

## **Fwd: QUOTE FOR APPROVAL : PHSA new birthing suite- quote added**

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To: Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
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**To:** "van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX" <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject: Re: QUOTE FOR APPROVAL : PHSA new birthing suite- quote added**

Perfect

On Sep 17, 2020, at 1:22 PM, van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX  
<Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

For immediate release  
September 18, 2020 (TBC)

Provincial Health Services Authority  
BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre  
Government of British Columbia

### **10 new single room birthing suites open at BC Women's Hospital**

VANCOUVER – More women with low-risk pregnancies will have access to single room birthing suites at BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre where they can labour, deliver and recover in the post-partum period with their babies, thanks to 10 new single room birthing suites that open to patients this month.

"As part of our promise to British Columbians, we're investing in improving access to necessary care, including today's announcement on expanding the number of single room birthing suites for low-risk expectant mothers," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "Evidence has shown how important single room maternity care is to improve bonding and attachment for mothers and infants."

The BC Women's Cedar Birthing Suites 10-bed expansion increases the number of single birthing rooms at BC Women's to 27. More expectant mothers and families can now benefit from Single Room Maternity Care (SRMC), a birthing model of care for women with low-risk pregnancies, allowing them to remain in one home-like room for their entire hospital stay. This allows for continuity of care by a collaborative team during labour, birth, and postpartum. Keeping mothers and babies together contributes

to successful breastfeeding, a nurturing environment to support attachment, and shorter hospital stays.

The 10-bed birthing suites expansion is funded by the Government of BC through the third and final phase of the \$676-million BC Children's and BC Women's Redevelopment Project, a joint initiative of the Province of British Columbia and the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA). This project also included construction of the Teck Acute Care Centre, BC Women's Urgent Care Centre, and the relocation and redesign of the Families in Recovery (FIR) Square Combined Care Unit.

Women delivering at BC Women's Cedar Birthing Suites will experience the following benefits:

- Beds for partners to sleep on in all 27 of the SRMC suites
- Larger showers and tubs in new suites with private bathrooms in all new/existing suites
- A relaxing, environment in each room with the peace of mind that medical care is nearby

Donors to the BC Women's Health Foundation helped enhance the patient experience by providing funding support for amenities like the new family lounge, private bathrooms, beds for support persons to sleep on, and decor to create a modern, comfortable, "home-like" feel in the rooms.

The Cedar Birthing Suites expansion also ensures that high-risk labour and delivery rooms are available to women who need them.

#### **Quotes:**

##### **Benoit Morin, President and CEO, Provincial Health Services Authority**

"We are now able to give more expectant mothers access to an enhanced patient experience through a birthing model that allows for continuity of care by a collaborative team in a single room birthing suite at BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre. I would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to the provincial government for their support, as well as BC Women's Health Foundation and their donors for fundraising initiatives that made this project possible."

##### **Genesa Greening, CEO of BC Women's Health Foundation**

"Women-centred care is a philosophy our Foundation holds paramount. These new Birthing Suites will offer yet more women access to healthcare that sees them beyond their pregnancy. Each room is a safe and calming environment that is tailored to the unique needs of each woman, each newborn, and each family. That's why today, and for the past 25 years, we have been incredibly proud to connect our generous donors with opportunities to invest in BC Women's Hospital's world-class model of care."

##### **Tina LAST NAME, who delivered in an SRMC suite at BC Women's**

"The suite that we were in was very large and spacious. Being able to set up in one place and have everything that I need, whether it's the tub or the shower or somewhere for my husband to rest, it made the whole experience very seamless."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwcPQRmMhOk&t=34s>

#### **Quick Facts:**

- On September 9, 2020, 10 new single room birthing suites opened at BC Women's, bringing the total to 27, increasing capacity by 37%
- BC Women's is one of the country's busiest maternity centres, delivering approximately 7,300 babies last year.
- Approximately 30 per cent of expectant women deliver in single room maternity care suites at BC Women's per year. It is expected 40 per cent of total deliveries



at BC Women's will occur in the single room maternity care suites going forward.

**Learn More:**

<http://www.bcwomens.ca/our-services/labour-birth-post-birth-care/labour-birth/single-room-maternity-care>

[Link to BC Women's Cedar Birthing Suites images here from the Sept. 3 photoshoot]

**BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre**, a program of the Provincial Health Services Authority, is the province's only facility dedicated to the health of women, newborns and families. It is one of the country's busiest maternity centres, delivering more than 7,000 babies annually, and serves as the provincial resource for high-risk maternity care, as well as the most highly-specialized centre for the largest neonatal intensive care unit in BC. More than 50,000 women are seen annually through its specialized women and family programs, which include world-class services in sexual assault care, medical genetics, HIV care, reproductive and sexual health, maternal substance dependency, osteoporosis and complex chronic diseases. For more information, visit [www.bcwomens.ca](http://www.bcwomens.ca) or follow us on Twitter @BCWomensHosp

**The Provincial Health Services Authority** plans, manages and evaluates selected specialty health care services across BC, working with the five regional health authorities, First Nations Health Authority and the Ministry of Health to deliver province-wide solutions that improve the health of British Columbians. For more information, visit [www.phsa.ca](http://www.phsa.ca) or follow us @PHSAofBC

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## Fwd: French Summary - Sept. 17

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To: Dixon, Olivia PREM:EX <Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca>  
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**Subject:** French Summary - Sept. 17

Hi Amanda,

Please find attached today's French summary.

Thanks,  
Caro

**Carolyn Bru**  
Senior Public Affairs Officer  
Government Communications & Public Engagement  
BC Ministry of Health  
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## **Fwd: Contact Tracing Weekly Progress Report as of Sept 16**

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**Cc:** "van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX" <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>, "Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX" <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Contact Tracing Weekly Progress Report as of Sept 16

Hi Minister – In addition to the contact tracing hiring update that Holly provided, there are some bullets below that provide information on the Health Career Access Program:

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**To:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Pokorny, Peter HLTH:EX <Peter.Pokorny@gov.bc.ca>; van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Contact Tracing Weekly Progress Report as of Sept 16

Good afternoon Minister

Please find attached this weeks contact tracing progress report.

Regards,

Holly Moulton  
Director of Operations  
Office of the Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Health  
Cell: 250 508 0641

## Re: Clndy Harnett

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To: Dixon, Olivia PREM:EX <Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca>  
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You are the best

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**Subject:** Clndy Harnett  
**Importance:** High

For Cindy Harnett's interview

## Re: UPCC Data

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To: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
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Current operational

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On Sep 17, 2020, at 1:52 PM, Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

For potentially doing 30 UPCC's or current operational.  
Holly

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 1:49 PM  
**To:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: UPCC Data

Attachment.  
At full implementation, expecting regular traffic:

- how many visits
- how many attachments
- current upccs FTEs

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On Sep 17, 2020, at 1:33 PM, Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Apologies, just so I'm getting you the right info do you want to answer the below.  
Thanks

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**From:** Patterson, Ted HLTH:EX <Ted.Patterson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 1:11 PM  
**To:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Abercrombie, Todd A HLTH:EX <Todd.Abercrombie@gov.bc.ca>; McMullen, Bethany S C HLTH:EX <Bethany.McMullen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: UPCC Data

Hi Holly,

I want to make sure we are pulling together the right information. Can you clarify the following:

- UPCCs "at full implementation" – what is "full implementation" referring to? (a) How many FTEs are or will be working in the UPCCs that are currently operational ? Or (b) How may FTEs will be working in FTEs when we get to 30 UPCCs? If it's (a) we have that, if it's (b) we can only estimate...
- What do you mean by "will help at full implementation"? Target annual patient visits to a UPCC?

- Similarly, what do you mean by “help”? Attachment targets? Total population served within a geographic area?

Thanks,

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**Cc:** Abercrombie, Todd A HLTH:EX <[Todd.Abercrombie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Todd.Abercrombie@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** UPCC Data

Good afternoon Ted,

Could you please provide me with the below information if you have it with regard to UPCCs at full implementation. Apologies tight timeline and will need asap.

- the number of FTEs there will be at UPCCs at full implementation (preferably broken down by UPCC, but total if that will be too time consuming)
- the number of people UPCCs will be able to help at full implementation
- the number of people the PCNs will be able to help at full implementation, broken down by PCN

Thank you.  
Holly

## Fwd: COVID Update September 17

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To: Dixon, Olivia PREM:EX <Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca>  
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**Subject:** COVID Update September 17

Good afternoon Minister,

Attached please find today's COVID update.

Thank you.

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## Fwd: IN - Langley Lodge

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Final coming eventually

**JMP**

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**From:** Blackwell, Jacqueline [FH] <Jacqueline.Blackwell@fraserhealth.ca>  
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**To:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
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Director, Public Affairs  
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## Re: TB Submission - <sup>s.12</sup>

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Thanks! Thought that would work :)

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On Sep 17, 2020, at 2:13 PM, Pokorny, Peter HLTH:EX <Peter.Pokorny@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Just had a call from the Minister that he wants his signature applied. Good to go. Thanks!

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**From:** Pokorny, Peter HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>; Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: TB Submission - <sup>s.12</sup>

Resending

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**From:** Pokorny, Peter HLTH:EX  
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**Subject:** TB Submission - <sup>s.12</sup>

Hi Minister – For your review and signature, I have attached a TB Sub <sup>s.12</sup>  
<sup>s.12</sup>

My understanding is that you have background on where the request originated through conversations with MCJ and Steve.

TB Staff have advised that <sup>s.12</sup>  
<sup>s.12</sup>

Thanks,  
Peter

Peter Pokorny  
Associate Deputy Minister  
Corporate Services  
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## FW: avail documents

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Banfield, Elena GCPE:EX <Elena.Banfield@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 2:45:36 PM PDT  
Attachments: 09-17-20 - Draft remarks.docx, ST\_Covid\_Sept 17 (130pm).docx, 16-Sept-20 Contact Tracing Weekly Report\_FINAL.docx, Surgical Renewal Template for Sept 18\_FINAL\_Long Version.docx

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 1:20 PM  
**To:** Dixon, Olivia PREM:EX <Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** avail documents

Just missing one French document but can you get started on this package first?



## RE: Surgical numbers

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Banfield, Elena GCPE:EX <Elena.Banfield@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 2:46:20 PM PDT  
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**Sent:** September 17, 2020 2:45 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Surgical numbers

Hi Amanda,

Are you able to share the surgical numbers for our interpreters today?

Thank you!

Elena

**Elena Banfield** | Event Coordinator  
Government Communications and Public Engagement  
604-842-0984 | [elena.banfield@gov.bc.ca](mailto:elena.banfield@gov.bc.ca)  
Sent from my iPhone

## FW: Port Moody

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 2:47:23 PM PDT  
Bad news for Port Moody.

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**From:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 2:44 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Pokorny, Peter HLTH:EX <Peter.Pokorny@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Port Moody

Please note the below from program are Amanda.  
Holly

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**From:** Patterson, Ted HLTH:EX <Ted.Patterson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 2:43 PM  
**To:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Port Moody

Identifying a new suitable space will be a matter of at least several weeks, and then if a lease negotiation for the new site is required that will take further additional time – so on the conservative side this has set us back a few months.

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**From:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 2:39 PM  
**To:** Patterson, Ted HLTH:EX <Ted.Patterson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Port Moody  
**Importance:** High

Hi Ted, are you able to get further clarity on the below piece for the MO. Do we expect this to be a short or long term issue ie could be resolved in days or months?

***Lease negotiations fell through at the 11th hour when the landlord couldn't legally terminate an agreement with an existing tenant.***

Holly

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**From:** Patterson, Ted HLTH:EX <Ted.Patterson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 15, 2020 3:01 PM  
**To:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Pokorny, Peter HLTH:EX <Peter.Pokorny@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Port Moody

Hi Holly,

Please see below from Fraser Health.

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**From:** Chouinor, Kathleen [FH] <kathleen.chouinor@fraserhealth.ca>  
**Sent:** September 15, 2020 2:53 PM  
**To:** Patterson, Ted HLTH:EX <Ted.Patterson@gov.bc.ca>; Pokorny, Peter HLTH:EX <Peter.Pokorny@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** McQuillen, Kelly HLTH:EX <Kelly.McQuillen@gov.bc.ca>; Peters, Norman [FH] <norman.peters@fraserhealth.ca>  
**Subject:** Port Moody

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Good afternoon Ted and Peter.

