



# COMMUNITY UPDATE

*The latest from Northern Health*

**May 19, 2021**

**Note:** Please share any information in this update as appropriate.

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## **COVID-19**

### **Provincial case counts and statements**

As of May 18, **7,473** cases have been reported in the NH region since the beginning of the pandemic.

- Cases currently active: **122**
- New cases: **8**
- Currently in hospital: **7**
- Currently in ICU-level care in hospital: **3**
- Deaths in the region since the beginning of the pandemic: **147**

For the latest provincial numbers, see the [BC COVID-19 dashboard](#), which is updated Monday-Friday. The dashboard may not work in all browsers; Chrome is suggested.

As well, see the [COVID-19 Epidemiology app](#), which visualizes COVID-19 in BC in comparison to other Canadian and global jurisdictions, at the

## **Daily update on COVID-19**

[gov.bc.ca/covid19](http://gov.bc.ca/covid19)



HSDA level. It's updated on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

- [Joint statement on Province of B.C.'s COVID-19 response](#) – May 18, 2021
- [BCCDC Situation Report](#) – May 12, 2021

## My COVID-19 Immunization Record

Every client who receives an immunization in Northern Health is provided with a paper copy of their Immunization Record. The official record of your COVID-19 vaccination is the paper record you receive at the time of immunization with the date stamp, and your personal immunization records.

Vaccine documentation might look different depending on the community you receive your vaccine in. Most clinics are providing an 8.5x11 white piece of paper that has details about the vaccine patients received at the top, symptoms to watch for in the middle, and information to access health gateway on the bottom.

The immunization is documented in each individual's electronic health record. We encourage everyone to sign up for Health Gateway to access their immunization records by following this link:

<https://www.healthgateway.gov.bc.ca>.

If Canada proceeds with a standard federal proof of immunization, whether it is a digital or paper 'vaccine passport', it will be based on an individual's electronic record of immunization. At this time, there is no requirement to present proof of vaccination.

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The Authority for Health Services  
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COVID-19 Immunization Record  
ImmsBC Downtime Form

Citizen Registration: only complete the mandatory fields if registering electronically in ImmsBC  
(\*denotes mandatory)

First name\* (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Last name\* (please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
Personal Health Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (YYYYMMDD): \_\_\_\_\_ Do you identify as an indigenous person?  
Yes  No   
Gender:  Male  Female  Undetermined (X)  Undifferentiated  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Appointment time/date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number: Home (landline): \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Priority Group:

<input type="checkbox"/> Essential Visitor to LTC/AL	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident - Assisted Living (AL)	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff - Assisted Living (AL)
<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless or Lives in Shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident - Awaiting LTC/AL Placement	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff - Community
<input type="checkbox"/> Pandemic Priority Population	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident - Congregate Setting	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff - Congregate Setting
<input type="checkbox"/> Paramedic / First Responder	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident - Independent Living	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff - Independent Living
<input type="checkbox"/> Physician	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident - Long Term Care (LTC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff - Hospital
		<input type="checkbox"/> Staff - Long Term Care (LTC)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Staff - Pandemic Support

Deferral:

<input type="checkbox"/> Vaccine Supply Issue	<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Doctor	<input type="checkbox"/> Immunization Not Given on Clinical Recommendation
<input type="checkbox"/> Left Without Seeing Clinician	<input type="checkbox"/> Allergy Testing Required	

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Immunization Record: Immunizer to complete this section (mandatory)

Date administered: 2157 (YYYY-MM-DD) Lot #: F-10193  
Client consent:  Client consents for self  
 Consent not obtained  
 Consent is obtained from a substitute decision maker (SDM)  
SDM First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SDM Last name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Method:  In-person  Written  Telephone  
Vaccine:  Pfizer  Moderna  AstraZeneca  Covishield  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dose:  1  2  
Deltoid injection site:  Left  Right  
Immunizer's printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Immunizer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Give yellow copy to client.

White - Immunizer copy, Yellow - Client copy

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## New Long-term Care/Assisted Living Digest - Issue 23: Information for residents and families

The long-term care task group is continuing to produce updates twice a month for residents and families of long-term care homes and assisted living facilities.

