



MEDICAL STAFF DIGEST

A twice-weekly update for medical staff

February 16, 2021

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COVID-19

NH's COVID-19 resources

- On the NH physician website:
 - [COVID-19 information and resources](#)
- On OurNH:
 - [COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\)](#)
 - [Pandemic Recovery Toolkit](#)

COVID-19 case counts and statements

As of February 12, **3,969** cases have been reported in the NH region since the beginning of the pandemic.

- Cases currently active: **332**
- New cases: **30**
- Currently in hospital: **10**
 - Currently in ICU level care in hospital: **7**
- Deaths in the NH region since the beginning of the pandemic: **94**

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

- [Joint statement on Province of B.C.'s COVID-19 response](#) – February 12, 2021
- [BCCDC Situation Report](#) – February 10, 2021

Northern Health Virtual Clinic: Data on patient visits

The Northern Health Virtual Clinic supports after-hours access to COVID-19 and primary care services for those who cannot easily access these services in their communities. The goal is to connect people to their local primary care home wherever possible. We will share Virtual Clinic data with you twice a week.

Thursday, Feb 11

- 203 COVID-19 nursing assessments
- 29 primary care provider appointments (15 primary care from Prince George, Smithers, Prince Rupert, Hazelton, Fort St. John, Terrace, and 14 COVID-19 related)

Friday, Feb 12

- 161 COVID-19 nursing assessments
- 16 primary care provider appointments (6 primary care from Fort St. John, Prince George, Terrace, Vanderhoof, and 10 COVID-19 related)

Saturday, Feb 13

- 146 COVID-19 nursing assessments
- 11 primary care provider appointments (9 primary care from Prince George, Terrace, Rossland, Dawson Creek, Wonowon, Arras, Prince Rupert, and 2 COVID-19 related)

Sunday, Feb 14

- 143 COVID-19 nursing assessments
- 12 primary care provider appointments (12 primary care from Prince George, Terrace, Kitwanga, Fraser Lake)

Monday, Feb 15

- 168 COVID-19 nursing assessments
- 16 primary care provider appointments (5 primary care from Prince George, Terrace, Prince Rupert, Fort St. John, and 11 COVID-19 related)

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 COVID-19 Online Clinic & Information Line: **1-844-645-7811**
- Northern Health Environmental Health Officer Line: **1-250-565-7322**
- **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](#).

Overdose prevention and response

The Lifeguard app supports people who use substances alone

Social distancing orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic have made it more difficult for people to have someone with them when they use drugs. The Lifeguard app supports people who are at the highest risk of overdose death: people who use substances alone. The app connects people to emergency responders automatically if they are unresponsive. It can be downloaded for free on a smartphone or tablet through both the [Apple App Store](#) and the [Google Play Store](#).

To learn more about the app, visit <https://lifeguarddh.com/>.

Other organizational news

Northern Health taking part in provincial survey on emergency departments

As part of a joint initiative between the BC Ministry of Health and the seven provincial health authorities, Northern Health is actively participating in provincial patient experience and outcome surveys.

The province is currently running an emergency department survey, which is being coordinated by the [BC Patient-Centred Measurement Steering Committee](#) (BCPCM). Patients who received care in an emergency department between January 1 and March 31, 2021 may be randomly selected to participate.

A third-party research organization, [R.A. Malatest & Associates Ltd.](#), is mailing out letters telling people they've been chosen to participate and giving them options for taking the survey.

The results will be available in "close to real time" on the BCPCM's [Dynamic Analysis and Reporting Tool \(DART\)](#), and the BCPCM will develop final reports when the survey is complete.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact one of Northern Health's representatives on the BC Patient-Centered Measurement Steering Committee:

- [Lexie Gordon](#)
- [Tiegan Daniels](#)

For more information, visit the [Patient-Centred Measurement page](#) on OurNH.

Microsoft Edge now able to access the Learning Hub

The issue surrounding the inability to access the Learning Hub using Microsoft Edge has now been resolved.

All facets of the Learning Hub will now work using Microsoft Edge as your browser.

Updated: Adult palliative care orders for hospital inpatients

The NH Regional Adult Palliative Care Orders for Hospital Inpatient and Adult Palliative Care Crisis Event Orders for Hospital Inpatients have both been updated and are available now.

Please discard any old order sets and replace with these updated forms.

For links to the new order sets and some highlighted changes, see this memo on the physician website: [Updated Palliative Care order Sets](#).

A recorded information session on the changes will also be available on the [Palliative Care page](#) on OurNH and on the [northernhealth.ca palliative care page](#).

Wellness and more

Resources for wellness are available on the [Health and Wellness page](#) of the Physicians Website. For more information on [staff deals](#), the [NH Community Corner](#), and [RAARs](#), visit [OurNH](#).