You are aware that we recently encounter significant challenges securing the lease space for the Port Moody UPCC.

Please see the details below:

Lease negotiations fell through at the 11th hour when the landlord couldn't legally terminate an agreement with an existing tenant,

Despite our best efforts we have been notified that the intended space in Port Moody is no longer available to us at the time we had anticipated signing the lease.

Next steps:

Discussion is planned s.13; s.16

s.13; s.16

Within Fraser Health, we are planning s.13; s.16

s.13; s.16

This will allow our leasing team to continue the search and negotiations for an appropriate permanent location in the community. Presently they are compiling a new list of potential sites that we will visit next week to determine appropriateness.

Please contact me directly if you require any additional details.

We commit to working as quickly as we can to formulate not only the temporary plan but the permanent plan to meet our intended deliverables.

Regards, Kathy

'Stay safe, stay calm and be kind; to ourselves and to each other' - Dr. Bonnie Henry, Public Health Officer - March 2020

Kathleen Chouinor, MBA, MHA, CHE

Executive Director, Primary Health Care & Chronic Disease Management

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## FW: QA notes

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To: Dixon, Olivia PREM:EX <Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 2:54:32 PM PDT  
Attachments: PJH Media Avail Sep 17.docx  
Quick print and run to him.

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**From:** Szabo, Maria HLTH:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 2:54 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** QA notes

## RE: QA notes

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Szabo, Maria HLTH:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 2:57:03 PM PDT  
I honestly feel like we have the best team. Thank you.

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**Sent:** September 17, 2020 2:54 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** QA notes

## RE: Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature

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To: Dixon, Olivia PREM:EX <Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 2:57:17 PM PDT  
Sweet!

Can you scan and send to me so I can show them.

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**From:** Dixon, Olivia PREM:EX <Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 2:57 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature

Signed and will have ready to mail off tomorrow morning

**Olivia Dixon** | Administrative Assistant  
Vancouver Cabinet Office | Office of the Premier  
**O:** 604-398-5779 | **B:** 604-775-1600 | **E:** [Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca)

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**To:** Dixon, Olivia PREM:EX <[Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature

If you can get this one signed, scanned, and then mailed to the attention of Holly Moulton at 1515 Blanchard, that would be great.

He knows this one is coming.

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**From:** Andrachuk, Andrea HLTH:EX <[Andrea.Andrachuk@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Andrea.Andrachuk@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 2:45 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <[Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <[Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature

Hi Amanda  
Our apologies for the separate emails. We have received one more for this week.  
Please find attached an appointment order for FHA.  
Hard copy to follow in the pouch.  
Many thanks  
Andrea

Sent from my iPhone

## Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature

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To: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 3:00:46 PM PDT  
Attachments: Scan\_20200917.pdf  
Signed! Hard copy coming your way tomorrow.

## **are you getting both approvals today?**

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Nicola Lambrechts <nicola@nlkstrategies.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 3:01:51 PM PDT  
Re statement?



## Fwd: FINAL: IN - Langley

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dixon, Olivia PREM:EX <Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 3:08:47 PM PDT  
Attachments: IN\_Langley Lodge report\_17Sept2020\_3pm.doc, ATT00001.htm  
If he isn't already live. This?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX" <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** September 17, 2020 at 3:08:09 PM PDT  
**To:** "van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX" <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>, "Greer, Shannon GCPE:EX" <Shannon.Greer@gov.bc.ca>, "Dixon, Olivia PREM:EX" <Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** "May, Stephen GCPE:EX" <Stephen.May@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FINAL: IN - Langley

Here is the final

**JMP**

Desk: 236-478-0302  
Cell: 250-886-2154

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**From:** Blackwell, Jacqueline [FH] <Jacqueline.Blackwell@fraserhealth.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 2:57 PM  
**To:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** XT:Nuraney, Naseem GCPE:IN <Naseem.Nuraney@fraserhealth.ca>  
**Subject:** IN - Langley

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Hi Jean-Marc,

Our final IN is attached.

**Jacqueline Blackwell**  
**Director, Public Affairs**  
**Communications and Public Affairs**

**Fraser Health**

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[www.fraserhealth.ca](http://www.fraserhealth.ca)

## Re: 250K announcement - phone calls to recipients and FFCB

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Mercier, Veronique IGRS:EX <Veronique.Mercier@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 3:10:34 PM PDT  
Thank you so much!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2020, at 3:10 PM, Mercier, Veronique IGRS:EX <Veronique.Mercier@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Ok, we'll do!

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 3:09 PM  
**To:** Mercier, Veronique IGRS:EX <Veronique.Mercier@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: 250K announcement - phone calls to recipients and FFCB

I would very much appreciate it if you could make the calls for us :)

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2020, at 3:03 PM, Mercier, Veronique IGRS:EX <Veronique.Mercier@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Amanda,

In Thuy's absence, please see the email below.

Should our office make the phone calls? Last year Cassandra made the phone calls.

Thank you,

Véronique

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**From:** Mercier, Veronique IGRS:EX  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 3:00 PM  
**To:** Pham, Thuy HLTH:EX <Thuy.Pham@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX <Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca>; Cameron, Tara D IGRS:EX <Tara.Cameron@gov.bc.ca>; van Marum, Karen IGRS:EX <Karen.vanMarum@gov.bc.ca>; Tremblay, Marc IGRS:EX <Marc.Tremblay@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** 250K announcement - phone calls to recipients and FFCB  
**Importance:** High

Hi Thuy,

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Email onlys.22
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Thank you,

Véronique

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**From:** Tremblay, Marc IGRS:EX <[Marc.Tremblay@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Marc.Tremblay@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** Mercier, Veronique IGRS:EX <[Veronique.Mercier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Veronique.Mercier@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR FORMATING: BN for Minister Dix (Rencontre FFCB)

Bonjour Véronique,

Voici la BN en français et en anglais.

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Marc

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**Sent:** 11 septembre 2020 11:32  
**To:** Tremblay, Marc IGRS:EX <[Marc.Tremblay@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Marc.Tremblay@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Brodeur, Chantal IGRS:EX <[Chantal.Brodeur@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Chantal.Brodeur@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: FOR FORMATING: BN for Minister Dix (Rencontre FFCB)

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**From:** Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX <[Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 9, 2020 5:22 PM  
**To:** Mercier, Veronique IGRS:EX <[Veronique.Mercier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Veronique.Mercier@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Dawes, Sandra IGRS:EX <[Sandra.Dawes@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sandra.Dawes@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR FORMATING: BN for Minister Dix (Rencontre FFCB)

Merci / Thanks

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Pour info seulement, je joins ici la version avec les changements in track mode.

Pierrette

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**From:** Mercier, Veronique IGRS:EX <[Veronique.Mercier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Veronique.Mercier@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 9, 2020 11:34 AM  
**To:** Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX <[Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR FORMATING: BN for Minister Dix (Rencontre FFCB)

Bonjour Pierrette,

You mentioned you wanted to re-read the BN before I send to translation. Of note, I noticed that sometimes we refer to Minister Dix in the third person and sometimes we refer to Minister Dix using the first person (i.e. you).

Let me know when it will be ready for sending.

Thank you,

Veronique

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**From:** Dawes, Sandra IGRS:EX <[Sandra.Dawes@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sandra.Dawes@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 9, 2020 10:23 AM  
**To:** Mercier, Veronique IGRS:EX <[Veronique.Mercier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Veronique.Mercier@gov.bc.ca)>; Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX <[Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR FORMATING: BN for Minister Dix (Rencontre FFCB)

Attached, please find the proofed + formatted BN.  
It's saved on the LAN under:  
J:\ADMINISTRATION 100 to 499\280 Executive-20 BN\FAP

Thanks,  
Sandra

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**From:** Mercier, Veronique IGRS:EX <[Veronique.Mercier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Veronique.Mercier@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 8, 2020 4:17 PM  
**To:** Dawes, Sandra IGRS:EX <[Sandra.Dawes@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sandra.Dawes@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX <[Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FOR FORMATING: BN for Minister Dix (Rencontre FFCB)

Hi Sandra,

Could you please format the attached document and send back to Pierrette and I?

Thank you,

**Véronique Mercier**

Director, HR, Corporate Initiatives and Francophone Affairs  
Directrice, RH, initiatives organisationnelles et Programme des affaires francophones  
Tel : (250) 387 – 4791 Cell: 250-216-5416

PRONOUNS: She/her/hers

I respectfully acknowledge the Lekwungen People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, and all the Indigenous Peoples of British Columbia. I am grateful to be able to live and work in their territories.

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## RE: UPCC Data

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To: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 3:19:03 PM PDT  
You're like a wizard

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**From:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 3:16 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** UPCC Data

Does this work?  
Holly

## RE: 250K announcement - phone calls to recipients and FFCB

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Sent: September 17, 2020 3:52:15 PM PDT  
Attachments: image001.jpg  
Give me a ring?

I am getting Veronique to call around.

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**Subject:** FW: 250K announcement - phone calls to recipients and FFCB  
**Importance:** High

Hi Amanda, has Minister engaged with you about meeting with the Federation beforehand (from previous email I sent) The organizations does not know that they are receiving the grant, so I can call them individually to let them know the good news if a conference call is no longer required.

Will be good to meet with the Federation though.

Thank you,  
Thuy

### Thuy Pham

Ministerial Assistant to  
Hon. Adrian Dix, Minister of Health  
& Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs  
Room 337 | Parliament Buildings, Victoria, BC | V8W 9V1  
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You mentioned you wanted to re-read the BN before I send to translation. Of note, I noticed that sometimes we refer to Minister Dix in the third person and sometimes we refer to Minister Dix using the first person (i.e. you).

Let me know when it will be ready for sending.

Thank you,

Veronique

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**From:** Dawes, Sandra IGRS:EX <[Sandra.Dawes@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sandra.Dawes@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** September 9, 2020 10:23 AM

**To:** Mercier, Veronique IGRS:EX <[Veronique.Mercier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Veronique.Mercier@gov.bc.ca)>; Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX <[Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca)>

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Attached, please find the proofed + formatted BN.

It's saved on the LAN under:

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Thanks,

Sandra

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**Sent:** September 8, 2020 4:17 PM

**To:** Dawes, Sandra IGRS:EX <[Sandra.Dawes@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sandra.Dawes@gov.bc.ca)>

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Hi Sandra,

Could you please format the attached document and send back to Pierrette and I?

Thank you,

**Véronique Mercier**

Director, HR, Corporate Initiatives and Francophone Affairs

Directrice, RH, initiatives organisationnelles et Programme des affaires francophones

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PRONOUNS: She/her/hers

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## Outstanding media requests - COVID only

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Sent: September 17, 2020 4:03:19 PM PDT  
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Full media round up:

Quick summary below:

### Minister Dix:

- Cindy Harnett, Reporter Times Colonist – interview about assisted living and LTC review (originally scheduled for last week – but bumped and reporter is following up)
- Fabienne Hareau, Producer CBC Phare Ouest – interview in French on general COVID-19 (tomorrow 7am, 7:15am, 7:35am, 8am)
- Daniel O'Hara, Producer AM 1150 – interview about COVID-19 numbers and general update (any morning this week)
- Brendan Pawliw, Reporter VISTA Radio Prince George – interview on general COVID update (Reporter is available for a pre-taped interview any day this week 5am-3pm)
- Jeremy Hainsworth, Reporter Glacier Media – interview about the future of healthcare post-pandemic (no deadline)
- Charla Huber, Reporter Times Colonist – interview for a back to school column (no deadline)
- Aradhana Sharma, Editor Aarzo Magazine – interview about COVID-19, questions sent in advance (proposed answers attached)
- Vijay Vaibhav Saini, Host Connect 95.1 – interview about increase in cases, back to school, Cambie decision (tomorrow 9:15am or 9:40am)
- FOLLOWED UP Victor Young, Producer Simi Sara 980 CKNW – COVID-19 testing and new school notification website (tomorrow 7:15am or Friday)
- Brennan Phillips, Reporter Penticton Western News – misinformation pamphlets being circulated in Keremeos (ASAP)
- NEW Jeff Andreas, Reporter Radio NL – general COVID-19 (tomorrow or any day next week)
- NEW Jeff Johnson, Reporter Drive FM Cranbrook – East Kootenay PCN (ASAP)

### Both or Either:

- Vivian Luk, Producer CBC News – interview about releasing data on confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases (tomorrow at 7:10am)

### Dr. Henry:

- Elaine Chau, Producer CBC Vancouver – general COVID-19 interview (any day this week)
- Safeeya Peerani, Host Spice Radio 1200 AM – COVID-19 protocols going into fall (any morning 9:15am, 9:30am, and 9:45am)
- Harjinder Thind, RED FM – back to school, new measures of restaurants (September 16 at 8:30am)

Thank you,

Shannon

### Shannon Greer

Communications Manager | Ministry of Health  
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**Media contact:** Ministry of Health Communications  
250 952-1887 (media line)

## RE: Today's Statement - Sept 17

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To: Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 4:13:15 PM PDT  
I can't see Peace Arch listed?

