



COMMUNITY UPDATE

The latest from Northern Health

June 23, 2021

COVID-19

Northern Health Resource COVID-19 Community Toolkit

To empower local partners to share helpful information, we have created the [COVID-19 Community Toolkit](#), a digital resource for community partners with **3 key goals**:

- Get more people registered for their vaccine.
- Highlight the community benefits of getting vaccinated.
- Provide direction to *trusted* sources of information about vaccines and COVID-19.

The toolkit includes:

- Links to factual sources of information.
- Digital images suitable for sharing on your website, social media platforms, email, or newsletter.
- Printable posters and infographics.

As trusted sources of information, community-based partners such as yourselves have a vital role to play in supporting public messaging, as people look for guidance and direction.

Our hope is that you, or your designated communications staff, will download and share these resources through your own internal communications channels, such as in a group email, on your website, through social media, in a digital newsletter, or printed and posted in your facility, supporting more Northern BC residents to get vaccinated.

COVID-19 Outbreak update

COVID-19 – Outbreak declared over – Heritage Manor II, Fort St. John

Northern Health is pleased to advise that a COVID-19 outbreak declared May 18, 2021 at the Heritage Manor II assisted living facility in Fort St. John, BC, is officially over.

There were a total of five lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 associated with the outbreak, involving residents of the facility. All of the residents have since recovered.

Northern Health would like to thank Heritage Manor II staff, residents and their families, for their patience, cooperation and support in recent weeks.

COVID-19 outbreak declared over – Quesnel reforestation operations (closure orders rescinded)

Northern Health Medical Health Officers have declared an end to a COVID-19 outbreak involving the operations of two Quesnel-based reforestation companies, originally declared May 20, 2021.

BC Vaccination Coverage Rates and COVID-19 activity – New Dashboard

Visit the new [COVID-19 surveillance dashboard](#) from the BCCDC, to see graphs, maps, and data showing COVID-19 case rates, test positivity and vaccination coverage by local health area (LHA) and community health service area (CHSA).

As of June 22, **7,800** cases have been reported in the NH region since the beginning of the pandemic.

- Cases currently active: **60**
- New cases: **7**
- Currently in hospital: **5**
- Currently in ICU level care in hospital: **5**
- Deaths in the NH region since the beginning of the pandemic: **155**

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, for a visual comparison of COVID-19 cases in BC by HSDA to other Canadian and global jurisdictions, see the [COVID-19 Epidemiology app](#). It's updated on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

- [Joint statement on Province of B.C.'s COVID-19 response](#) – June 22, 2021
- [BCCDC Situation Report](#) – June 16, 2021

Trusted links and resources for COVID-19

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): A Northern Health Guide for Your Community](#) – watch for a fully updated version (coming soon!)
- [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 Primary and Community Care Clinic: **1-844-645-7811**
- Northern Health Environmental Health Officer Line: **1-250-565-7322**
- 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 COVID-19 webpage](#).

Other organizational news

NEW Long-term Care/Assisted Living Digest – Issue 24: Information for residents and families

The long-term care task group is producing updates once a month for residents and families of long-term care homes and assisted living facilities.

[Issue 24](#) of the long-term care and assisted living digest is now available. This issue provides an update on second doses of COVID-19 vaccines and information on BC's restart plan.