

NEW PROVINCIAL UPDATES



- There are a total of 15 positive cases of COVID-19 connected to the Kearl Lake plant in Alberta. The Province reiterated that anyone returning to BC since March 24 must self-isolate for 14 days upon return, ensure their entire family remains diligent about physical distancing, monitor themselves and family closely for symptoms and contact health care providers for testing as necessary.
- There is a new outbreak at Fraser Valley Specialty Poultry, with 3 confirmed cases. Fraser Health is on site and investigating. In addition, 52 employees are confirmed positive at Superior Poultry in Coquitlam and 35 are confirmed positive at United Poultry in Vancouver.
- There are now 133 inmates and staff confirmed positive at the Mission Institution federal correctional centre.
- In the last day there have been no new long-term care or assisted living facility outbreaks.
- The Province is expected to release updated modeling Monday.
- While some restrictions may begin being eased soon, physical distancing guidelines will remain in effect for at least several weeks.
- Youth feeling overwhelmed or anxious are encouraged to contact the Kids Help Phone at 1 800 668-6868 for support if needed.

Links:

- **COVID-19 Update:** <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMBC0025-000808>

NEW FEDERAL UPDATES

- As of 11am EDT today, there are 55,572 COVID-19 cases and 3,446 deaths. More than 862,000 people have been tested in Canada, with approximately 7% of those tests confirmed as positive.
- Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Tam reported that while we can continue to be cautiously optimistic, it is important that everyone remains aware of our duty to protect one another in the coming weeks. She reiterated the importance of understanding and following all guidelines as Provinces and territories begin gradually lifting measures and opening up the economy.
- Canadians are being called on to continue to stay home if they are sick, wash hands frequently and practice physical distancing.
- Prime Minister Trudeau spoke with Bill and Melinda Gates yesterday to thank them for their leadership strong support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in mobilizing expertise and funding as part of the global response to COVID-19. Discussions focused on ways to accelerate the development of diagnostics, treatments, and vaccines, and to ensure equitable access to them around the world.
- Throughout the month of May, five new titles will be added to the selection of free content on [NFB.ca](https://www.nfb.ca). More than 4,000 titles are available in the National Film Board's free online catalogue.

Links:

- **Dr. Tam Statement:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/05/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-covid-19.html>
- **PM Speaks with Gates Family:** <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2020/05/01/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-speaks-bill-and-melinda-gates>
- **National Film Board Adds New Free Content:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/national-film-board/news/2020/05/in-may-get-your-fill-of-new-releases-on-nfbca-works-by-vincent-morisset-steve-patry-claude-guilmain-millefiore-clarkes-and-christina-willings-avail.html>

Current Situation in BC

(as of 3:00pm PDT May 2, 2020)

Cases:

- Total confirmed cases in BC (since January): 2,171
- New cases since May 1: 26
- Hospitalized cases: 72
- Intensive Care: 23
- COVID-19 related deaths: 114
- Recovered: 1,376
- Long term care/assisted living homes affected: 21
- Acute-care unit outbreaks: 3

Confirmed cases by region:

- Vancouver Coastal Health: 832
- Fraser Health: 992
- Island Health: 123
- Interior Health: 175
- Northern Health: 49

News release:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0147-000807>

RESOURCES

Link to Alberta COVID-19 Info/Stats:

- **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.
- **811** - dial 811 for health related info on COVID-19
- **211** - seniors looking for help (or volunteers willing to help) 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** - online tool to complete a self-assessment & get updates.
- **BC COVID-19 Dashboard** - a great source for up-to-date information and statistics.
- **BC Centre for Disease Control** - includes info on their testing protocols.
- **Interior Health** - links to the latest Interior Health info.
- **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)

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.