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**Sent:** September 17, 2020 2:35 PM  
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**Cc:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>; Greer, Shannon GCPE:EX <Shannon.Greer@gov.bc.ca>; Yeung, Lucinda HLTH:EX <Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Today's Statement - Sept 17

Hi all,  
Attached is the revised statement with Peace Arch added in – for approval.  
Thx!

Hannah  
Office 250 952-2475

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Hi Everyone - Attached please find today's statement for review and approval. Lots to talk about today!

Thank you,  
Nicola

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## RE: tweets to approve

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What about a healthcare access program?

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Need approval before link goes live.

Here are tweet drafts in the meantime:

1

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We are grieving with you.

2

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Full statement: <LINK>

3.

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This increase will rise to 24% in the year following.

We said we would catch up surgeries lost to COVID-19 within 15 to 22 months and we are on track to do exactly that.

5

There continues to be significant interest in our contact tracing positions.

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Here is our approved version.  
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*Dr Bonnie Henry  
Provincial Health Officer  
Office of the PHO  
Ministry of Health  
s.15; s.19*

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Victoria, BC  
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*I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em*

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To: Dixon, Olivia PREM:EX <Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca>  
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Hero! Thank you!

Same thing if you get it back – electronic to me. Written mailed to Holly at 1515 Blanchard

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**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
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I have temporarily lost him somewhere in the office. But I have left it on his stuff with a big bright sticky note saying “sign and give back before leaving”

**Olivia Dixon** | Administrative Assistant  
Vancouver Cabinet Office | Office of the Premier  
**O:** 604-398-5779 | **B:** 604-775-1600 | **E:** [Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca)

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Any way you can get this in front of him and signed before he leaves?

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**From:** Andrachuk, Andrea HLTH:EX <[Andrea.Andrachuk@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Andrea.Andrachuk@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 4:20 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <[Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <[Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Ministerial Order for the Minister's Signature

Hi Amanda,  
A further order has come through. Please find attached an order to appoint Susan Ellen Powell as a public member to the board of the College of Chiropractors of British Columbia.

Many thanks,  
**Andrea Andrachuk**  
Manager, Executive Program Operations  
Office of the Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Health

## RE: tweets to approve

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 4:33:40 PM PDT  
Just don't know what you meant about the healthcare access program Help a girl out?

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**From:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 4:33 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: tweets to approve

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On Sep 17, 2020, at 4:22 PM, van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <[Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Need approval before link goes live.

Here are tweet drafts in the meantime:

1

Dr Henry and I would like to send our sincere condolences to the loved one of the person who passed away since yesterday.

#COVID19 has taken the lives of 220 people in British Columbia. Each of them with people who loved them and are grieving.

We are grieving with you.

2

165 new cases of #COVID19 in BC since yesterday for a total of 7,663 in BC.

57 are in hospital (-3) with 22 in ICU (-1). 5,719 people have recovered.

Two new outbreaks have occurred since yesterday - at Delta Hospital and Peace Arch Hospital.

Full statement: <LINK>

3.

Between May 18th and September 13, we completed 102,598 surgeries. 78,437 were scheduled surgeries, and 24,161 were unscheduled or emergency surgeries as follows:

IHA - 19,220  
FHA - 28,491  
VCHA - 23,829  
VIHA - 20,848  
NHA - 5,941  
PHSA - 4,269

4

Between June 15th this year and March 31st next year, surgical capacity will increase by 16%.

This increase will rise to 24% in the year following.

We said we would catch up surgeries lost to COVID-19 within 15 to 22 months and we are on track to do exactly that.

5

There continues to be significant interest in our contact tracing positions.

3,621 people have expressed interest to date, & health authorities are expediting the screening & hiring process, including hiring additional administration & recruiters to facilitate the process.



## FW: Items for Minister Signature

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 4:34:25 PM PDT  
Attachments: 1168767 APPENDIX A - INCOMING - ProgGen MO DBN<sup>s.13</sup>  
s.13 .pdf, s.13 Reg Count.pdf, OIC - s.13 .pdf, 1168767 -  
ProgGen DBN for MO -s.13<sup>xref</sup>  
1170189.docx, 1168767 APPENDIX B - FHA NAMING POLICY - ProgGen MO<sup>xref</sup>  
DBN - s.13 xref 1170189.pdf

I understand these are the last two items remaining for your approval.

Would you like them sent to Idy to print for you at your CO tomorrow?

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From: Andrachuk, Andrea HLTH:EX <Andrea.Andrachuk@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 4:31 PM  
To: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: Items for Minister Signature

Hi Amanda,  
Holly asked me to send through the last two pieces below for the Minister's signature.

1168767 - DBN<sup>s.13</sup>  
Reg Count Checklist  
OIC -s.13 The Minister signed the OIC this morning, however the Reg count checklist was missed.  
Seeking your approval to apply his e-sig.

Andrea Andrachuk | Manager, Executive Program Operations  
Office of the Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Health

P: 778-698-8391  
C: 250-213-5066  
email: andrea.andrachuk@gov.bc.ca <mailto:andrea.andrachuk@gov.bc.ca>

## Fwd: FINAL: IN: Langley Lodge

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 5:22:44 PM PDT  
Attachments: IN\_Langley Lodge report\_17Sept2020\_3pm.doc, ATT00001.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX" <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** September 17, 2020 at 4:45:43 PM PDT  
**To:** "Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX" <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>, Nicola Lambrechts <nicola@nlkstrategies.ca>, "van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX" <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** "Greer, Shannon GCPE:EX" <Shannon.Greer@gov.bc.ca>, "May, Stephen GCPE:EX" <Stephen.May@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: FINAL: IN: Langley Lodge

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**JMP**

Desk: 236-478-0302  
Cell: 250-886-2154

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**From:** Blackwell, Jacqueline [FH] <Jacqueline.Blackwell@fraserhealth.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 4:45 PM  
**To:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** XT:Nuraney, Naseem GCPE:IN <Naseem.Nuraney@fraserhealth.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: FINAL: IN: Langley Lodge

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Hi Jean-Marc,

Attached is our final IN on Langley Lodge – apologies for the multiple versions.

Jacqueline

## Re: DrH video shoot

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 5:23:01 PM PDT  
Thank you for arranging this.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2020, at 4:46 PM, Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi video requests team ... once the Minister Dix and Dr Henry videos are shot, can you share the drop box links with Nicola, Amanda and me?

We are all copied on this email.

Thanks!

**JMP**

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Cell: 250-886-2154

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**From:** Hanuman, Heron GCPE:EX <Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 12:35 PM  
**To:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Zuzalek, Karolinka GCPE:EX <Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca>; Blais, Richard GCPE:EX <Richard.Blais@gov.bc.ca>; GCPE Video Request GCPE:EX <videorequest@gov.bc.ca>; Hargreaves, Stephen GCPE:EX <Stephen.Hargreaves@gov.bc.ca>; Thind, Herman GCPE:EX <Herman.Thind@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: DrH video shoot

Got it!

**Heron Hanuman**  
Manager | Digital Communications  
Government Communications and Public Engagement  
Mobile: 778-584-0705

On Sep 17, 2020, at 12:23, Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

This is a FINAL script for Minister Dix ... small edits from the version I sent last nite.

Thanks!

**JMP**

Desk: 236-478-0302  
Cell: 250-886-2154

**From:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** September 16, 2020 6:24 PM  
**To:** Hanuman, Heron GCPE:EX <[Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca)>; Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX <[Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca)>; Thaw, Sara GCPE:EX <[Sara.Thaw@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sara.Thaw@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Zuzalek, Karolinka GCPE:EX <[Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca)>; Blais, Richard GCPE:EX <[Richard.Blais@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Richard.Blais@gov.bc.ca)>; GCPE Video Request GCPE:EX <[videorequest@gov.bc.ca](mailto:videorequest@gov.bc.ca)>; Hargreaves, Stephen GCPE:EX <[Stephen.Hargreaves@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Stephen.Hargreaves@gov.bc.ca)>; Thind, Herman GCPE:EX <[Herman.Thind@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Herman.Thind@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: video shoots tomorrow ?

Thanks so much Heron.

Here are the scripts.

**JMP**

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Cell: 250-886-2154

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**From:** Hanuman, Heron GCPE:EX <[Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 16, 2020 5:11 PM  
**To:** Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX <[Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca)>; Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <[Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca)>; Thaw, Sara GCPE:EX <[Sara.Thaw@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sara.Thaw@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Zuzalek, Karolinka GCPE:EX <[Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca)>; Blais, Richard GCPE:EX <[Richard.Blais@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Richard.Blais@gov.bc.ca)>; GCPE Video Request GCPE:EX <[videorequest@gov.bc.ca](mailto:videorequest@gov.bc.ca)>; Hargreaves, Stephen GCPE:EX <[Stephen.Hargreaves@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Stephen.Hargreaves@gov.bc.ca)>; Thind, Herman GCPE:EX <[Herman.Thind@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Herman.Thind@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: video shoots tomorrow ?

Hi Jean-Marc,

Didn't want to leave you hanging here, I am in the process of nailing down a videographer for these greetings tomorrow immediately following the presser – 430pm (ish) would certainly work for us.

In the meantime please send over the final approved scripts as soon as you can so we can have it prepped tomorrow morning.

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**From:** Karl Hardin <[Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 1:01 PM  
**To:** "Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX" <[Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca)>, Sara Thaw <[Sara.Thaw@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sara.Thaw@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Hanuman, Heron GCPE:EX" <[Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca)>, Karolinka Zuzalek <[Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca)>, "Blais, Richard GCPE:EX" <[Richard.Blais@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Richard.Blais@gov.bc.ca)>, "GCPE Video Request GCPE:EX" <[videorequest@gov.bc.ca](mailto:videorequest@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: video shoots tomorrow ?

Hey JMP,

This might be hard to accommodate as this week is particularly hectic and busy.

Looping in Heron and the video request email. Heron will follow-up.

Best  
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**Karl Hardin**

Executive Director | Digital Communications  
Government Communications and Public Engagement  
Cell: (778) 584 1251

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**From:** "Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX" <[Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 12:54 PM  
**To:** "Thaw, Sara GCPE:EX" <[Sara.Thaw@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sara.Thaw@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX" <[Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** video shoots tomorrow ?

Hi Sara Thaw!

The minister and doctor have four video greetings that they would like to shoot from VCO tomorrow following the media avail.

I suspect we would be looking at 4:30-ish to do the recording.

Would you be able to book them a shooter with a teleprompter? I can send you the scripts as a word doc.

If no one is available, I will see someone from the MO will shoot them using an iPad.

Thanks!

**JMP**

Desk: 236-478-0302  
Cell: 250-886-2154

<SN\_Seniors\_stump speech Sept 17 11 14.docx>

## RE: Items for Minister Signature

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Andrachuk, Andrea HLTH:EX <Andrea.Andrachuk@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 5:35:33 PM PDT

OIC Reg Count checklist approved for e-Sig

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From: Andrachuk, Andrea HLTH:EX <Andrea.Andrachuk@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 4:31 PM  
To: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: Items for Minister Signature

Hi Amanda,  
Holly asked me to send through the last two pieces below for the Minister's signature.

