

COVID-19 UPDATE – June 2nd, 2020

In an effort to keep our community partners connected, we are providing you with regular COVID-19 updates.

Key Updates for June 2nd, 2020

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Update on COVID-19 Cases

In yesterday's daily briefing, Dr. Bonnie Henry, provincial health officer, reported 24 new cases of COVID-19 in B.C. since Saturday, bringing the total number of people who have tested positive to 2,597 since the pandemic began. Of those, 904 have been in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) region. The number of people in hospitals throughout B.C. sits at 32, including five people in critical care, and 2,207 people are considered fully recovered. There are still 13 active outbreaks in long-term care, assisted living, and acute care throughout B.C.

Demonstration in Downtown Vancouver

Dr. Henry reminded British Columbians that the provincial health order that bans gatherings of more than 50 people is still in place, and those who attended the demonstration in downtown Vancouver should monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19, and if they have symptoms, get tested. While it's important to stand up and have our voices heard, we must do it in a safe manner; Chanting and yelling in close contact with others is risky behaviour.

It's Seniors Week – do all we can to care and protect seniors

Dr. Henry and Minister Dix also pointed out that this is B.C. Seniors Week. They said more than 8,500 British Columbians are volunteering their time to help isolated seniors in their neighbourhoods and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic through groups like the United Way, bc211, B.C.'s seniors advocate Isobel Mackenzie and members of the all-party COVID-19 Seniors Working Group for their partnership in this initiative. They asked that we take the time this week to honour our seniors by doing all we can to care for and protect them.

Workplace Guidance

Looking for information and guidance as you make plans to restart your business? WorkSafeBC's COVID19 guidance is your first stop. It's been developed through a collaboration of public health and workplace experts. The comprehensive guidance balances creating opportunities to safely restart many activities and the ability to protect everyone as we do that. Check the website frequently or call the WorkSafeBC Prevention Information Line at 1 888 621-SAFE, as new information is added every day: www.worksafebc.com.

Cruise season delayed

Last week, Marc Garneau, the federal Minister of Transport, announced updated measures pertaining to cruise ships and passenger vessels in Canadian waters. He said keeping Canadians and transportation workers safe during the COVID-19 pandemic is Transport Canada's top priority, therefore cruise ships with overnight accommodations allowed to carry more than 100 persons are prohibited from operating in Canadian waters until October 31, 2020. As of July 1, 2020, all other passenger vessels must follow provincial, territorial, local and regional health authority requirements for timelines and processes to resume operations. Essential passenger vessels, such as ferries and water taxis, should continue to operate using mitigation measures. These could include reducing the number of passengers or using alternative practices such as keeping people in their vehicles, when safe to do so, or enhanced cleaning and hygiene measures to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Key Messages to Share

- Practice [physical distancing](#) if you have to go out
- If you think you have COVID-19 take the self-assessment here: covid19.thrive.health
- Self-isolate at home for 10 days if you have COVID-19 symptoms
- Find helpful posters, handouts and other resources about COVID-19 [here](#).