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Late yesterday, the Provincial Health Authority and Dr. Henry released the updated monthly data. I've included some highlights below; however, if you want to view the full news conference including her detailed explanation of the new data, you can view it on YouTube here: https://youtu.be/gaAs47CBZuk. I always appreciate the detail she goes into during the presentation of the updated modelling each month - and yesterday she used several examples of actual cases and how it started with one person (employee, wedding guest and fitness class attendee) and spread to many others. I thought it was a good example of how quickly the numbers can go from 1 to many.

Here is the latest local information on positive case counts in the East Kootenay (note the time periods in each bullet point)**:**

- In the **14 days (October 30 to Nov 12)** in the East Kootenay Health Service Area, there have been 7 new positive COVID-19 cases.
    - To view the detailed map of cases from Oct. 30 to Nov. 12 in BC, ***CLICK HERE***
- From **January 1 to November 12,** there have been a total of 49 cases in the East Kootenay Health Service Area.
- From **January to the end of October,** the cumulative cases in the East Kootenay Health Service Area are as follows:
    - Fernie/Elk Valley - 10
    - Cranbrook - 11
    - Kimberley - 1
    - Invermere/Columbia Valley - 12
    - To view the detailed map for cumulative cases in BC, ***CLICK HERE***.

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- To view the data anytime, visit the data page on BCCDC website: http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/data

Latest Provincial Statistics (as of 4pm Friday, November 13):

- From November 10 to 11, there were 536 new positive cases in BC, November 11 to 12 there were 594 cases, and in the past 24 hours (yesterday afternoon to this afternoon), there were 617 new cases, for a grand total of 1,747 new cases since Tuesday afternoon.
- Of the 617 new cases reported since yesterday afternoon, 130 new cases were in the Vancouver Coastal Health region, 424 in the Fraser Health region, 16 in the Island Health region, 42 in the Interior Health region, and 5 in the Northern Health region.
- There have been a total of 20,985 cases in British Columbia since January 1.
- There are currently 5,579 active cases in BC and 12,016 people under active public health monitoring after being exposed to someone who tested positive.
- There are currently 167 people in hospital and 50 people in intensive care.
- 14,901 people who tested positive have recovered.
- There have been two new COVID-related deaths in the past 24 hours (in addition to 4 between Tuesday and Thursday), for a total of 290 since January.
- There have been three new health-care facility outbreaks in the past 24 hours, while 4 previous outbreaks have been declared over. In total, 35 long-term care or assisted-living facilities and 6 acute-care facilities have active outbreaks.
- In Interior Health, there were 42 new cases in the past 24 hours, bringing our total number of active cases in IH to 173. There is one person in hospital and one person in ICU. Of the 1,001 total cases in IH since January, 825 people have recovered.

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- While there are restrictions in place in the Fraser and Vancouver Coastal Health Regions, the Province is stressing how critical it is for all of us to act now to prevent the spread within our communities.
- The Provincial State of Emergency has been extended to November 24. The State of Emergency has been in place since March 18th and can be extended 14 days at a time.
- Link to today's full update: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0061-001939
- To view the daily COVID-19 dashboard (updated at 5:30pm Monday to Friday): https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded

Latest Province of BC Modelling - Highlights from November 12th Monthly Update:

- While a few highlights are below, to view the November 12 modelling data slide presentation:
  https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/COVID19_Monthly_Update_Nov_2020.pdf
- Hospitalizations are at the same peak they were in March and are trending up. Intensive care admissions are also on the rise, although they are slightly lower than they were in March (as of November 10th).
- While we did a good job of keeping cases low until September, case counts are now expanding at a more rapid pace, and a concerted effort needs to be undertaken as numbers have taken off in some areas of the Province since Thanksgiving. The highest numbers of cases and the most rapid community spread is in the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions, but we are not out of the woods in the rest of the Province.

- Testing in children and youth has increased by 2.5 times between August and October and most school aged children with symptoms do not have COVID-19. Less than 10% of positives are in school-aged children (1.7% of positive cases are school aged children currently). 9 in 10 schools in BC have not had a single

exposure event.

- The daily case rates in Canada show BC is now higher than Ontario and many other Provinces in our new daily cases (per one million population). We are behind only Manitoba, Alberta, Quebec and Saskatchewan in our daily case rates.
- Our current estimated doubling time for COVID-19 is 13 days. This means our positive cases per day are doubling every 13 days.
- As we are moving indoors and the weather is changing, the virus is spreading more rapidly particularly within close-contact circles.
- The increase in hospitalizations and long-term care home cases are the signal in BC that we have to step back and reduce our social interactions to help us control the spread.