<p>s.13 1168767 - DBN - s.13 INCOMING - ProgGen MO DBN s.13 NAMING POLICY - ProgGen MO DBN s.13 Reg Count Checklist OIC s.13 Seeking your approval to apply his e-sig. &lt;&lt; File s.13</p>	<p>&lt;&lt; File: 1168767 - ProgGen DBN for MO - 1170189.docx &gt;&gt; &lt;&lt; File: 1168767 APPENDIX A - .pdf &gt;&gt; &lt;&lt; File: 1168767 APPENDIX B - FHA xref 1170189.pdf &gt;&gt; The Minister signed the OIC this morning, however the Reg count checklist was missed. Reg Count.pdf &gt;&gt; &lt;&lt; File: OIC - childcare.pdf &gt;&gt;</p>
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Andrea Andrachuk | Manager, Executive Program Operations  
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Ministry of Health

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email: andrea.andrachuk@gov.bc.ca <mailto:andrea.andrachuk@gov.bc.ca>

## FW: World Alzheimer Day Monday 21

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 5:41:58 PM PDT  
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**From:** Katie Hoy <khoy@alzheimercbc.org>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 11:19 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** World Alzheimer Day Monday 21

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Hi Amanda,

I can't even imagine how busy you have been over the past few months. I hope you had some time to relax in the nice weather (when we had it).

I just had a thought that Monday (21) is World Alzheimer's Day. I know the subject is near and dear to Minister Dix so I just wanted to put it on his radar. A lot of people living with dementia religiously watch his announcements with Dr. Bonnie Henry and it might be a nice mention!

Best,  
Katie

Katie Hoy  
Provincial Coordinator, Advocacy & Public Policy  
Alzheimer Society of B.C.  
#300-828 West 8th Avenue  
Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 1E2  
**Phone: (604) 742-4935**  
Fax: (604) 669-6907

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**Join us for the *Climb for Alzheimer's*** as we come together as a province to hike or climb a collective 70,000 kilometres this summer: that's one kilometre for each of the 70,000 British Columbians currently living with dementia! From **July 21 until September 21**, team up with your friends, families and colleagues to tackle trails across the province. From the Summit Peak Trail in Fort Nelson to the legendary Grouse Grind® in North Vancouver, there are endless journeys you can take to help reach our goal. Funds raised will help the Alzheimer Society of B.C. provide vital programs and services for families affected by dementia, and enable research that will advance knowledge of the disease. **Register and start fundraising at [climbforalzheimers.ca](http://climbforalzheimers.ca)**

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## FW: FNLC to Minister Dix and Dr. Henry

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Pokorny, Peter HLTH:EX <Peter.Pokorny@gov.bc.ca>, Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 5:44:01 PM PDT  
Attachments: 2020.09.15\_FNLC to MinisterDix\_DrHenry.pdf, ATT00001.htm

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**From:** Bain, Don PREM:EX <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 9:27 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: FNLC to Minister Dix and Dr. Henry

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Bain, Don PREM:EX" <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** September 17, 2020 at 9:23:20 AM PDT  
**To:** "Yeung, Lucinda HLTH:EX" <Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca>, "McNish, James IRR:EX" <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>, "Pinette, Celia IRR:EX" <Celia.Pinette@gov.bc.ca>, "Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX" <Vanessa.Geary@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: FNLC to Minister Dix and Dr. Henry

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Maureen Buchan <maureen.buchan@bcafn.ca>  
**Date:** September 17, 2020 at 9:07:44 AM PDT  
**To:** "Bain, Don PREM:EX" <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: FNLC to Minister Dix and Dr. Henry

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Maureen Buchan, Senior Policy Advisor  
**BC Assembly of First Nations**  
1020-1200 West 73rd Ave  
Vancouver, BC V6P 6G5  
**Ph:** 778.945.9911  
**Cell:** 250.377.5418  
**Email:** [maureen.buchan@bcafn.ca](mailto:maureen.buchan@bcafn.ca)

We acknowledge our place of work is within the ancestral, traditional and unceded territories of the X̱məθkʷəy̱əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh(Squamish) and səɬilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh).

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sarah Froese <[sarah.froese@bcfn.ca](mailto:sarah.froese@bcfn.ca)>

**Subject:** FNLC to Minister Dix and Dr. Henry

**Date:** September 16, 2020 at 5:32:32 PM PDT

**To:** [HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca), [Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca)

## FW: Tahltan update

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Robinson, Jon PREM:EX <Jon.Robinson@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 6:01:24 PM PDT  
Attachments: IBN - Tahltan Nation Patient Transfer Improvement Plan Sep 16.20.doc  
As requested

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**From:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 5:47 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Tahltan update

Please find attached this week's Tahltan update.

Regards  
Holly

## FW: Tahltan update

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 6:01:54 PM PDT  
Attachments: IBN - Tahltan Nation Patient Transfer Improvement Plan Sep 16.20.doc

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Regards  
Holly

## RE: Tahltan update

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To: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 6:02:26 PM PDT  
You're brilliant. Thank you.

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**From:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 5:47 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Tahltan update

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Regards  
Holly

## FW: BCCDC Website Updates/Changes Daily Summary - 17 Sept 2020

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX <Veronica.Harrison@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 6:03:41 PM PDT  
FYI

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**From:** Amos, Heather [BCCDC] <heather.amos@bccdc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 5:55 PM  
**Subject:** BCCDC Website Updates/Changes Daily Summary - 17 Sept 2020

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## BCCDC Website Updates/Changes Daily Summary

### New Information

#### **Saline Gargle and Mouth Rinse Sample Collection for School-Aged Children**

BC announced the roll out of a new saline gargle sample collection for school-aged children today. To support the new collection method, information has been added to:

- New page created for the public [COVID-19 Testing for Children & Youth](#).
- [Video for children and parents/caregivers](#) added to the [COVID-19 Testing for Children & Youth](#) page.
- Handouts with testing information for children and parents/caregivers visiting the collection centres has been added to the [COVID-19 Testing Children & Youth](#) page and the [Patient handouts](#) page.
  - [Instructions for mouth rinse/gargle sample collection for younger children and caregivers](#)
  - [Instruction of the mouth rinse/gargle sample collection for older children and youth](#)
- Posters with the mouth rinse/gargle instructions for collection centres were added to the [Signage and Posters](#) page.
  - [Instructions for children and caregivers at collection centres](#)
  - [Instructions for older children and youth at collection centres](#)
- Links and information directing people to the new COVID-19 Testing for Children & Youth were added to [Illness and Medical care](#) in the [Children and COVID-19](#) section and [Testing information](#) page of the public site.

#### **Daily Health Check for Schools – translated materials**

Translations of the Daily Health Check form from [Appendix C of the K-12 School guidance](#) have been added to the [School](#) page and to the FAQ: *What is a daily health check? When and how do we do them?*

The following languages have been posted:

- [Farsi](#)
- [French](#)

- [Korean](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Tagalog](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)
- [Hindi](#)
- [English](#)
- [Traditional Chinese](#)
- [Simplified Chinese](#)
- [Arabic](#)

## **Changes/Updates to Current Information**

### **Updated Testing Guidance**

To support the new sample collection for school-aged children, Pediatric and Adult testing guidelines were updated and changes were made to the [Viral testing page](#) and [Pediatrics pages](#) for health professionals.

- [COVID-19: Adult testing guidelines for British Columbia](#)
- [COVID-19: Pediatric testing guidelines for British Columbia](#)

### **COVID-19 Exposures**

The following flights were posted to the [COVID-19 Exposures](#) page:

- September 11: Aeromexico Flight 696, Mexico City to Vancouver
- September 11: Air Canada Flight 8328, Vancouver to Winnipeg
- September 11: Lufthansa Flight 492, Frankfurt to Vancouver
- September 11: WestJet Flight 133, Calgary to Vancouver
- September 12: WestJet Flight 711, Toronto to Vancouver
- September 13: WestJet Flight 711, Toronto to Vancouver

## **Fwd: LifeLabs COVID-19 Testing Services Agreement**

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 8:15:13 AM PDT  
Attachments: LifeLabs COVID-19 Testing Services Agreement - Sep 17.pdf, ATT00001.htm  
Did you have another chat with Peter?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX" <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** September 18, 2020 at 7:58:56 AM PDT  
**To:** "van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX" <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** LifeLabs COVID-19 Testing Services Agreement

Amanda looking for approval to apply the Minister's e-sig. My understanding is Peter discussed it on last night's call and the Minister was supportive.  
Holly

## **Fwd: Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature**

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**Subject:** Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature

Good morning Amanda

I have attached an order for the Minister's signature regarding the appointment of Holly-Marie Janet Page as a public member to the board of the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of British Columbia.

Regards,  
Holly



## **Fwd: Media Availability: Dix/Henry - COVID-19 update**

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Bonnie Henry: So for today, September 17, we have a new high of 165 people who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 here in BC, including two who are epidemiologically linked, and that brings our total number of cases to 7,663 in BC. That includes 2,714 people in Vancouver Coastal Health, 3,937 in Fraser Health, 196 people on Vancouver Island Health, 489 people in Interior Health, 241 in the Northern Health region, and 86 people who normally reside outside of Canada.

We now have 1,705 active cases in BC in all health authorities, of whom 57 are now in hospital, 22 of whom are in critical care or ICU. We, unfortunately, have one additional death to report today. One of our seniors in long term care in Vancouver Coastal, bringing our total number of people who've died from COVID-19 to 220, and our condolences go to the family of this person, to his care providers and to his community, and we mourn his loss.

There are now 2,949 people under active public health monitoring and 5,719 who have recovered from COVID-19. We have a two new health care-related up breaks, both of them in acute care units, one at the Delta Hospital and the other at the rehab unit at the Peace Arch Hospital in Fraser Health. That brings our total number of active outbreaks now to 15 in the health care sector with 802 active cases; 478 residents and 324 staff.

We have no new community outbreaks to report, but we do continue to have exposure events and I would like to remind families and parents that for any potential case in our school, any exposure events in our school, public health teams will be contacting you if you need to. We'll contact the public as part of our contact tracing if and when self isolation or monitoring is required.

Schools will also continue to post information on school exposures, if there are any cases in schools, and supporting these protocols. The BC CDC website and health authorities are now publishing, as we indicated yesterday, school notifications. We have no outbreaks in our schools anywhere in BC at this point. We have had, and not unexpectedly, some staff and some students who had been in a school setting during a time where they may have been infectious to others. None of these have an high risk exposures and everyone has been notified who needs to monitor for symptoms.

On a positive note as well, we have some exciting new testing that we're able to provide for students in BC. Containing the spread of the virus in our communities is, of course, core to our

COVID-19 response and that's why getting tested as soon as anybody has any symptoms is incredibly important. While we all do our part, supporting all of us has also been our research and scientific community and we have been incredibly proud of the work that has been done by our research and scientific community here, across BC, and at the BC CDC with our postsecondary institutions and the private sector -- they have been supporting our BC response from the very beginning.

Taking the step to get tested is how you protect your friends, your family, and your community. And now for K-12 students we have an easier alternative than the nasopharyngeal swabs that has been the standard that we've been using. Today, a new made-in-BC sample collection program has been launched for all K-12 students across the province and it is one of the first of its kind around the world.

For school aged children in BC, so this aged four to 19, a mouth rinse gargle is now available at the COVID-19 collection centres or assessment centres around BC; so across the province. Unlike the nasopharyngeal swab, this is a new saline gargle where you put a bit of normal saline -- sterile water -- in your mouth, you swish it around a little bit and you spit it into a little tube, and that's an easier way to collect it for young people.

And you don't need to have it done by health care provider. This is something that you can do with the help of your parents, if needed, or by yourself. So not only is this new method more comfortable, particularly for our younger children, it's a BC company that is going to be providing the collection tubes, and this reduces our dependency as a province on the global supply chain which we know has been one of the challenges, particularly around our lab testing.

We're quite excited about this news and a huge congratulations and thank you to our scientists across BC and at the BC CDC. This is a really important thing for making testing accessible for our children and supporting keeping them in the all-important school environment.

We know now that living with COVID-19 requires all of us to consider that we need some give and take. We need to compromise. I can appreciate, as much as anyone, how difficult this can be, but it is essential for the wellbeing of all our communities and it recognizes the fact that we are going to be living with this virus in our communities for some time. It is not either/or. We must continue for our community wellbeing, both the economy and our health.

The BC Restart Plan is the focus of public health and many, many people supporting these efforts, and it is to have as much as possible opening and functioning safely in our communities. And we know that we've had essential services going through this entire period of time, whether it's in health care, our food system, our grocery stores, our pharmacies, there are many different essential services and we've adapted. We know how important it is to have work places, grocery stores, restaurants, and schools open for the wellbeing of our community.

