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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19): RESOURCES FOR B.C. PUBLIC AGENCIES

A new coronavirus is the cause of an outbreak of respiratory infections, now known as COVID-19. The number of cases worldwide is changing quickly.

Who is this resource document for?

The resources below will be relevant for local governments and other agencies looking for current information on COVID-19 in BC for communications purposes.

Latest Public information about the disease:

The [BC Centre for Disease Control \(BCCDC\) website](#) contains the latest information about the disease, particularly as it relates to the health and well-being of British Columbians. Relevant BCCDC resources and channels include:

- Information for the public: [http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-\(novel\)](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel))
- Latest coronavirus disease case counts (updated every Friday): <http://www.bccdc.ca/about/news-stories/stories/2020/information-on-novel-coronavirus>

BCCDC channels to follow:

- Twitter: [@CDCofBC](#)
- RSS feed: <http://feeds.phsa.ca/bccdc-news.xml>

Other regional, provincial and national resources about the virus:

- Vancouver Coastal Health: <http://www.vch.ca/about-us/news/vancouver-coastal-health-statement-on-coronavirus>
- Fraser Health: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus#.Xk7Y975KiUk>
- Interior Health: <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/CommunicableDiseaseControl/Pages/Breaking-News-and-Info.aspx>
- Island Health: <https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/diseases-conditions/novel-coronavirus-information>
- Northern Health: <https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/current-outbreaks>
- HealthLink BC: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/coronavirus-covid-19>
- Public Health Agency of Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

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Preparation and Containment:

While the number of cases worldwide is changing quickly, the risk to Canadians—including British Columbians—continues to be low. At this time, the Public Health Agency of Canada and the BC Ministry of Health have a strategy focused on containment of the virus. Here are a number of resources to help your jurisdiction or organization in supporting public containment:

Information for public health partners: [http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/novel-coronavirus-\(covid-19\)](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/novel-coronavirus-(covid-19))

Includes latest tools, guidance, case management and case counts, updated regularly by the Ministry of Health and the BCCDC.

Public Health Agency of Canada advice for occupational health and safety:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus-occupational-health-safety.html#h2.3>

According to the Canadian government, the Labour Program is responsible for administering the [Canada Labour Code, Part II](#) (the Code). The [Public Health Agency of Canada](#) is responsible for preparing for and responding to any infectious disease emergencies that may happen in Canada. Employers are responsible for protecting the health and safety of their employees while at work.

Public Health Agency of Canada travel advisories:

- Traveling to China: <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/china>
- Traveling within China: <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notice/210>

Speak to someone:

- Novel coronavirus information: 1-833-784-4397
- Health information 8-1-1

If you or your planning committee require any additional public health information, please direct your queries to the COVID-19 provincial health emergency response structure at hecc.operations@gov.bc.ca.

