

LOCAL UPDATES

- **Phase 2:** Municipalities and First Nations in the East Kootenay are meeting weekly to share approaches to re-opening public amenities. These local amenities will gradually re-open over the coming weeks as communities are able to meet the safe operating guidance provided by WorkSafeBC, BC Recreation and Parks Association and health authorities. Gradual re-openings are well underway in parks and open spaces and you can check with your community for a current list of open amenities.
- Across the region, everyone is urged to take personal responsibility for their safety and the safety of the community: wash hands and maintain physical distancing, stay home if sick, wait your turn. If an amenity is too busy, come back another time.
- The Community Foundation is working with Community Foundations of Canada, United Way and Red Cross to provide assistance to charities and non-profit organizations. Through this granting program over \$100,000 will be available to qualified donees in Cranbrook and the Elk Valley.

Links:

- **Community Foundation:** <https://www.cfkrockies.ca/grants>

NEW PROVINCIAL UPDATES

- United Poultry outbreak has been declared over
- 307 active cases in BC
- Over 40,000 travelers who have entered B.C. by air or by land have been screened and ensure that they have a valid 14 day isolation plan. These measures will continue.
- Over 290,000 in the province have already taken part in the BCCDC's COVID-19 survey. Please encourage everyone within your circle to take part in this important survey. www.bccdc.ca
- Remember to keep to smaller groups, keep your small group consistent, **fewer faces, bigger spaces.**

Links:

- **COVID-19 Update:** <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0026-000924>

NEW FEDERAL UPDATES

- As of 11:00am May 14 there have been 80,555 total cases in Canada, 41,108 recovered, with 1,377,146 patients tested.
- Dr. Tam stated on May 20 whenever physical distancing is not possible, Canadians should wear a non medical mask or face covering. As more services and businesses reopen physical distancing may be more difficult

Links:

- **COVID-19 Outbreak Update:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html#a1>

BC COVID-19 SURVEY

The BC Centre for Disease Control is a population health survey to elicit citizen experience, knowledge and actions during the COVID-19 pandemic. This survey is the first of several activities that will strengthen BC's pandemic response and understanding of the impacts of COVID-19 to date. www.bccdc.ca

The survey will be open until May 31.

Current Situation in BC

(as of 3:00pm PDT May 21, 2020)

Cases:

- Total confirmed cases in BC (since January): 2,479
- New cases since May 20: 12
- Hospitalized cases: 43
- Intensive Care: 8
- COVID-19 related deaths: 152
- Recovered: 20,020
- Long term care/assisted living homes affected: 14
- Acute-care unit outbreaks: 3

Confirmed cases by region:

- Vancouver Coastal Health: 887
- Fraser Health: 1,223
- Island Health: 126
- Interior Health: 183
- Northern Health: 60

- **News release:** <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0026-000924>

NON-MEDICAL MASKS

INFO FROM HEALTH CANADA

The best thing you can do to prevent spreading COVID-19 is to wash your hands frequently, stay at home if sick, maintain a 2m physical distance from others and avoid touching your face. Wearing a non-medical mask/facial covering in the community is recommended for periods of time when it is not possible to consistently maintain a 2-metre physical distance from others, particularly in crowded public settings,

- **Tips and info:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/about-non-medical-masks-face-coverings.html>
- **Easy instructions for homemade masks:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/sew-no-sew-instructions-non-medical-masks-face-coverings.html>

THREE CHEERS

There continue to be some really great community focused initiatives happening throughout the region. The Facebook page *Heart of the Community* is a project focused on bringing attention to, and supporting local businesses and people that support and grow the community within Cranbrook. Columbia Valley Community Economic Development has been sharing videos on their Facebook page that highlight how businesses in the valley are adapting to keep their customers and staff safe in this time.

- **Heart of the Community:** <https://www.facebook.com/heartofthecommunitycbk>
- **Columbia Valley Economic Development:** <https://www.facebook.com/livecolumbiavalley>

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.
- **BC COVID-19 Dashboard** - a great source for up-to-date information and statistics.
- **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)

Link to Alberta COVID-19 Information / Statistics:

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

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.