

COVID-19 Regional Update – June 17, 2021

It is Thursday again, and that means it is time for another regional COVID-19 Update.

BC's Restart Plan: BC's Restart is a careful, four-step plan to bring B.C. back together. As of June 15 we have entered step two. *Getting vaccinated* is the most important tool supporting our restart. Everything you need to know about the next steps and details of the plan can be found [here](#).

Here are some notes from the Thursday June 17, 2021, Provincial COVID-19 update:

- 120 new cases of COVID-19 in BC (43 in Interior Health) in the past 24 hours.
- Cases by Local Health Area. COVID-19 cases for the most recent 7-day period (June 6-12). [The map](#) is updated weekly, on Wednesdays. **Fernie Health Delivery Area = 3, Cranbrook Health Delivery Area = 19, Kimberley Health Delivery Area = 1 and Windermere (Columbia Valley) Health Delivery Area = 8.**
- There has been 1 new COVID-19 death in the province with a total of 1,739 COVID-19 deaths in the province since the beginning of the pandemic.
- A total of 146,794 cases since the beginning of the pandemic.
- 1,451 active cases of COVID-19 in BC.
- 131 individuals currently hospitalized in BC with COVID-19 with 44 of those in intensive care. For Health Authority specific stats visit the [BCCDC COVID dashboard](#).
- 4,231,871 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in BC. 768,008 of these are second doses.
- More than 74.8% of eligible British Columbians (12 years old and over) have received at least one dose.
- The province has released a careful, four-step Restart Plan focused on protecting people and safely getting life back to normal. Learn all about it [here](#).
- Watch the provincial update [here](#).

COVID-19 vaccine clinics drop-in times in our region.

Interior Health immunization clinics across the region (Cranbrook, Elkford, Fernie, Invermere, Kimberley and Sparwood) are adding and extending hours for drop-in vaccinations. Drop-in access is for people who are 12+ (born in 2009 or earlier) who have not received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. People can arrive, register on the spot, and receive their vaccine. No advance appointments are needed. *Please note: drop-in clinics are for first dose only; second dose notifications are sent by email, phone, or text when it is time to book an appointment.*

For dates, locations and times for drop-in clinics:

Cranbrook [Click Here](#)

Elkford [Click Here](#)

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Fernie [Click Here](#)

Invermere [Click Here](#)

Kimberley [Click Here](#)

Sparwood [Click Here](#)

Second Doses: To make sure you get notified when it's your turn to book your second dose appointment, register with the *Get Vaccinated* provincial registration system [here](#). Even if you got your first dose at a pharmacy.

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*
- *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](#)