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: www.bccdc.ca/covid19

BCCDC channels to follow:

- Twitter: @CDCofBC
- RSS feed: http://feeds.phsa.ca/bccdc-news.xml

If you have fever, a new cough, or are having difficulty breathing, call 8-1-1.
Other regional, provincial and national resources about the virus:

- Fraser Health: [https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus#.Xk7Y975KiUk](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](https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/CommunicableDiseaseControl/Pages/Breaking-News-and-Info.aspx)
- Northern Health: [https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/current-outbreaks](https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/current-outbreaks)

Additional resources:

Here are a number of resources to help your jurisdiction or organization in supporting public containment and mitigation:

Information about resources related to the State of Emergency, online symptom checker and phone line for non-health related information: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support)

Latest news releases from the Minister of Health and Provincial Health Officer: [https://news.gov.bc.ca/Search?q=COVID-19](https://news.gov.bc.ca/Search?q=COVID-19)

Information for public health partners: [www.bccdc.ca/covid19care](http://www.bccdc.ca/covid19care)

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


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.

Speak to someone:

- Non-health information and services: 1-888-COVID19
- 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.