

Community Action Teams

COVID-19 Support and Resources

Northern Health (NH) has been working actively with many regional and provincial partners to create supports within communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Community Action Team (CAT) tables have an integral role to play in surfacing community level concerns to NH regional planning tables as well as advocating for vulnerable populations. NH is committed to providing up to date information and resources around emerging issues in regards to COVID-19 in community. Please find an overview of some of the latest information from NH pertinent for CAT tables. We will continue to keep updated information flowing during this time.

General COVID information for communities:

- [NH COVID 19 Resource Page](#)
- [Coronavirus: NH Community Guide](#)
- [NH Guide: Supporting people who experience vulnerabilities](#)
- Food Access and Food Insecurity:
 - Grants are available for communities and community based food programs, to help support food access. The NH regional food security lead has compiled a [list of food based grants](#).
 - BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC): [Food Banks and Food Distribution considerations](#)

Harm Reduction Supply Distribution:

It is important that the broad distribution of Harm Reduction supplies at the community level continue while keeping in mind the need for additional precautions due to COVID-19. Please review the following for supportive guidance.

- BCCDC: [Harm Reduction, COVID 19 and Overdose Response](#)
- BCCDC: [Priority Populations](#)
- BC Center for Substance Use (BCCSU): [COVID 19 and Substance Use](#)

Overdose response guidance in OPS and Community:

Harm Reduction sites, peers and outreach teams need to continue to encourage Take Home Naloxone training through alternative methods whenever possible such as online training modules (<http://www.naloxonetraining.com/>), or via telephone call with a staff member or peer. Peers may also pick up multiple kits for the purpose of peer training and distribution.

BCCDC: [People who use substances](#) page you will find instructions for naloxone administration (scroll to *when responding to an overdose in the community*).

Safe Supply:

- BCCSU: [Backgrounder for People who use drugs](#)
- BCCSU: [Poster information for People who use drugs](#)
- BCCSU: [Risk Mitigation in the context of dual health emergencies](#) (full guideline)

Supporting unsheltered or precariously housed:

- BCCDC: [People who are unsheltered](#)
- Fact sheet: [Supporting those who are unsheltered](#)
- Ministry of Health: [Interim Guidance to Social Service Providers for the Prevention and Control of COVID-19 in their Facilities](#)
- Ministry of Health and BC Housing: [COVID-19: Joint Provincial Program Framework for Emergency Response Centres](#)