



# COVID-19 UPDATE

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**May 28, 2020**

**Note 1:** Please share any information in this update as appropriate.

**Note 2:** We're testing to ensure all stakeholders on our list are receiving our emails. Therefore, you may also receive today's email in another form. The content in both emails is identical – you need to read only one of them.

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## **Provincial case counts and statements**

- **As of May 27, 2020**, there were **63** confirmed COVID-19 cases in NH.
- **Province of BC statistics:**
  - Confirmed cases: **2,550** (9 new)
  - Active cases: **244**
  - Deaths: **162** (1 new)
  - In hospital: **37** (7 in ICU/CCU)
  - Recovered: **2,144**
- [Joint statement on Province of B.C.'s COVID-19 response](#) – May 27, 2020.



## BC's restart plan: Phase breakdown

As the BC government and residents work together to adjust to the new normal, a phased restart approach is being taken to ensure a safe return of services. Each phase will see more services resuming operations under enhanced protocols.

### Phase 2: Started May 20

- Restoration of health services
  - Re-scheduling elective surgery
- Medically related services:
  - Dentistry, physiotherapy, registered massage therapy, and chiropractors
  - Physical therapy, speech therapy, and similar services
- Retail sector
- Hair salons, barbers, and other personal service establishments
- In-person counselling
- Restaurants, cafes, and pubs (with sufficient distancing measures)
- Museums, art galleries, and libraries
- Office-based worksites
- Recreation and sports
- Parks, beaches, and outdoor spaces
- Child care

WorkSafeBC has created a resource for [services returning to safe operations during Phase 2](#).

### Phase 3: June to September if transmission rates remain low or in decline

- Hotels and resorts (June 2020)
- Parks – broader reopening, including some overnight camping (June 2020)
- Film industry – beginning with domestic productions (June/July 2020)
- Select entertainment – movies and symphony, but not large concerts (July 2020)
- Post-secondary education – with mix of online and in-class (September 2020)
- K-12 education – with only [a partial return this school year](#) (September 2020)



**Phase 4: Date to be determined, and conditional on one or more of wide vaccination, “community” immunity, or broad successful treatment.**

- Activities requiring large gatherings, such as:
  - Conventions
  - Live audience professional sports
  - Concerts
- International tourism

For more information, see the [Government of BC's restart plan](#).

## Updated: Helpful list of funding opportunities for food programs

Ensuring access to food for all is an important part of the COVID-19 response. This document offers potential granting opportunities for community-based food programs – see [Food Program Funding Opportunities](#) (updated this week – new grant opportunities!).

If you know of, or represent, a community-based organization that supports food access, some of these grants may be helpful. Each grant has specific eligibility guidelines, so be sure to read the information in detail.

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## Reminder: Your story, our future: Take BC's COVID-19 survey

*From the provincial government:*

“BC COVID-19 SPEAK: Your story, our future” is a population health survey to understand citizen experiences, knowledge and actions during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was launched on Tuesday, May 12.

**Join the hundreds of thousands of British Columbians who have already responded -- take the survey now:**

[www.bccdc.ca/covid19survey](http://www.bccdc.ca/covid19survey)



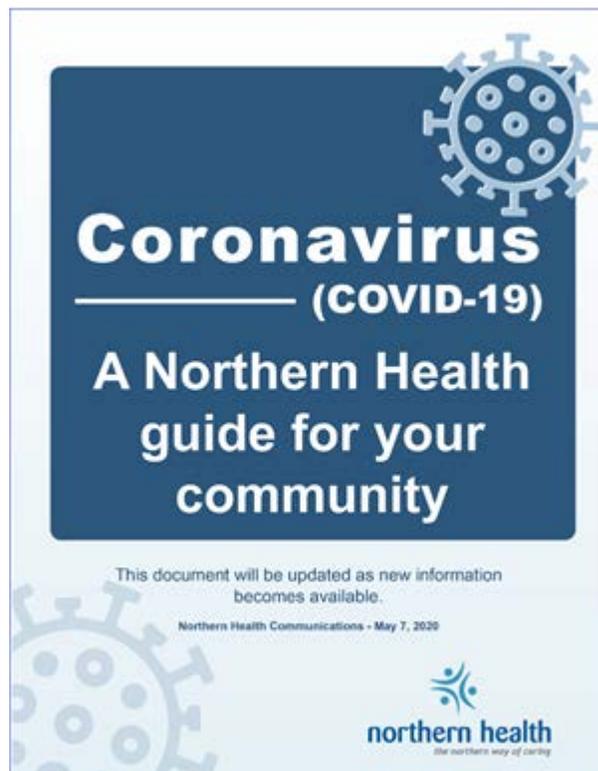
## Dashboard provides detailed look at BC data

For data broken down by health authority, see the [BC COVID-19 dashboard](#) (may not work in all browsers; Chrome is suggested).



## COVID-19 Guide for communities

Northern Health's 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. There are no new changes this week. The community guide will continue to be updated regularly online.



## Trusted links and resources

- [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 COVID-19 Online 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](#).

## 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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