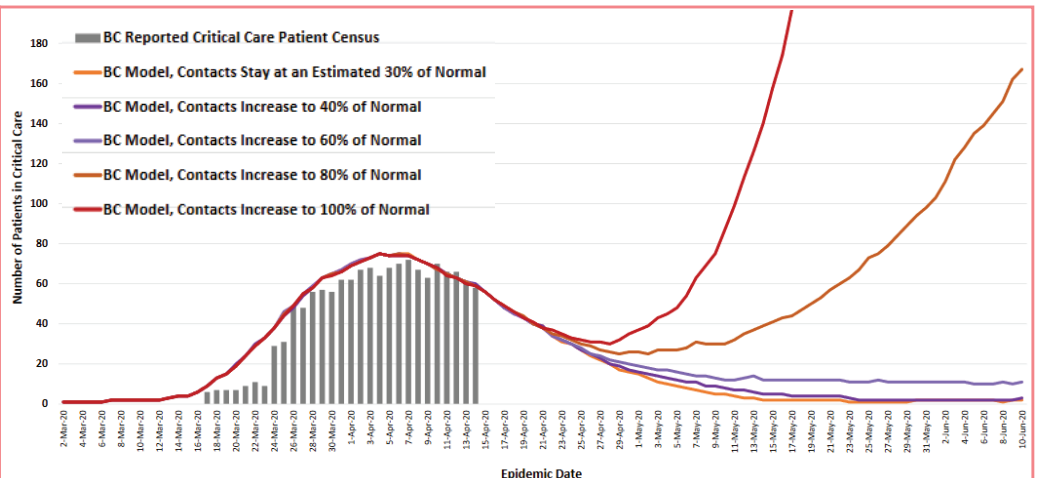
- The Province released new modelling today to provide an update on the current epidemiology of COVID-19 in BC and compare our current state to previous projections.
- BC is experiencing a slowing in the rate of new diagnoses and stabilization of COVID-19 patients in hospital/ICU due to public health action and the collective action of BC citizens.
- BC epidemiologists are building two types of models to better understand the future potential direction of the epidemic and help inform potential next steps:
 - **Forecasting models** - predict new cases in the short-term assuming no change in our current public health measures.
 - **Dynamic models** - use simulations to understand what would happen if conditions changed –for example, how case counts might change under different levels of physical distancing. The chart below shows projections if BC continues with current restrictions (light orange line at bottom) compared to removing all restrictions / going back to normal (dark red) and the dramatic effect that could have on the curve and spread of the virus.
- While the curve is bending, the risk for community transmission remains high and the Province stressed the importance of continued physical distancing.
- There are now 63 cases of COVID-19 associated with the Mission Institution federal correctional centre, six of whom are in hospital.
- Recovery criteria for the Vancouver Health Authority has been updated to more accurately reflect recovery. This has resulted in the decrease in patients considered recovered in the BC statistics.
- Outbreaks have been declared over at five long-term care and assisted living facilities, and one facility that had been included in error was removed.
- While strata councils can already hold monthly council meetings electronically, new rules announced today by the Province will allow them to hold their AGMs and special general meetings electronically during the provincial state of emergency.

Links:

- COVID-19 Update: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMBC0020-000715>
- COVID 19 - Modelling and Projections: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/COVID19_Update_Modelling-DIGITAL.pdf
- New Meeting Options for Strata Corps: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0051-000710>

CRITICAL CARE IMPLICATIONS OF THE DYNAMIC MODEL IN BC'S CONTEXT

(Based on analysis of data on COVID-19 patients admitted to critical care by April 10, 2020)



All municipalities within the region have activated Emergency Operations Centres through the Regional Emergency Operations Centre. The regional district, municipalities and First Nations communities are working in this integrated model to coordinate and communicate throughout this pandemic response.

NEW FEDERAL UPDATES

- As of 7:00pm EDT, a total of 507,701 Canadians have been tested. 31,872 people have tested positive and there have been 1,309 deaths.
- 125 members of the Canadian Armed Forces with health care training will be providing support to workers in long-term care facilities in Quebec.
- The Prime Minister announced over \$1.7 billion in new actions today to protect Canadian jobs and provide more support to businesses and organizations, including:
 - \$675 million to give financing support to small and medium-sized businesses that are unable to access the government's existing COVID-19 support measures, through Canada's Regional Development Agencies.
 - \$287 million to support rural businesses and communities, including by providing them with much-needed access to capital through the Community Futures Network.
 - \$500 million to establish a COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for Cultural, Heritage and Sport Organizations so they can continue to support artists and athletes.
 - \$250 million to assist innovative, early-stage companies that are unable to access existing COVID-19 business support, through the National Research Council of Canada's Industrial Research Assistance Program.
 - \$20.1 million in support for Futurpreneur Canada to continue to support young entrepreneurs across Canada who are facing challenges due to COVID-19.
- New measures were also announced to help retain and create about 10,000 jobs in the energy sector. Among the measures is up to \$1.72 billion in funding for the governments of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia and the Alberta Orphan Well Association to clean up orphan and/or inactive oil and gas wells.
- The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$1 million in new funding to connect workers with in-demand jobs in the agri-food sector to keep the nation's supply chains strong and store shelves stocked.

LINKS:

New Measures to Protect Canadian Jobs: <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs>

Investment in Agri-Food Sector: <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/canada-and-ontario-supporting-agri-food-sector-supply-chain-during-covid-19.html>

NEW VIRTUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR K-12 STUDENTS

New, free virtual educational programs for students, parents and educators are supporting social and emotional well-being as part of navigating the new world of remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. The free, virtual WE Well-being program was recently launched as part of the new WE Schools @home program. Accessible for grades K-12 in both English and French, the program is aimed at youth who are experiencing anxiety and social isolation. It places a special emphasis on WE Well-being online learning, including social-emotional learning and resiliency.

LINK: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EDUC0029-000709>

NEW COMMUNITY SUPPORTS IN KIMBERLEY

The Summit Community Services - Seniors Helping Seniors Program has temporarily expanded their services to help Kimberley residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents who are self-isolated, quarantined, have underlying health conditions, and anyone having difficulty getting out for supplies can seek support from the programs dedicated staff and volunteers. They will help with:

- Grocery and/or supply pick-up and delivery;
- Prescription pick-up and delivery; and
- Providing referrals to other support agencies.

Residents can call 250-427-8733 to seek support 7 days a week between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Ktunaxa Nation Council is looking for volunteers to be on-call for delivering groceries and other essentials to families who are in quarantine or isolation. To register, call 250-489-2464 and talk to Kyle Highwind or email EOCPlans@ktunaxa.org.

Phone Numbers:

- **1-888-COVID19 (1-888-268-4319)**. The line is for non-health COVID-19 information.
- **811** - for health related information on COVID-19
- **211** - seniors looking for help (or volunteers willing to help), can call 211 or visit: 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)