And on the other side of the equation, we need restrictions and, at times, closures, are in place to limit the exposures to known higher risk activities and locations. And we've had to modify those over the last few weeks as we have seen cases increase. This give-and-take is not easy, but it is what will keep us safe and functioning in the months and weeks ahead. And I've said it many times, it is not forever, but it is what we need to do together now.

And this is going to be our most challenging year, but as we work together we build that resilience together and that's what will keep us safe and help us through this and help us bounce back.

One of the things that is really important at this point in time is that the restrictions we have on gatherings. And we have maintained a constant, consistent approach of no more than 50 people. This is another protective layer to contain the spread. It means [audio dropout at source] numbers of

people that when somebody inadvertently brings the virus into your collection of people, that group, it can't spread too widely.

But, we are seeing it spread, even in smaller groups, and we all need to take a step back and reassess.

remember that 50 people is an upper limit and only where you have the space to do that to maintain safe distances.

We need to scale down based on the space that you were in, and I need everybody to understand that now. Whether it is inside or outside, maintaining safe distances, is important. Keeping your numbers small is important.

Just because you can fit 50 people into your small back garden does not make it safe, and that is where we see transmission, and we see transmission to people we care about and now we are seeing spillover into people like grandparents, like elders, who are more susceptible to having severe illness from COVID-19.

We're in a global pandemic and these are the sacrifices we need to make. As we have seen, many businesses are only able to safely accommodate a few people. The same applies for our homes, inside and outside. Regardless of our location, when we are socializing with others, smaller is always safer.

The compromises we have made to keep ourselves, our loved ones, our communities safe means of seeing fewer friends and family members. For now.

The compromises -- our small groups also need to be the same small groups. Spending time with different friends on different days, significantly increases our personal risk, and means that we are now exposed to many more potential chains of transmission and is a continued source of transmission that we are seeing, in our communities now.

So when planning our activities, whether it is a play date for your kids, a weekend dinner party, a group of friends getting together, ask yourself if the people are part of your safe six. Your group of people. Our grandparents, our aunties, our workplaces, our communities depend on this.

Social connection, we all know, is essential. We are social creatures, we need that connection in our life for our mental and emotional well-being. But now is the time to stick with six, to keep our groups small and only spend time with the people we know, with our safe six.

The restrictions and precautions that we have put in place here are not forever but they are needed right now. By stepping back now, we can protect those most vulnerable --

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-- that way, we can step forward with the routines that will keep our communities and loved ones safe. And course, we must remember, more than ever, as we get frustrated, as we get tired, as we get into respiratory season, we need to remember to be kind, remember to be calm. We will get through this storm.

And remember to be safe.

Adrian Dix: Thank you very much Dr Henry and on behalf of the Premier and the government and the people of BC, I want to extend my condolences to the family of the person who passed away in Vancouver Coastal Health in the past 24 hours from COVID-19 in long-term care. This is in particular, a difficult time for everybody, dealing with COVID-19, particularly those who lose a

loved one. It is impossible, to the same extent as we ordinarily do to have celebrations of life in the same way. And so that makes the grieving process all the more difficult and we want to stay to those who passed away, to the person yesterday, the 220 families who lost people, during this COVID-19 pandemic, to pass on our condolences and to hear their grief, understand their grief and be with their grief.

I wanted to note we have 165 cases as Dr Henry has said, overnight. We currently have 57 people in acute care hospitals, 23 in Fraser Health, one in Island Health, seven in the Northern Health authority and 26 in Vancouver Coastal Health. I note that this is down three from yesterday. We have 22 in critical care, and so obviously that is important work for people in our acute care system.

In addition, the people in public health or been doing a next ordinary job with extraordinary effort.

Just to put this in context, yesterday, 7,674 tests which is the highest that we had done in British Columbia since the beginning of the pandemic. 2,949 people who are contacts, who were under public health surveillance and in self isolation. And 1,705 active cases and I add to that 3,641 responses to 8-1-1 calls which is a significant number as well.

Everyone in public health is working very hard, working with people who are dealing with COVID-19 in BC directly. Supporting them and helping them to get well and I want to acknowledge their extraordinary work.

This being Thursday I also want to provide the weekly update on our surgical renewal commitment and the number of patients contacted about their surgery, has increased to 90,897. Between May 18th and September 13th, we completed one 102,598 surgeries. 78,437 of those rescheduled surgeries, 24,161 were unscheduled or emergency surgeries. That is 19,220 and Interior Health, 28,491 in Fraser Health, 23,829 in Vancouver Coastal Health, 20,848 in Vancouver Island Health, 5,941 Northern Health and 4,269 in the provincial health services authority.

Last week we reported 5,868 surgeries completed from August 31st to September 6th, health authorities have verified that data and the total number of surgeries completed was actually 6,085.

This past week that included Labour Day, in the count we completed 5,503 surgeries which is a significant amount, more than comparable to the past year at this time.

A key surgical renewal commitment is to add capacity by extending daily hours of operation, adding Saturdays and Sundays at the schedule and opening new operating rooms where available.

This week, Vancouver General Hospital opened two new operating rooms. Already on Vancouver Island from Campbell River to the Saanich Peninsula, surgical days are being expended and added in hospitals, including Campbell River, Comox Valley, Cowichan District, Royal Jubilee and Saanich Peninsula Hospitals.

Starting September 28th, Royal Columbian Hospital will extend hours in four operating rooms, gaining 6.5 hours per day in each OR.

Private contracts been expanded across all regional health authorities, in accordance with the Canada Health Act.

The health authorities have taken tremendous steps throughout the summer to add surgical capacity. The results have been reflected in our weekly updates where we have marked progress showing that we've caught up to pre COVID-19 surgery levels and beyond, and then we surpassed them.

Health authorities are continuing to add capacity, and will do so throughout the fall and into the spring.

From June 15th of this year to March 31st of next year, surgical capacity will increase by 16 percent. Moreover, this will increase by 24 percent and the year following.

We said we would catch up to surgeries lost to COVID-19 within 15 to 22 months when we announced the surgical plan. The Premier did, in May. We're on track to do exactly that.

All health authorities are projected to be caught up on surgeries lost to COVID-19 by the end of next year, as doing all of the surgeries that come forward.

Vancouver Island Health will be caught up by February 2021; Interior Health by May; Northern Health by June 2021; Vancouver Coastal and Provincial Health Services Authority by August; and Fraser Health by December 2021.

As we wrote in the surgical renewal commitment, on page 11, many factors will help shape success, including the potential for a second wave or a surge in COVID-19 in the fall and winter.

With that, and the other listed factors in mind, we will adjust our target timelines if circumstances require it.

I want to thank everyone involved in this extraordinary work by our health care system -- and it truly is extraordinary -- in the past months and in the coming months, to increase and improve services to people for surgery in a time of pandemic.

I also want to report on our contact tracing recruitment initiative as we have. We did last week. Just to note that to date, as you know the Premier announced 608, what are now 608, contact tracing positions.

To date, 153 people have been hired, and a further 137 are currently in the interview stage, with a further 24 in the offer process. We have had 718 individuals who meet the qualifications referred to regional health authorities and the Provincial Health Services Authority, as required.

We are making extraordinary progress in hiring the contact tracers, as announced by the Premier.

In addition, and finally, the health care access program that was announced last Wednesday as part of the Premier's announcement of the health sector plan for the fall-winter management of COVID-19, we announced a major recruitment and training strategy [audio and video drop out at source].

The response to the announcement has been extraordinary. In just one week to the end of yesterday, 5,656 individuals have completed an online expression of interest. Intake will continue and the expressions of interest will be reviewed and screened against the program's required qualifications. The process is in full swing.

We're at Thursday and this is our last briefing for this week.

We are reminded yet again of cause and effect, how wildfires along the US coast unexpectedly caused significant health outcomes here, and forced us to quickly learn and adapt.

Indications are that in a few days the smoke will clear. And when it does, let's see COVID-19 more clearly for what it is; a complex virus, for its impact on our health and our lives, but one we've

learned we can push back by taking what are, I think we might agree, just a few basic steps to keep us all safe.

Stick to physical distancing. Stick with regular hand washing. Stick to staying home if we are not feeling well. Stick with wearing a mask when it's the right thing to deal. Stick to six. Make six the maximum number of people we socialize with outside of our household bubble -- our safe six.

And stick with the guidance Dr Henry provides us to bend the curve, not the rules.

This weekend, and as we plan for Thanksgiving and the fall months ahead, let's again close ranks on COVID-19 and change its course, through what we've learned about the virus and ourselves, and how we've adapted. Let's stick together in our effort. Let's stick with what works and let's stick with it to stop the spread.

Thank you very much. We are happy to take your questions.

## QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Reporter: Thank you for taking my question.

Pretty much every day that you've had a briefing in the past month, probably, you've said keep your social interactions low, and stick to six people.

Within my pier group, I see people not following those rules, and some people are doing it on purpose and some people may be just don't understand where that distinction lays.

Do you think the stick-to-six thing is a little ambiguous for some demographics right now? Why do you think that message isn't getting across?

Bonnie Henry I think you said it yourself. Some people are frustrated and they feel that they have suffered a lot through this. And I particularly feel for young people -- young people who graduated this year from high school and missed out on all those important social interactions and who are going to universities that are mostly remote. It's a very challenging time.

I think some of what we are seeing is a reflection of that. I think some of it, as well, is what you say also, that people aren't realizing that if you have a different group of people every night, then you are exposing yourself to an exponential increased number of potential contacts, because every person you are exposed to, you're being exposed to their risk that they bring with them from where they have been before.

It's a challenging concept, I know, but what we have to realize is this is how we are seeing spread happen now. We were seeing it, certainly, in some large events and people having parties inside and outside where they were defying the rules. We are still seeing some of that. But, we all need to do the right thing and try to influence our friends, our peers, to make sure that they do take this seriously.

We are seeing now, spillover into hospitals. We are seeing where our elders, our grandparents, our seniors -- the people in our life who are most susceptible to ending up in hospital or dying from this virus -- are getting it.

And sometimes they are getting it because we are not being careful enough as young people, and we are bringing it home unintentionally and spreading it to those we love.

We have to make it real for all of us. We all have people in our life that are susceptible. We may not realize it. Not everybody you can tell how old they are, and not everybody you understand what

their own immune system may be doing. The more people get sick, the more chances are that we're going to have people infected who are going to get really sick from this.

And we have seen that around the world. We're not alone in what we are seeing right now. It is happening in France. It is happening in Spain. We know it is happening in the United States, and we have been watching that carefully.

We all need to do our bit. We can do it here and we can get through this. We have had a summer where we have had the opportunities to do some travel, to do some social interaction.

But as we move into respiratory season, as we do the necessary things to get children back into schools, to get our workplaces moving again and working again, we have to pull back on the social side.

Dix: And just to say that one of the very encouraging things we have seen in the last number of weeks is a number of young people who are part of our influencer efforts. So it's not just the Minister of Health, the provincial health officer, medical health officers, the system of government, delivering these messages, but young people speaking to young people.

We can all influence one another. And I really encourage people to be a part of this. So it's not going to be one slogan or statement or phrase -- stick to six -- that has all the answers for everybody. But we all have to, in our own ways, in our voice, deliver these messages.

Today, I reported on the extraordinary success that we're having in delivering surgeries in our public health care system. And that is people delivering above and beyond what they would normally do in a pandemic. And they need all of our support.

I think it's an inspiring story for everybody. And so, what we need is for everyone to be an influence, everyone to speak to. And if stick to six doesn't work for you, there are lots of other things you can say in addition to that, and that people can say in their own discussion in their own voices that can assist in this cause. We can all be leaders in the COVID-19 pandemic. And I encourage everyone to do that.

Reporter: Ontario has taken the next step to bring back some of those restriction on gatherings. And I think they have reduced them to 25 for outdoor gatherings. Going forward, if numbers don't go down, are you looking at imposing stricter restrictions?

Henry: The short answer is no. We have tried to pick a reasonable number, and to give people advice about what that actually means. And we have closed down places where it's not possible for them to be viable without people breaking the rules. So we are sticking with our numbers, but we also are -- as we just talked about -- appealing to people to make it fit. It doesn't mean that 50 is okay. If you're in a small place, it may mean that six is okay, or two, or having a small number of people over.