[This issue](#) provides an update on an amendment to the new travel restrictions for BC, effective April 23, 2021, and information on the Health Career Access Program.

### My vaccine "why": I want to hug my dad

*From NH Stories*

I recently got my first dose of COVID-19 vaccine at the Northern Health clinic at the Prince George Civic Centre, and it was a very positive experience.

Why did I do it?

There were lots of reasons... including being part of the solution, returning to normalcy, protecting our most vulnerable, and so on.

But really, I just want to hug my dad.

Neither my husband's family nor mine lives in Prince George (they're mostly down on the coast), so they're not in our bubble. Even with our Zoom get-togethers, it's been a long, lonely time.

The last time I hugged my dad was 11 am on February 28, 2020, right before leaving his house to catch the ferry...

[Read the full story on Northern Health Stories.](#)





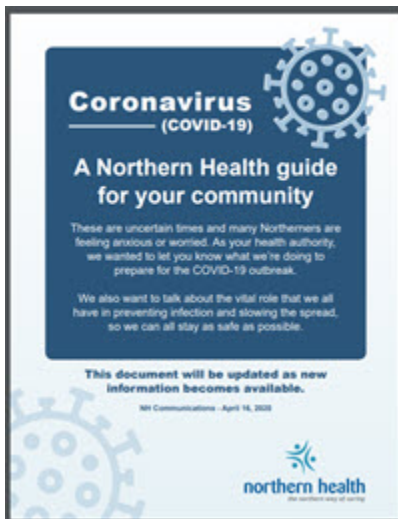
## COVID-19 Outbreak declaration: Heritage Manor II, Fort St. John

Northern Health Public Health has declared a COVID-19 outbreak at the Heritage Manor II assisted living facility in Fort St. John, BC. At the time of the outbreak declaration, there have been three lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 among facility residents.

All Heritage Manor II residents and staff are being closely monitored for symptoms; social visits are temporarily suspended, and activity programs placed on hold. Essential visits can continue.

The outbreak declaration will be in place for at least 28 days.

For more information, [see the full information bulletin](#).



## COVID-19 Guide for communities

Northern Health's printable booklet [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): A Northern Health Guide for Your Community](#) contains all the information you need to help keep your community safe and well informed. The community guide is updated regularly online.

## Trusted links and resources for COVID-19

- [BC Centre for Disease Control](#)
- [HealthLink BC COVID-19 page](#)
- [WHO FAQ](#)
- [Health Canada FAQ](#)
- [COVID-19 content in other languages](#)
- WorkSafe BC - [COVID-19 information and resources](#)
- Northern Health Virtual Clinic & Information Line: **1-844-645-7811**
- For **non-medical info**, call **1-888-COVID19 / 1-888-268-4319** 7 days, 7:30 am - 8 pm

For current information on restrictions on travel, gatherings and other issues, see the [Provincial Health Officer's webpage on current health topics](#).

## OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE



## Safer smoking supplies will continue to be provided free of charge through the BCCDC harm reduction supply program

For many people who use drugs in the Northern region, inhalation is the preferred method of drug use. To help prevent harms that occur when people share drug supplies such as pipes, the BCCDC has announced that they will continue publicly funding pipes and they have now added filters to the list of supplies they fund. Sterifilt filters are used to help prevent harm to a person crushing and injecting tablets and these will now be publicly funded for the first time.

### Program Updates:

- Additional funding for Sterifilt filters has been received for two years until March 31, 2023
- Funding for safer smoking supplies (glass pipes) has been extended for three years until March 31, 2024

### Ordering:

- Registered sites are encouraged to order these supplies on AS NEEDED basis only to avoid stockpiling and to ensure equal access to these supplies across BC
- Orders may be adjusted to ensure equitable distribution among sites
- The new order form can be found [here](#)

### For more information about harm reduction, see the following:

- [Safer Tablet Injection Resource](#)
- Videos: [Guidance for Injecting Tablet Medication](#) and [Preparing Your Drugs](#)
- [Learn more about Sterifilt FAST and other harm reduction supplies](#)

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## YOUR HEALTH, A PRIORITY

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**Wash your hands often** with warm running water and soap for at least 20 seconds.



**Avoid contact**, keep a safe distance of at least 2 meters from others, and limit your movements to reduce contagion.

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