



COVID-19 DAILY DIGEST

MEDICAL STAFF

Friday, April 17, 2020

Physician updates will be sent out Monday to Friday. For the latest news and resources on COVID-19, visit the [Coronavirus page on OurNH](#) or on the [physician website](#). Printable PDFs of these updates are on the physician website.

Provincial case counts and statements

- **As of April 16, 2020**, there were **32** confirmed COVID-19 cases in NH.
- **Province of BC statistics:**
 - Confirmed cases: **1575** (**14** new)
 - Deaths: **78** (**3** new)
 - In hospital: **120** (**56** in ICU)
 - Recovered: **983**
- [Joint statement on Province of B.C.'s COVID-19 response](#) – April 16, 2020

New 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).

Screening guidelines expanded to include more groups

New provincial guidelines have made testing for COVID-19 more widely available:

- Certain specific high-risk groups (see [this handout](#) for details) SHOULD be tested
- People who are not in those high-risk groups can also be tested, if they have symptoms
- People without symptoms, however, should not be tested

For further details, see the [full memo](#).

COVID-19 Outbreak Response – Medical Imaging Services Update 2

- To ensure safety and consistency in managing current and incoming medical imaging requisitions, local radiologists will triage all requisitions based on their clinical judgment and per the provincial guidelines document.
- Requisitions from postponed cases of all modalities will be appropriately filed and reviewed by local radiologists weekly.

- Chief technologists will establish a process to inform referring clinicians by fax about all postponed studies of all modalities since Phase 2 implementation and on an ongoing basis.

For further details, see the [full memo](#).

Reminder: Temporary emergency child care for essential workers

To support parents who are essential service workers during the response to novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Province launched a new process on April 9.

This process will match parents, who are working on the front lines of B.C.'s COVID-19 response and have children up to five years of age, with child care in their communities.

Essential workers can fill out a new "parent" form to identify their need for urgent child care. Forms can be accessed by calling 1 888 338-6622 and selecting Option 4, or online: www.gov.bc.ca/essential-service-child-care

For further details, [see the BC Government press release](#).

Physicians in self-isolation

If you're a physician in self-isolation, email Susan Trenholm: Susan.Trenholm@northernhealth.ca

Resources available for stress and emotional support

Support Lines

- **Employee Family Assistance Program (EFAP)**
 - **1-844-751-2133** – 24/7 crisis counselling support and/or referral to community resources.
- **Physician Health Program** – supports available through Doctors of BC
 - Refer to information online at: [Doctors of BC: Physician Health Program](#)
- **BC Crisis Line**
 - Call **310-6789** for access to 24/7 crisis services.

Trusted links and resources

- [BC Centre for Disease Control](#)
- [BC Centre for Disease Control new today page](#)
- [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](#). This page has links to the latest joint statements and orders issued by the Provincial Health Officer and a link to the Government of Canada's travel advice and advisories.

24/7 Physician Call Centre

- Number: 250-645-7897
- Local: 507897
- Toll Free: 1-833-645-7897

Rural Outreach Support group (ROSe) for COVID-19

24/7 additional information, support, or guidance

- Toll Free: 1-888-918-0626