Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
COMMUNITY SITUATION REPORT
FNHA Public Health Response

June 14, 2021

Changes from the previous Community Situation Report are in red.

COVID-19 Updates

First Nations Cases in BC
As of June 9, 2021

- There have been a total of 7,350 First Nations COVID-19 cases (7,165 lab diagnosed cases and 185 epi-linked cases). This is an increase of 19 cases since the last published report.
- Out of the total 7,350 cases, 3,126 (42.5%) are in or near community; 4,078 (55.5%) are off reserve. As geographical information is not available, information on in or near community/off reserve is not available for 146 (2.0%) cases.
- There are 66 active First Nations COVID-19 cases; 25 (37.9%) of the active cases are in or near community and 41 (62.1%) are off reserve. Information on in or near community/off reserve is available for all active cases.
- Sadly, there have been total 133 COVID-19 related deaths reported among First Nations living in BC since the beginning of the pandemic. One additional death is reported since the last published report.
- There have been a total 793 (10.8%) First Nations people hospitalized due to COVID-19 since March 1, 2020. Of these 353 hospitalizations are individuals who live in or near community and 438 off reserve. Information on in or near community/off reserve is not available for 2 cases.

Data Source: PHSA Public Health Lab, EpiLink and
BC CDC's COVID-19 Surveillance, Raw List

*Total number of cases (n=7,350) includes seven (7) COVID-19 cases reported as residents of Yukon, one (1) case reported as “Out of Canada” resident and seven (7) cases reported as "Out of BC – Alberta" residents. Above figure provides regional distribution of COVID-19 cases (n=7,335) reported as BC residents.
Regional Active cases and Testing data as of June 9, 2021

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<tr>
<th>Active First Nations COVID-19 cases</th>
<th>Fraser Salish</th>
<th>Interior</th>
<th>Northern</th>
<th>Vancouver Coastal</th>
<th>Vancouver Island</th>
<th>Total N (%)</th>
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<td>12</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>Total persons tested</td>
<td>9,542</td>
<td>9,568</td>
<td>11,447</td>
<td>8,758</td>
<td>9,151</td>
<td>48,498</td>
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<td>Cumulative percentage positivity (%) (Feb, 2020 to June 7, 2021)</td>
<td>6.9%</td>
<td>8.6%</td>
<td>16.8%</td>
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<td>Percentage positivity (%) over the past week (June 1 to June 7, 2021)</td>
<td>4.0%</td>
<td>7.9%</td>
<td>10.0%</td>
<td>9.4%</td>
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<td>Testing rate (total tests per 100,000 First Nations people)</td>
<td>63,903.5</td>
<td>43,925.8</td>
<td>40,779.2</td>
<td>67,195.5</td>
<td>37,509.1</td>
<td>48,109.4</td>
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*Algorithm to define people who are removed from isolation is updated on February 5, 2021 to reflect change adopted by PHSA. Updated algorithm assigns cases who are lost to follow up and whose surveillance date (reported date and if not available then result date) >=20 days before the line list case dataset date to “removed from isolation.” Information about RHA of residence is not available for 1 active case and 1 case reported as “Out of BC – Yukon” resident.

Geographical Information (RHAs) for 32 BC First Nations people who are tested for COVID-19 is not available. They are included in total number of First Nations people tested in BC.

First Nations COVID-19 Cases in or near Community*

First Nations COVID-19 Cases in British Columbia
June 9, 2021 (n=7,350)

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<th>Place of Residence</th>
<th>First Nations COVID-19 Cases</th>
<th>In or Near Community</th>
<th>Off-Reserve</th>
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<td>Removed from Isolation</td>
<td>3,126 (42.5%)</td>
<td>n=3101</td>
<td>n=25</td>
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<td>Active Cases</td>
<td>4,078 (55.5%)</td>
<td>n=4037</td>
<td>n=41</td>
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*In or near community analysis is available for all active cases. Total number of cases (n=7,350) includes 146 cases without information on LHA of residence and “In or Near Community” analysis.

Note: Analyses for in or near community includes lab confirmed cases and epi-linked cases with known geographical information. Other cases (including case tested outside of BC) are included in the cases by Health Authority. As of June 9, 2021, there were 25 active First Nations COVID-19 cases in or near community.
The majority (73.2%) of cases among First Nations have occurred in those under age 50.

The cumulative percent positive for all COVID-19 test completed for First Nations in BC was 9.85% as of June 9, 2021. The rate of positive cases was 4,527.2 per 100,000 people among First Nations. The rate of positive case among other residents of BC was 2,823.6 per 100,000 people.

Epidemic curve for COVID-19 cases among BC First Nations by episode date (coloured bar), surveillance date (line) and health authority, British Columbia February 23, 2020 (Week-9) – June 9, 2021 (Week-23, 2021*) (n=7,350)
Episode date is now defined as date of illness onset, hospital admission, or death. When those dates are not available, earliest lab date (collection date or result date) is used, and if unavailable, surveillance date is used. Report date used previously is now replaced with surveillance date (laboratory result date); if unavailable, report date is used.

