

COVID-19

REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

APRIL 25, 2020

NEW PROVINCIAL UPDATES *(as of 3:30 p.m. PDT on Saturday, April 25, 2020)*

Cases:

- Total confirmed cases in BC *(since January)*: 1,948
- New cases since Friday, April 24: 95
- Hospitalized cases: 96
- Intensive care: 41
- COVID-19 related deaths: 100
- Recovered: 1,137
- Long-term care/assisted-living homes currently affected: 19
- Acute-care unit outbreaks: 3

Confirmed cases by region:

- Vancouver Coastal Health: 778
- Fraser Health: 853
- Island Health: 115
- Interior Health: 160
- Northern Health: 42

Source:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0020-000761>

INTERIOR HEALTH TOWNHALL

If you missed Thursday night's IH Townhall, you can view it here:

<https://youtu.be/hXJJ1ZH0reQ>

The increase in positive case numbers in the past 24 hours is linked primarily to the ongoing community outbreaks in BC. The Province has been doing increased testing at the Mission federal correctional facility and as a result, 40 additional cases have been detected there. There are 106 inmates and 12 staff who have tested positive and 2 inmates are in hospital. In addition, there are two ongoing outbreaks at poultry plants in BC. 16 new cases are connected to the Superior Poultry facility (for a total of 18), while the United Poultry plant, which closed a few days ago, has had no new cases in the past 24 hours and remains at 35 positive cases. A total of 11 BC residents with the Kearl Lake camp in northern Alberta have now tested positive.

There were two new COVID related deaths in the past 24 hours, including the first in one of BC's first nations communities.

The Province is working with the cities of Vancouver and Victoria to transition people living in encampments in Oppenheimer Park, Topaz Park and on Pandora Avenue into safe, temporary accommodations with wraparound supports to protect their health and safety in the overlapping COVID-19 and overdose crises. Today's announcement includes a plan to support people in housing, the mental health and social supports, while finding 1,000 hotel rooms to house them in to address their immediate safety.

LINKS:

- COVID 19 Update: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMBC0020-000762>
- Announcement on Safe Shelter, Supports for Those in Encampments: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMBC0020-000759>

NEW FEDERAL UPDATES

- As of 11am EDT today, 669,558 people have been tested in Canada. To date there have been 44,353 positive cases and 2,350 across Canada.
- Today, \$62.5 million in new assistance was announced for the fish and seafood processing sector to ensure the resilience of the food system by allowing it to safely and efficiently process, store, package, and distribute products. The Canadian Seafood Stabilization Fund will be delivered through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions, and Western Economic Diversification Canada with further details expected soon.

LINKS:

- *Seafood Stabilization Fund Announced*: <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-announces-new-canadian-seafood-stabilization-fund-to-help-canadas-fish-and-seafood-processing-sector.html>

Link to Alberta COVID-19 Information / Statistics:

- COVID-19 Info for Albertans: <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>

Phone Numbers:

- **1-888-COVID19 (1-888-268-4319)**. Non-health COVID-19 information. Open 7 days/wk, from 8:30am to 9pm MST
- **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** - (info on childcare, travel, employee/employer resources, business support)

RESOURCES

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.