

## **COVID-19 Regional Update – November 3, 2020**

Here is this week's COVID-19 update with information from the Province.

- In the past 14 days (between October 16 and 29) in the East Kootenay Health Service Area, there have been 5 new positive COVID-19 cases.
- From January 1 to October 29, there have been a total of 43 cases in the East Kootenay Health Service Area.
- The BC Centre for Disease Control only updates the more specific numbers within the Health Service Areas monthly, and it usually takes a couple of weeks for those to be posted, but we will share the cumulative totals from January to end of October once they are posted by the Province.
- 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 COVID-19 update (as of 4pm Monday, November 2):**

- Yesterday afternoon, BC's Deputy Provincial Health Officer reported on three 24-hour periods. From Oct. 30 to 31, we had 352 new cases. From Oct. 31 to Nov. 1, we had 389 new cases and Nov 1 to Nov 2, we have had a further 379 new cases. This represents a total of 1,120 new cases, including seven epi-linked cases, for a total of 15,501 cases in British Columbia. The largest concentration of cases is in the lower mainland.
- There are currently 2,945 active cases in BC with 6,448 people under active public health monitoring after being exposed to someone who is COVID-19 positive.
- 12,207 people have recovered.
- Across BC, there are 90 people in hospital, and 19 in ICU. There have been six COVID-related deaths between Friday and Monday (for a total of 269 since January).
- There have been no new community outbreaks; however, there have been 3 new health-care facility outbreaks. In total, 26 long-term care or assisted-living facilities and two acute-care facilities in BC have active outbreaks.
- In Interior Health, there have been 7 new cases (between Sunday, Nov 1, and Monday Nov 2) , and a total of 777 since January. There are currently 100 active cases in Interior Health, with no one in hospital or ICU.
- Link to yesterday's full update, including the news conference video (click on the image at the top of the page for video): <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0059-001908>
- To view the daily COVID-19 dashboard (updated at 5:30pm Monday to Friday): <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

As you may have heard, this week it was reported that a member of the Kimberley Dynamiters tested positive. For many, it was a reminder that although we have not had as many cases to date as some other areas of the Province, COVID-19 is here in our region and our communities. We need to remain diligent and follow the public health advice to prevent community spread to help keep ourselves, each other, and our communities safe. Hang in there everyone - I know this has been a long journey. And, if



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you are struggling, please reach out for support - this is not an easy time for people, and everyone is affected differently. The one commonality is that you are not alone. We are all in this together and will continue to support one another until we can sit around a table together and say "remember when..."