If it's outside you still need to maintain those safe distances, because what we're seeing is when you have lots of people together -- inside or outside -- and when they're close together, and talking together, and dancing, or kissing, or sharing food, we see this virus take hold. And it can spread very quickly in those settings. So people were concerned -- where are we seeing transmission? And that's what we're seeing now.

The places that we can modify, most importantly, are those social interactions where we're speaking loudly, where we're having close conversations, especially if they're indoors. And that is where this virus can spread really quickly.



Reporter: I was just wondering if you could tell us a little bit more about this test. Is it going to be self-administered? And also, is this because you want to get more children tested? Or is it because the swab test is particularly difficult for children, or a mixture of both? And how do you rate the mental health of children right now?

Henry: Two very good questions. So this test is kind of cool. It's something we have had in the works for a while. And it is a way that we have tried to make it more efficient so we don't have as long lineups, and it doesn't take as long to do. But we have had limited supplies.

So to start with, we focused on children because we know, right now, it's going to be very critical for children, if they start showing symptoms of COVID-19, and they're in a school setting, many of them will need to get tested. So it's a way to try and facilitate that and make that easier right now.

And yes, it can be done -- it needs to be done at an assessment centre, but it is done by the parent or the child themselves, rather than a health care worker. So it's a combination of wanting to test more children, knowing that more children are going to need to be tested now that we're back in the school setting, and making it easier.

Ideally, and this is our plan as we're ramping up our testing, is making this type of a saliva test, or gargle test, it's just a different way of collecting it that makes it easier, without needing a health care worker. We want to have it available for everybody. Right now the focus is on children for the reasons of supply.

In terms of children's mental health, these are challenging times. And we have been working, as I have talked about a number of times, looking at the unintended consequences of the effects of the measures that we have put in place. And we know, for one, that suspension of in-class school very dramatically affects the mental health of children, and their wellbeing.

We know that there have been challenges around substance use, around violence, around inter-family violence that we know goes up when schools are not in session. So it is incredibly important. And we, as a community, and as a province, need to prioritize those school settings for our children for that reason. We do have some information, both from the survey that we did, and from data that we have collected, that shows that the mental health supports for many children have decreased, and it's not spread evenly.

Some of that information I presented a few weeks ago, and it is available on the BCCDC website. We know there have been challenges. And the one challenge I will bring up where the stats are still at the top of mind is, across the board, parents said -- about 80% of parents said -- that their children struggled with the online learning with classes being closed. So that's across all strata, all different race and ethnic groups, and all socioeconomic groups as well.

Reporter: This is going on a slight tangent, Dr Henry. With a lot of stores and coffee shops closing their restrooms, we are seeing more and more alleyways being used as toilets. Are you concerned that this might give rise to any other kinds of diseases? And what are you doing about that? Henry: That's not something that I had heard a lot of recently. Certainly early on there was concern that there was lack of access to facilities, particularly for people who are living on the street, or are under housed. I know communities across the province are looking at how they can address that, and it really is an issue that is being addressed at the municipal level and regional level.

So I don't have any specific information about that in the last few weeks. But I do know that that the city of Vancouver, Victoria, other places, have been looking at how they can support access to washroom facilities for people who need them.



Reporter: The group that represents bars and restaurants are asking to amend the public health order to allow liquor sales in the restaurants and bars until midnight instead of 10:00 pm. They say those two hours are just, they make up a huge chunk of their revenue, and it will be the difference between some of those shops surviving, or going bankrupt. And so now they're asking for those hours to be extended, and they're also asking for better consultation.

Henry: Okay. Yes. I received a letter from them, I think yesterday, with some of their concerns. And let's be very clear here. We do not make these decisions lightly. We have been working with the restaurant association, we have been working with bars, we have been working with industry from the very beginning.

And we put in the restrictions when it became clear that there were challenges meeting the safety requirements. And so we tried to be as specific as possible, and as supportive as possible as we can. So it was clear, from my colleagues, from the environmental health officers who were doing inspections, from the issues that we were seeing in communities around the province, that there comes a time of the night when things become liquor-forward, and we knew that there were ongoing issues with transmission.

And it was becoming unsafe; it was unsafe. We had transmission events documented in several places around the province. And it was becoming increasingly challenging for public health to try and identify and get on top of those places who were breaking the rules.

We were also hearing from WorkSafe and from employees in many of these restaurants and bars where things became out of hand, later at night, that they felt that they were at risk. So we took measures that we felt were reasonable.

We know that restaurants -- most of them close by ten or eleven o'clock. Most of them have perfect safety; they have very good safety plans in place. And they are working. But it is the late night, when they turn into a lounge-type environment where they were having challenges.

So we have consulted with industry. We have consulted with my colleagues who are trying to maintain our contact tracing, and ensure that places are able to maintain the safety measures. And we were still seeing transmission. So these orders were done with thought, and with the realization that these were places, right now, that cannot safely operate. And we're not alone in this. It's not like we have made this up.

If we look in countries who are dealing with this everywhere else, very similar restrictions are in place. We're looking at Ontario, Quebec, Alberta. The fact that some of these nightclubs were open in the first place was a challenge. And they were -- it has to do with the way the liquor licence laws are here in BC. So I appreciate that this is a very challenging time for people in that industry.

I also know that this virus is transmitted by people. And it's those environments where we're close to others indoors, where we're doing things without masks on, that are most risky. And this is the challenge that we face. So I think there needs to be things in place to support those restaurants, those bars, and nightclubs, and banquet halls that are affected by this. But these are the things that we need to do now so that we can get our communities through this next few months, maybe years.

Reporter: I just wanted to clarify another point that they made. They were hoping for better guidance on the orders, saying it's been more than a week since the verbal orders were issued, but they've not seen a written version yet. So they're having issues figuring out what actually is allowed.

So, I'm wondering when the written orders will be available.

Henry: The written orders, the legalese that goes into the written . . . The orders come into effect when they are given verbally, and we have answered many questions from the field who have sent it in to myself. I know that most of the questions have been answered and the details are there, but they need to be put through the legal phrasing to make sure that we are being as minimal as possible to address the issues that were concerns.

I'm hopeful they'll be up by tomorrow at the latest.

Dix: Thank you very much.

Clearly for the question, clearly the decisions made by medical health officers reflected the evidence on the ground, the evidence of transmission. And again, as Dr Henry has said, this is a profound challenge that everyone is facing in every jurisdiction about a virus that doesn't pay attention to our best wishes. It requires in many cases action.

In this case the decisions taken by public health were the right decisions based on public health and in the interests of everyone. They're absolutely, I believe, the right decisions to have made.

Reporter: Dr Henry, in terms of the record breaking cases today, why do you think this has happened? Is this testing that's been increased or is it the fact that we are seeing more incidents of people enlarging their social bubble?

Henry: It's a combination. Testing has certainly increased and that's partly awareness. It's partly the contact tracing that we're doing, and most of the cases that we're seeing still are links. So we know where the exposure events have happened.

Remember that today's cases are people who have been exposed over the last two weeks, so we're still dealing with those issues of transmission events that were happening ten days to two weeks ago, and these are people who for the most part are in isolation and then developed symptoms and are getting tested.

You can see the number of contacts is actually down a little bit and that reflects as well that sort of progression of what we're seeing.

So, this is us catching up with the events that have happened prior to basically about ten days ago.

Reporter: I'd like to ask about Langley Lodge. Fraser Health has provided some details on that leaked document around nurse and staff breaching protocols. Do you have a reaction to that and why wasn't the documents made public, and then why did we have to wait until a week to find out about this investigation at Langley Lodge?

Henry: I can't answer that second question. I was not aware of this document, but it is something that we do after every outbreak, every event. At least in public health we do. This was done apparently by the Lodge and it is so that we can learn. We learn from every single outbreak that we've had. You remember the first care home outbreak we had in Lynn Valley. We learned a tremendous amount from that. With each one we learn different things sometimes.

This was a very challenging outbreak, and you'll remember when we talked about it when we were going through that time, you know, the challenges that it was on at an Alzheimer's ward and how difficult it was to manage and how challenging it was for staff.

I think there are some very good learnings in that document and, to me, what it highlights is the challenge and how difficult it is once this virus gets into a long-term care home and how we must focus our efforts, as I've talked about several times today, on making sure that we're doing what we

need to do to try and keep it out of our care homes, to protect people who are living in those communal settings who are the most vulnerable in our community, to having severe illness and to dying from this virus.

This report reflects that in my mind more than anything.

Dix: In response to your direct question, I believe this is . . . As you know, Langley Lodge is a private, non-profit provider and this is an internal report to them. As I understand it, it was then distributed to the media in some way. So I think that's the reason, in response to your initial question.

I think there's two things to emphasize here. One is that because we've taken a team BC approach, because there was early and free access earlier on in the pandemic, earlier than everyone else to the PPE supply chain and the single site initiative and all the initiatives taken by the province, we saw dramatically lower levels of mortality in BC in long-term care than other places.

So that's the first thing to say. In fact, the lowest levels in North America and a lot of that has to do with the combined approach of our care providers, of our health care workers, of public health working together. So that's the first thing to say.

The second thing to say, and yet we've had significant numbers of people pass away or be affected in long-term care and the life of long-term care being profoundly affected by this, and it's why we continue to make improvements, working with care providers in a team BC approach. That's why we are investing \$160m more to support infection control and visitations. It's why we invested \$165m in the single site proposal. It's precisely because of the vulnerability of people in long-term care.

So we are going to constantly learn. We're going to learn all the time. We're going to do better. We're going to work in partnership. We're not going to work in a context of blame, but we're going to work in a context of getting better all the time because the stakes are very high in long-term care.

I just want to say finally that it reflects a broader societal question -- one of the reasons we have to work together to stop the spread, to stick to six. Whatever you want to say about it, is because people in long-term care and other places are vulnerable and health care workers who may themselves test positive or become sick with COVID-19 are so important to us, and we all have to be part of this effort to keep our long-term care homes safe.

We've done well relative to other jurisdictions, but every single day the first thing that I look at, I think the first thing Dr Henry looks at is issues of outbreaks and what's going on in our long-term care homes. We are focused on, and I know everyone in public health and everyone in long-term care is. It's a huge focus of us and we'll be continuing to work to get better every day.

Reporter: I know it's been a long afternoon. I appreciate your time here.

Dr Henry, I just want to circle back on enforcement. Not so much about the numbers, because you were pretty clear there, but just about the fines. I know you're a fan of carrots, not sticks. It's been pretty clear from day one. The Ontario fines are going up. \$10,000 for organizers. Up to \$750 for those who attend.

You talked a lot about transmission and contact tracing and where things are happening. My question for you is is the stick part working effectively in BC? We had that group camping event in the Interior. It's been a few weeks with enforcement here and awareness here. What do you make of it?

Henry: As you say, enforcement is a last resort and orders are a last resort if we aren't able to do things collectively together.

I do think there is a role for it and I think what we put in place is working. It certainly has made a difference for some people. There will always be people that no matter what will try and skirt the rules. We've talked about that from the beginning. When you have a lot of rules a lot of people get frustrated with them and want to try and get around them.

So we've tried to keep the rules as minimal as possible and make it so that people are engaged in the process themselves. We've seen that. It works here in BC for the most part. Yes, we get frustrations. Yes, there are people who are bending the rules intentionally, and that's where enforcement can come in.

I did see . . . I think it was Premier Ford saying they would have the highest fines in the country. I think that's fine. I think what we need to do is target those people who are intentionally doing things and all of us use our influence to make sure that doing the right thing is the easiest thing for everybody to do and is supported.

Dix: I think we need a little bit of both, but the reality is that what we need is for people for the safety of themselves and the safety of their families is to follow the guidance and the rules. The rules and the guidance. Everything we do depends on that. The things that we're doing right now. The opening up and the renewal plans and everything else is dependent on our continued success in dealing with COVID-19 and so all of us need to be part of this.

Some of that you can deal with with enforcement, and we are increasing enforcement in the province, but a lot of it we need to do it by convincing people, one another of all being leaders and ensuring that within our own homes and in our own daily activities we follow the guidance of Dr Henry and the guidance [inaudible].

