

COVID-19 Regional Update - January 21, 2021

Here are some notes from the January 21 Provincial COVID-19 update:

- 564 new cases of COVID-19 in BC (95 in Interior Health).
- From Saturday January 10 to Sunday January 16 there have been 20 new cases in the Fernie Health Delivery Area, 7 new cases in the Cranbrook Health Delivery Area, and 3 new cases in the Windermere Health Delivery Area. These numbers are usually updated on Wednesdays on the BCCDC website. These numbers reflect the ongoing increased COVID-19 activity in the region.
- Interior Health continues to monitor and follow-up on all additional cases and ensure those individuals and their close contacts are receiving direct guidance and advice from public health.
- We will pass on information as it is provided by Interior Health regarding the developing situation in the Elk Valley and throughout the region.
- There have been 15 new COVID-19 deaths in the province with a total of 1,119 COVID-19 deaths in the province since the beginning of the pandemic.
- A total of 62,976 cases since the beginning of the pandemic.
- 4,450 active cases of COVID-19 in BC.
- 309 individuals currently hospitalized in BC with COVID-19 with 68 of those in intensive care. For Health Authority specific stats visit the BCCDC COVID dashboard.
- 56,010 people who tested positive have recovered.
- 104,901 individuals have been vaccinated in BC; this is spread across all health areas.
- Current Provincial Health Officer Orders regarding social gatherings are in place through Feb 5, 2021 at midnight. Learn more about these orders here.
- Link to <u>Joint Statement</u>.
- There is a scheduled Live Update tomorrow (Friday January 22, 2021) at 11:30 am. It can be viewed on the Province of BC YouTube page.

Vaccine Info

The BCCDC has a dedicated web page that is being updated regularly with information about the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out in our province, it can be viewed here.

BC COVID-19 Support App

If you haven't already checked out the BC COVID-19 Support App (available for iOS and Android phones), it really is worth a look. It has all the provincial COVID-19 info in one spot, including the daily updates, vaccination info, self-assessment tool, business, and community resources and so much more.

Long-Term Care, Assisted Living & Independent Living Outbreaks updates

The BCCDC is posting weekly reports on outbreak and case information in Long-Term Care, Assisted Living & Independent Living Facilities. These can be viewed here.

For the most accurate and up to date info on the COVID-19 pandemic please visit:

- BC Centre for Disease Control's COVID-19 Data
- COVID-19 Vaccine Information



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- BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard
- Interior Health School Exposures
- Provincial Health Officer's orders, notices, and guidance
- <u>Provincial response to the COVID-19 pandemic</u>

Booking a COVID-19 test:

<u>Online</u>: You can book an appointment online through the COVID-19 Test Booking Form:

https://interiorhealthcovid.secureform.ca/index.php

By phone: Call the COVID-19 Test Booking Line at 1-877-740-7747 for assistance with booking your test.

Seek a test if you have two or more of the following symptoms for more than 24 hours, and they are not related to any other pre-existing conditions:

- Sore throat
- Loss of appetite
- Extreme fatigue or tiredness
- Headache
- Body aches (muscles and joints aching)
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you suspect that you or a loved one may have symptoms of COVID-19, please visit:

- COVID-19 Self-assessment tool
- BCCDC testing information