

COVID-19 Recovery Operations Center

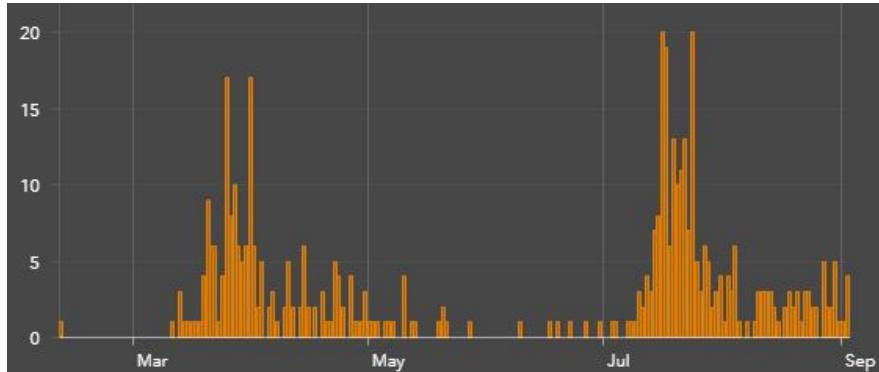
Weekly Update - September 4, 2020

British Columbia continues to experience a high number of COVID-19 cases, but hospitalizations and deaths remain low. As we head in to the long weekend, the Recovery Operations Centre would like to remind residents and visitors to keep your group small, physically distance, wash your hands, and carry a mask in case you need it. Please stay home if you feel sick or are exhibiting any cold or flu-like symptoms.

Where are we at?

According to the BC Centre for Disease Control there has been a total of 21 new cases reported in the Interior Health region over the course of the last week. This number is up from last week's 18 new cases.

New Case Counts in Interior Health



The Weekly Surveillance Report:

- A total of 669 new cases were reported this week in BC, which is an increase in numbers since last week.
- While the number of tests conducted has increased, the proportion which tested positive has remained stable over the last few weeks.
- New hospital admissions and deaths remain low, although a small increase in admissions was observed in the last week.
- The number of cases reported among 10-29 year olds continues to increase, whereas the majority of age groups saw a slight decrease or stable number of cases reported in the last week.

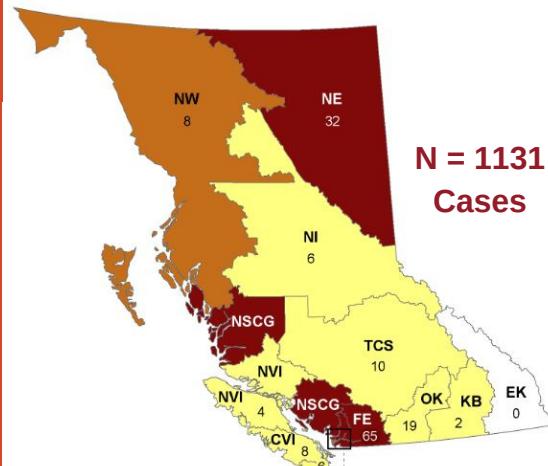
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State of emergency extended to continue B.C.'s COVID-19 response

The B.C. government has formally extended the provincial state of emergency, allowing Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, to continue to use extraordinary powers under the Emergency Program Act to support the Province's COVID-19 pandemic response.

On Friday, August 21, police and other provincial enforcement officers were given the ability to issue \$2,000 violation tickets for owners or organizers contravening the provincial health officer's order on gatherings and events. For individuals, \$200 violation tickets can be issued to those not following the direction of police or enforcement staff at events, or who refuse to comply with requests to follow safe operating procedures of a restaurant, bar or other licensed establishment, or respond with abusive behaviour toward employees.

Past 14 days: cases reported Aug 21 to Sep 3, 2020



There have been two reported cases in the Kootenay Boundary Health Service delivery area since August 27th reporting. Additional data from the BCCDC shows that the Nelson local health area has registered six cases in total from January to July 31, 2020.