I think on balance British Columbians have done a good job of that, but we've got to dig in and continue to do it because unfortunately the COVID-19 pandemic is going to continue now for years into the future, and this is something we've said consistently. Through this year, probably through next year, and that means the things we have to get used to doing and enjoying life with the new guidance of our lives, the new normal that we call it, is going to be with us for a long time. And so we have to learn to deal with it together, support ourselves in this, not be too ready to cast aspersions or blame and, of course, where rules are violated we need to have means to do that.

So, it's a combination of both.

Reporter: Just briefly on the Langley Lodge report that came out. A couple of the details in there. A worker who avoided the pre-shift screening protocol on two different shifts was in contact with 16 different residents I think the number is, and then an audit finding things like fresh linens and garbage next to each other in the same storage space.

Minister, I take your point. We're learning. We can do better. My question though is could things like this still be happening in long-term care? How do you kind of reassure the kids and the relatives and the children and the grandchildren of people in long-term care? What can we do to make the weakest links in those systems stronger?

Henry: That is the question that we look at all the time. As somebody who has worked in infection prevention and control in health care settings for a long time, you know, these things don't unfortunately surprise me. There's always challenges in how things are physically made up, and putting the dirties next to the cleans is something that inadvertently happens frequently.

I think the other thing we need to recognize is that nobody goes into work saying oh, I'm going to give COVID to everybody in this care home that I work in. It is not like that. There's a whole lot of things that we do to ourselves. We think oh, we're so short staff. I can't possibly stay away. That my staff, that my colleagues need me. You know, the people I care for need me and this is just a little cold.

That's the challenge that we have. Health care workers are like the rest of us. We're like everybody else. We minimize things and we often feel that we have this obligation to go into work and we want to just believe that it's not COVID that we're bringing in. I think we have to recognize that and recognize that we don't always make it easy for health care workers to take time off when they're not feeling well.

That is something we're trying to shift in terms of culture. Part of the single site order helps with that in that there were people who were contracted and working at multiple places, making a minimum wage and could not afford not to be at work.

So those are the things that from a systems point of view we have taken some steps and we need to continue to take steps to address so that people are able to stay away when they're not feeling well and they're able to get tested frequently and quickly and efficiently. Those are the things that come up to me.

Dix: Just so say, finally, that a lot of the steps we've taken, the raising of staffing levels significantly since 2017, the single site order, bringing PPE into the supply chain, some of the care homes that have had the highest staffing levels have had significant outbreaks. Some of the care homes that have had the best, who have the highest levels of pay, have had some outbreaks as well.

What it tells us is that COVID-19 is a very, very challenging enemy in long-term care -- and it is. It requires every day to keep following the rules, every single day. In the case of Langley Lodge, and I believe the report indicates this, the spread had happened significantly by the time it was recognized that it was in the facility. The consequences are significant there.

This is not blame for people at Langley Lodge. This is a reality, that COVID-19 is very, very, very difficult in long-term care. Its consequences can be profound. We've seen this more significantly in other jurisdictions around the world and across Canada than here. That doesn't mean there's nothing but a humble response here to what we need to continue to do, absolutely continue to do, with all of the measures and all of the investment and all of the new workers.

We've got to continue to do that every single day on the ground. I'm so full of admiration for everybody who works in health care, who struggled during this pandemic to support people. They've done exceptional things. We have to, unfortunately, because the pandemic's ongoing, keep doing those things. All of us have to continue to be part of it.

Reporter: I'm just wondering about the new gargle rinse and spit test. Is this the same test that's being used other ways, other places as the saliva test? What is the accuracy of this test compared to the swab test?

Henry: Actually, the test is the same. We're still using a PCR test that is done at the laboratory. It's just a different method of collection. It's been validated at the BCCDC lab. We've also got a saliva test that was validated at the St Paul's lab. It is our scientists and researchers and lab folk here in the province who've looked at this as a method and a way to make it easier. We're hoping to make it more broadly available as we go forward.

We have a domestic supplier from BC who's making -- it's a cute little funnel thing that you swish into. The test itself has been validated. The collection method has been validated and compared to

an NP swab. It works just as well. We're really proud of this. I think it's a great step forward for our lab.

Reporter: What is the name of the local company that's providing the material for this? How long will it be before it is more broadly used? Why are we starting with just children at this point?

Henry: I don't have the name but I can get it to you. We're starting with children because that's the focus right now with back to school, to making sure that we can support children safely being back in the school system. We will be looking in the coming months to expanding that if we can. Particularly for the next few weeks to months, we'll be focusing on children. I will get you the name. [sss, adv, agg, mjag, mcf, ctz, edu, embc, empr, env, fin, forr, hlth, tnf, jtst, lbrr, mhaa, maz, pjhh, pssg, msd, tacz, tran, dbc]

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## Fwd: QA notes

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## RE: Tahltan update

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We should get our Victoria releases up

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Regards

Holly

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## FW: Tri-cities NR with quotes

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Program is telling us that the UPCC will likely not be in Port Moody but in the Tri-Cities. Mandating Port Moody may result in delays. I wanted to check in with you to see if you wanted to do this regardless.

The following is NOT APPROVED by program yet. But gives you an idea about general messaging:

### **Urgent and Primary Care Centre coming to Tri-Cities**

TRI-CITIES – People living in the Tri-Cities will soon have better access to same-day health-care services when and where they need it with a new urgent and primary care centre (UPCC).

The temporary location will open by February 2021 and a Request for Proposals for a permanent location is underway.

“The new UPCC will allow people in the Tri-Cities including Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, and Port Moody to access the everyday health-care services they need closer to home, while also taking the demand off the emergency department” said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. “We are working in partnership with local communities and health-care providers to deliver on our primary care strategy throughout the province.” s.13

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“I am very happy for the communities in the Tri-Cities that will benefit from this new urgent and primary care centre to help meet their daily health-care needs s.13 said Rick Glumac, MLA for Port Moody-Coquitlam. “Urgent primary care centres are an excellent solution for people s.13  
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The centre s.13 will focus on providing ongoing, long-term primary care, as well as urgent care to people with non-life-threatening conditions s.13  
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This is the 21<sup>st</sup> urgent and primary care centres announced under the government’s primary care strategy. The UPCC in the Tri-Cities will be the sixth centre in the Fraser Health region, including two in Surrey, and one each in Burnaby, Maple Ridge and Abbotsford.

### **Quotes:**

#### **Mike Farnworth, MLA - Port Coquitlam**

“This announcement demonstrates how the government is committed to providing easier access to health care services for people in every community of this province. As a resident of Port Coquitlam for more than 40 years I’ve seen the Tri-

Cities grow rapidly, and I am confident this new Port Moody urgent and primary care centre will ensure residents can get their daily health care needs met more conveniently after work and on weekends.”

**Selina Robinson - MLA Coquitlam-Maillardville**

“As a long-time resident of Coquitlam and a former city councillor I often heard from people having difficulty getting a regular family doctor. This new urgent and primary care centres will ensure people can get consistent health care from a team of professionals to have a better overall quality of life.”

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**Dr. Kathleen Ross, president, Doctors of BC –**

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**Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC –**

“Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of B.C. are pleased to see that the knowledge, skills and expertise of the entire health-care team will be utilized to improve access to health care for all British Columbians through urgent and primary care clinics. We believe that this approach will be pivotal in ensuring B.C. families can access health-care services, and we are excited to see the opening of another urgent and primary care clinic in B.C.”s.13

**Quick Facts:**

- Primary care is the day-to-day health care given by a health-care provider.
- Urgent primary care is the care that people need within 12 to 24 hours for conditions such as sprains, urinary problems, ear infections, minor cuts or burns.
- Urgent and primary care centres are part of a comprehensive strategy to transform B.C.’s health system by bringing together and co-ordinating with health-care providers, services and programs to make it easier for people to access care, receive follow-up and connect to other services they may need.

**Learn More:**

To learn more about the Province’s primary health-care strategy, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0034-001010>

To learn more about the Province’s strategy to increase the number of nurse practitioners, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0034-000995>

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## BACKGROUND

### Urgent and Primary Care Centre in the Tri-Cities

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## FW: Ministerial Order for the Minister's Signature

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Many thanks,  
**Andrea Andrachuk**  
Manager, Executive Program Operations  
Office of the Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Health

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Wahoo!

He did both! Excellent. Can you please mail these to the Ministry of Health, attention Holly Moulton? The address is 1515 Blanchard. They need the hard copies.

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OK, he signed it. But he also gave me another one (MoH 2), but I think it is the same as the one you sent. Anyway, I send you both. And he got his phone, thank you.

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Good morning Amanda

I have attached an order for the Minister's signature regarding the appointment of Holly-Marie Janet Page as a public member to the board of the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of British Columbia.

Regards,  
Holly

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He did! You sent it to me this morning I just didn't notice two attachments

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Hi Amanda,  
My understanding is that the Minister has approved Amanda, can you confirm this and confirm approval to apply his e-signature.  
Thank you  
Holly

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**Subject:** TB Submission - s.12

Hi Minister – For your review and signature, I have attached a TB Sub<sup>s.12</sup>  
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This submission<sup>s.12</sup>

Thanks,  
Peter

Peter Pokorny  
Associate Deputy Minister  
Corporate Services  
Ministry of Health  
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## RE: Tahltan update

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**Sent:** September 18, 2020 10:30 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature

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Understand. Will send it to Holly directly.

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2020 10:29 AM  
**To:** Leung, Idy <Idy.Leung@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature

Just two. The third was a copy of the one he handed you. I thought he lost it.

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**From:** Leung, Idy <Idy.Leung@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 10:28 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature

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Sure, was thinking to send it to you. Will send them directly together with the last one you sent, total 3 Orders

idy

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2020 10:26 AM  
**To:** Leung, Idy <Idy.Leung@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature

Wahoo!

He did both! Excellent. Can you please mail these to the Ministry of Health, attention Holly Moulton? The address is 1515 Blanchard. They need the hard copies.

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**From:** Leung, Idy <Idy.Leung@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 9:45 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature

**[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.**

OK, he signed it. But he also gave me another one (MoH 2), but I think it is the same as the one you sent. Anyway, I send you both. And he got his phone, thank you.

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <[Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2020 9:29 AM  
**To:** Leung, Idy <[Idy.Leung@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Idy.Leung@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature

Can you print this one for him?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX" <[Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** September 18, 2020 at 9:26:16 AM PDT  
**To:** "van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX" <[Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Andrachuk, Andrea HLTH:EX" <[Andrea.Andrachuk@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Andrea.Andrachuk@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature

Good morning Amanda

I have attached an order for the Minister's signature regarding the appointment of Holly-Marie Janet Page as a public member to the board of the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of British Columbia.

Regards,  
Holly

## RE: Tahltan update

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 10:30:58 AM PDT  
Thanks Hannah

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**From:** Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 10:31 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>; Greer, Shannon GCPE:EX <Shannon.Greer@gov.bc.ca>; Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Tahltan update

Both release went out early morning – Tweets and links in the attached

Hannah  
Office 250 952-2475

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 10:20 AM  
**To:** Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>; Greer, Shannon GCPE:EX <Shannon.Greer@gov.bc.ca>; Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Tahltan update

Do you know what the ETA is for these? Re the Cindy Harnett story.

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**From:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 10:17 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Tahltan update

We should get our Victoria releases up

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 17, 2020, at 6:01 PM, van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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**From:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 5:47 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Tahltan update

Please find attached this week's Tahltan update.  
Regards  
Holly  
<IBN - Tahltan Nation Patient Transfer Improvement Plan Sep 16.20.doc>

## Untitled.msg

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From: Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca, van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX  
<Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Amanda HLTH:EX van Baarsen <amanda.vanbaarsen@gov.bc.ca>, van Baarsen,  
Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 10:39:17 AM PDT

Sent from my iPhone

## FW: FOR APPROVAL: RIH Topping Off NR

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 10:49:32 AM PDT  
Attachments: NR\_RIHPCT\_ToppingOff\_Sept2020\_FINAL.docx  
What do you think

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**From:** Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 10:48 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FOR APPROVAL: RIH Topping Off NR

Hi Amanda,  
I'm riding this wave of approvals – any chance of this one getting approved?  
I think it's the last one on our list besides Port Moody

### RIH Patient Care Tower reaches Topping Off milestone

KAMLOOPS – The Royal Inland Hospital (RIH) Patient Care Tower Project has reached a significant milestone, bringing the hospital another step closer to completion of a new state-of-the-art tower, which will enhance care for patients and their families in Kamloops and the Thompson Cariboo Shuswap region.