Data source: BCCDC’s line list data received from RHAs (up to June 8, 2021) and PHSA’s public health lab data (up to June 9, 2021). This epidemiological curve represents the weekly cases reported among First Nations in BC. The proportion of cases within each region is colour coded and the case counts each day are represented by the solid black line. The incidence per 100,000 are represented by the dotted line. Regions are represented by following coloured bars in the diagram: Fraser – Dark blue, Interior – Red, Northern – Light Blue, Vancouver Coastal – Orange, and Vancouver Island – Green.

Provincial COVID-19 Cases – Updated as of: June 11, 2021 at 3 p.m.
- Since the start of the pandemic, there have been 146,176 confirmed cases in BC, and 1,730 deaths from COVID-19
- There are 1,880 active cases, 162 people are currently hospitalized and, of those, 45 people are in intensive care
- Of the total number of cases, 142,526 (97.5%) people have fully recovered

Active Outbreaks (as of June 11, 2021)
- Long-term care/assisted living centres/independent living: 6 outbreaks
- Acute care units: 2 outbreaks

Vaccine Distribution
- As of June 10, 2021, more than 93,600 individuals 18+ years of age and more than 3,900 individuals ages 12-17 who are First Nations people (and some non-First Nations people living in or near First Nations communities) have received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Of these individuals, more than 40,700 First Nations people 18+ years of age and more than 100 First Nations individuals 12-17 years old have received two doses. This includes vaccines administered in First Nations communities, as well as outside of communities by regional health authorities.
- As of June 10, 62.8% of all status and status-eligible First Nations people in BC age 18 and older have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine
- As of June 11, a total of 3,893,581 doses of vaccine have been administered in BC, of which 497,932 are second doses. 73.1% of eligible people in BC (12+) have received one dose.
A geographic distribution of COVID-19 by Local Health Area can be found here.
A weekly update on Variants of Concern can be found here.

First Nations Community Statistics from Indigenous Services Canada (May 27, 2021):
- Access Restrictions: 137 (-1)
- Band Offices Inaccessible: 86 (same)
- Security Checkpoints: 70 (-1)
- State of Local Emergency: 50 (same)
- EOC Activations: 111 (same)

**FNHA Resources and Supports**

**Information for BC First Nations Individuals**
Visit: [https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus/public](https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus/public) to find out more including
- COVID-19 vaccine
- Self-isolation
- Testing and symptoms
- Medical support including Virtual Doctor of the Day Service
- Mental health and cultural supports

**Information for Community Leaders**
Visit: [https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus/community-leaders](https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus/community-leaders) to find out more including
- COVID-19 vaccine
- Community situation reports
- Support and funding
- Health benefits

**Resources for Health Professionals**
Visit: [https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus/health-professionals](https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus/health-professionals) to find out more including
- COVID-19 Management
- COVID-19 Vaccine
- Infection Prevention & Control
- Nursing Practice

**Latest News**
- [COVID-19 Vaccines for Youth 12 to 17](https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus/public) June 9, 2021
- [Vaccines and Vigilance Key to Putting the Pandemic behind Us](https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus/public) June 2, 2021
- [The Second COVID-19 Vaccine Dose: Why We All Need to Get It, and What to Expect](https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus/public) May 5, 2021
- [Vaccinated Mothers Can Transfer Antibodies to Their Babies to Protect Them from COVID-19](https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus/public) April 27, 2021
- [Draw on Culture, Community and Resilience to Stay Safe Against COVID-19 Variants and Rising Cases](https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus/public) April 12
- [The Mental Health Pandemic within the COVID-19 Pandemic](https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus/public) April 8, 2021
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Now Open to All Indigenous People 18+](https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus/public) March 31, 2021
For more latest news visit https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events

**FNHA Response**

**Working with First Nations**
The FNHA is working in partnership with First Nations communities to ensure communities’ needs are met, including:

- Maintaining essential services to support First Nations communities during this pandemic.
- Providing COVID-19 funding resources and wrap-around supports including for medical transportation, self-isolation and quarantine. See the FNHA Community Support Guide for more information. Support requests can be sent to COVID19needs@fnha.ca
- Supporting First Nations communities in refreshing their Pandemic Plans
- FNHA continues to maintain operations team availability to respond to COVID-19 support requests through the weekends during business hours.
- Launching virtual care services including First Nations Virtual Doctor of the Day and First Nations Virtual Substance Use and Psychiatry Service
- Site selection, training and deployment of Point of Care Testing for COVID-19 is underway.

**Working with Partners**
The FNHA is continuing to work with our provincial and federal partners towards aligning response efforts in support of First Nations communities and people living away from home across the province. This includes:

- Maintaining regular communication and updates with Regional Health Authorities, Emergency Management of BC, Ministry of Health, First Nations Leadership Council, and Indigenous Services Canada to proactively identify needs and address issues Supporting planning at both the provincial and regional level for the Rural, Remote and Indigenous Framework,
- FNHA is in discussions federally and provincially to support BC Restart including reopening of public buildings, and return to work and business operations for facilities where safe and appropriate.

**Vaccinations**

- The FNHA is working hard with our partners and First Nations communities to support vaccine distribution and planning and to prioritize available doses for First Nations communities
- Remote and isolated First Nations communities have been identified as a priority for vaccination with the first doses arriving December 29, 2020.

**Personal Protective Equipment**

- The FNHA continues to work with Federal and Provincial partners to obtain Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for health care staff and first responders in all communities.
- First Nations communities requiring personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 emergency can send their requests to COVID19needs@fnha.ca.