

### NEW PROVINCIAL UPDATES



- There are 267 active cases in BC, and no new positive cases in Interior Health since yesterday.
- There are no new community outbreaks. Public health teams continue to provide support for outbreaks at federal corrections facilities, the two processing facilities within the poultry sector and for individuals connected to the Kearl Lake plant in Alberta.
- There has not been any reported cases of food or food packaging associated with COVID-19. The food supply is safe and continues to be, including from facilities where there have been outbreaks.
- Public health teams continue to test, trace new cases and track the spread of COVID-19 to quickly put out hot spots.
- 313,000 people have completed the BC COVID-19 survey.
- Most provincial campgrounds and recreation sites open June 1, along with more parks for day-use activities. To ensure British Columbians have access to camping opportunities close to home during the summer, new reservations can only be made by BC residents. People can now reserve a site two months in advance of their arrival date instead of four – a temporary measure to spread out the demand during the busy summer months.
- 59 destination marketing organizations severely impacted by COVID-19 travel restrictions will be supported with a \$10-million grant from the Province to help with recovery efforts in BC.
- BC's 61,000 Grade 12 graduates will be the guests of honour at a special virtual graduation and end-of-school celebration. The WE Celebrate: Class of 2020 event will air on WE's Facebook page and YouTube channel at 10:00am (pacific time) on May 26th and will showcase some of BC's best known singers, athletes and performers.

#### Links:

- **COVID-19 Update:** <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0028-000948>
- **Support for Tourism Marketing Organizations:** <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TAC0022-000927>
- **Overnight Camping Begins June 1:** <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020ENV0027-000936>
- **Virtual Grad Celebration on May 26:** <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0028-000940>

### NEW FEDERAL UPDATES

- As of 7:00pm EDT, 1,482,468 Canadians have been tested for COVID-19, with 85,700 confirmed cases and 6,545 deaths.
- Applications are now being accepted for Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) for small businesses. Over the course of the program, property owners will reduce rent by at least 75 per cent for the months of April and May (retroactive), and June, for their small business tenants. CECRA will cover 50 per cent of the rent, with the tenant paying up to 25 per cent and the property owner forgiving at least 25 per cent.
- The Minister of Middle Class Prosperity and Associate Minister of Finance took part in a virtual town hall today to discuss the challenges facing businesses and the Government's support for companies and workers.

#### Links:

- **Rent Assistance Program Taking Applications:** <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/25/canada-emergency-commercial-rent-assistance-now-open-applications>
- **Federal Minister Town Hall:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/05/minister-fortier-highlights-government-support-for-business-in-virtual-town-hall-with-kelowna-chamber-of-commerce.html>

### Current Situation in BC

(as of 3:00pm PDT May 25, 2020)

#### Cases:

- Total confirmed cases in BC (since January): 2,530
- New cases since Saturday, May 23: 12
- Hospitalized cases: 37
- Intensive Care: 7
- COVID-19 related deaths: 161
- Recovered: 2,102
- Long term care/assisted living homes affected: 14
- Acute-care unit outbreaks: 2

#### Confirmed cases by region:

- Vancouver Coastal Health: 894
- Fraser Health: 1,253
- Island Health: 127
- Interior Health: 194
- Northern Health: 62

#### News release:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0028-000948>



### BC COVID-19 SURVEY

If you haven't already done so, the deadline to participate in the BC COVID-19 Survey, is **May 31**.

**Survey Link:** <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-survey>

## RESOURCES

#### Link to BC Restart Plan:

- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan>

#### Phone Numbers:

- **1-888-268-4319** - Non-health COVID-19 info
- **811** - dial 811 for COVID & non-COVID health info
- **211** - seniors looking for help (or volunteers willing to help) or visit: <http://www.bc211.ca/>
- **Crisis Line: 1.888.353.2273**
- **Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868**

#### Online Links:

- [COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool & App](#)
- [BC COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- [BC Centre for Disease Control](#)
- [Interior Health](#)
- [Government of Canada](#)
- [Province of BC Information Hub](#)

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.