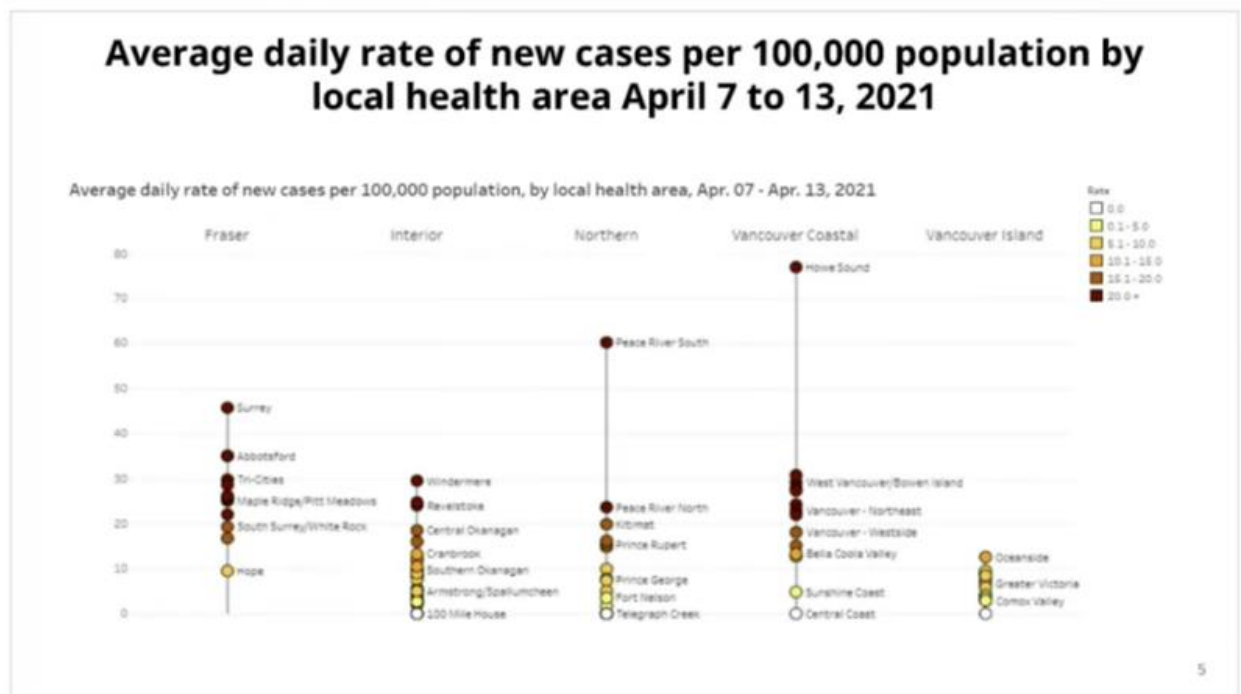


COVID-19 Regional Update – April 15, 2021

Good afternoon all, Nathan here with this week's Regional COVID-19 update.

Our region has seen a very sharp uptick in cases over the last little while, far greater than at any other point during this pandemic. The Windermere Health Delivery Area has the highest daily rate of new cases per 100,000 in all of Interior Health currently and is on par with Tri-Cities (Fraser Health) and above Vancouver, Maple Ridge and South Surrey. We cannot step back on our vigilance now, we have done so well for so long, it would be a shame to have it all for nought.



Vaccine Booking Schedule

Vaccine call centres are open between 8:00am and 8:00pm MDT. You can book a vaccine appointment for yourself when you are eligible to call, in many cases (not all) your spouse may also be eligible for the vaccine, so make sure to ask. You can also have a family member or friend call for you. It's easy and safe to book over the phone.

Register by Phone: 1-833-838-2323 or Register Online [Here](#)

For the most up-to-date information on the Vaccine roll-out please regularly visit the [Province's COVID-19 Vaccination and Immunization page](#) as the information is constantly evolving.

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Here are some notes from the Thursday April 15, 2021 Provincial COVID-19 update:

- 1,205 new cases of COVID-19 in BC (69 in Interior Health).
- Cases by Local Health Area. COVID-19 cases for the most recent 7-day period (Sunday April 4 to Saturday April 10). [The map](#) is updated weekly, on Wednesdays. **Fernie Health Delivery Area = 8, Cranbrook Health Delivery Area = 23, Kimberley Health Delivery Area = 13 and Windermere (Columbia Valley) Health Delivery Area = 34.**
- There have been 3 new COVID-19 deaths in the province with a total of 1,524 COVID-19 deaths in the province since the beginning of the pandemic.
- A total of 116,075 cases since the beginning of the pandemic.
- 10,052 active cases of COVID-19 in BC.
- 409 individuals currently hospitalized in BC with COVID-19 with 125 of those in intensive care. For Health Authority specific stats visit the [BCCDC COVID dashboard](#).
- 104,331 people who tested positive have recovered.
- 1,235,863 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in BC, this is spread across all health areas.
- Current Provincial Health Officer Orders regarding social gatherings remains in place. Learn more about these orders [here](#).
- Watch the provincial update [here](#).

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Small and medium sized business recovery grant

The Small and Medium Sized Business Recovery Grant program provides fully funded grants to businesses to ensure they have the support they need during and beyond COVID-19. Learn more [here](#).

New mental health resources for sectors hit hard by pandemic.

Employers and employees throughout B.C. who work in the tourism, hospitality and community social services sectors now have access to vital mental health resources with the creation of a digital resource hub. The online hub offers a range of tools to help address common workplace concerns, such as bullying, harassment, COVID-19 exposure, coping with stress and more. Learn more [here](#).

BC COVID-19 Support App

If you have not 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](#)
- [BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- [Interior Health School Exposures](#)
- [Provincial Health Officer's orders, notices, and guidance](#)
- [Provincial response to the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Booking a COVID-19 test:

Online: 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*



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- *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](#)

Thanks for your time.
Stay safe and play smart.
Nathan.

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