“I’m excited to see the progress on the Patient Care Tower Project at Royal Inland Hospital,” said Health Minister Adrian Dix. “This tower is going to significantly expand the hospital campus, and signifies our ongoing commitment to increasing access to quality care for people in Kamloops and the entire Thompson Cariboo Shuswap region.” **NOT APPROVED**

The \$417-million Royal Inland Hospital Patient Care Tower Project will result in a nine-storey hospital tower that is designed from a patient-centred and elder-friendly perspective, with extensive input from hospital staff, physicians and other stakeholders.

It will feature single-patient rooms equipped with their own washrooms, enhancing privacy and infection prevention and control measures. It will also include child and adolescent mental health services, maternal and child health services, respiratory therapy services, surgical suites, a mental health and substance use inpatient unit, a rooftop helipad as well as patient registration and retail space.

“The new tower will create an environment in which our physicians and staff will be able to do what they do best – provide high-quality care, which will lead to better outcomes and improved health and wellness for the Interior Health region,” said Doug Cochrane, Interior Health Board Chair. **NOT APPROVED**

The project has reached the Topping Off milestone, bringing the concrete phase to completion as the tower reaches its full nine-storey height. With the structural steel phase now underway, people can look forward to the tower opening its doors to patients in the summer of 2022.

Interior Health recently gathered with its partners to celebrate the Topping Off. Following all COVID-19 safety protocols, RIH staff and community stakeholders were invited to sign a 12-foot steel beam before it was hoisted and placed in its permanent location as part of the Patient Care Tower.

“Watching the Patient Care Tower progress since construction began has been great to see,” said Ken Christian, Thompson Regional Hospital District Chair. “As a regional tertiary referral hospital, RIH is vital to everyone in the Thompson Nicola Regional District and we are looking forward to the day it opens to patients in summer 2022.” **NOT APPROVED**

“On behalf of all of our donors, the RIH Foundation is proud to support the RIH Patient Care Tower Project,” said Heidi Coleman, Chief Executive Officer, RIH Foundation. “We are grateful for all of the support we have already

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As part of Interior Health’s commitment to environmental sustainability and green buildings, the new tower is being designed and constructed to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification, helping to create a healthy and healing patient environment and workplace. The building’s design also features wood finishes which aligns with B.C.’s Wood First Act.

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To: Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 10:54:34 AM PDT  
Woot!

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**From:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 10:51 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: FOR APPROVAL: RIH Topping Off NR

Yes approved

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<NR\_RIHPCT\_ToppingOff\_Sept2020\_FINAL.docx>

## FW: Life Labs

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 10:59:38 AM PDT

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**From:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 10:58 AM  
**To:** Pokorny, Peter HLTH:EX <Peter.Pokorny@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Life Labs

Please affix my electronic signature to the Life Labs Covid-19 agreement.

Adrian

Adrian Dix  
Minister of Health

## FW: Rural and Remote Framework Status Update

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Robinson, Jon PREM:EX <Jon.Robinson@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 10:59:44 AM PDT  
Attachments: 1177075 RR Framework Status Update\_Sept 8 (002).docx

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**From:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 10:56 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** HLTH Corporate Operations HLTH:EX <HLTH.Corporate.Operations@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Rural and Remote Framework Status Update

Good morning Amanda,

Please find attached update on the Rural and Remote Framework.

Regards  
Holly

## FW: Rural and Remote Framework Status Update

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 11:00:08 AM PDT  
Attachments: 1177075 RR Framework Status Update\_Sept 8 (002).docx  
FYI

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**From:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 10:56 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** HLTH Corporate Operations HLTH:EX <HLTH.Corporate.Operations@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Rural and Remote Framework Status Update

Good morning Amanda,

Please find attached update on the Rural and Remote Framework.

Regards  
Holly

## RE: UPCC Data

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 11:02:03 AM PDT  
YES!

Can we add in Esquimalt, North Quadra, and West Kelowna to the UPCC portion?

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**From:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 3:16 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** UPCC Data

Does this work?  
Holly

## RE: Surgeries Data Request

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 11:04:48 AM PDT  
This is perfect.

Can I get the same for MRIs?

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**From:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Surgeries Data Request

As requested Amanda,

Holly

## RE: Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 11:18:27 AM PDT  
That is in transit. Should arrive today.

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**From:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 11:17 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature

As per the below, have you seen this one?  
Holly

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**From:** Barker, Debbie HLTH:EX <Debbie.Barker@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 11:16 AM  
**To:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>; Andrachuk, Andrea HLTH:EX <Andrea.Andrachuk@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Thiessen-Wale, Katherine HLTH:EX <Katherine.ThiessenWale@gov.bc.ca>; Singh, Nancy K FIN:EX <Nancy.Singh@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Ministerial Order for the Minister's signature

Hi Holly and Andrea - just wondering if perhaps this one got missed? Just checking.

Thanks,  
Debbie



## FW: COVID-19 Critical Care Admissions - September 18, 2020

From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
 To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
 Sent: September 18, 2020 11:22:09 AM PDT  
 Attachments: image002.png, 2020-09-18 Census Tracker Critical Care (Bonnie Henry).xlsx

Please see critical care COVID-19 confirmed patients below as of September 18, 2020 (reported by the sites up to 10:00 am on September 18, 2020). The number of COVID-19 patients on mechanical ventilation is also included below.

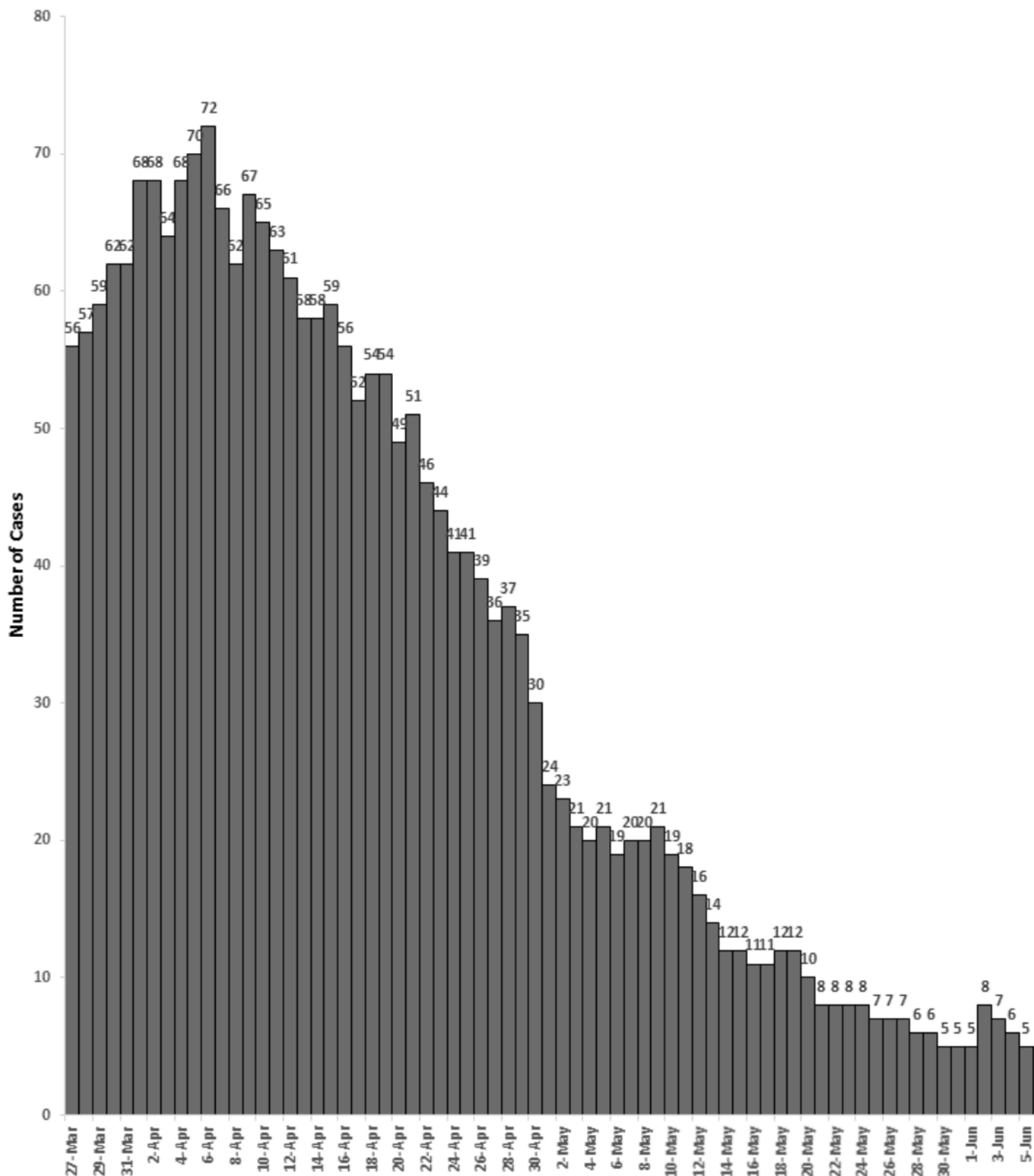
Please note the decrease of 2 patients in today's critical care COVID-19 confirmed census (20) as compared to yesterday's (22). This change can be attributed to:

- 4 critical care patient transferred to non-critical care (2 NHA, 1FHA, 1VCH)
- 2 newly admitted critical care patients (VCH)

Total Confirmed Critical Care COVID-19 Positive Patients				
	17-Sep-20		18-Sep-20	
HA	Critical Care	MV	Critical Care	MV
IH	0	0	0	0
FH	6	4	5	4
NH	6	0	4	0
VCH	10	8	11	7
VIHA	0	0	0	0
PHSA	0	0	0	0
Total	22	12	20	11

Total Suspected Critical Care COVID-19 Positive Patients				
	17-Sep-20		18-Sep-20	
HA	Critical Care	MV	Critical Care	MV
IH	2	0	1	1
FH	0	0	0	0
NH	0	0	1	0
VCH	0	0	0	0
VIHA	0	0	1	1
PHSA	0	0	0	0
Total	2	0	3	2

Total Positive COVID-19 Critical Care Patients



Please note that we are working on stabilizing the system with our health authority partners and there continues to be small adjustments in the data. We are improving the quality of the data on an ongoing basis.

Thank you,  
Linda

*Linda Liu* ([linda.liu@phsa.ca](mailto:linda.liu@phsa.ca))





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Join Microsoft Teams Meeting <<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-s.15; s.17>>

Please contact Zita Baumann, 236-478-2521 or 778-679-4740, if you have connection issues.

Good morning,

Please note that there has been a change of time for the following meeting.

PA

Friday, Sept. 18, 2020 Friday, Sept. 18, 2020

(NOW) 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (WAS) 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Chambers/VCO/MS Teams Chambers/VCO/MS Teams

Please update your Minister/Official's calendar to reflect this change.

Thank you,

Dawn-Alena Brown

Cabinet Operations Office of the Premier

Room 033| 617 Government Street, Victoria, B.C. | V8W 9V1  
Ph: 778.974.5082 / Cell: 778.584.0197

## FW: COVID Tracking Friday September 18

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>, Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 11:50:46 AM PDT  
Attachments: COVID Tracking 2020-09-18.xlsx, image002.jpg  
For your reference

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**From:** HLTH COVID CRHEM HLTH:EX <COVID.CRHEM@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 11:44 AM  
**To:** Yeung, Lucinda HLTH:EX <Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca>; van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Rongve, Ian HLTH:EX <Ian.Rongve@gov.bc.ca>; Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** COVID Tracking Friday September 18

Good morning Lucinda,

Attached please find the daily COVID tracking. Apologies for the delay this morning.

Thank you.



COVID Response and Health Emergency Management Division  
Ministry of Health

**Email:** [COVID.CRHEM@gov.bc.ca](mailto:COVID.CRHEM@gov.bc.ca)

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## RE: Tri-cities NR with quotes

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 11:55:17 AM PDT  
Yes. Thanks.

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**From:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 11:55 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Tri-cities NR with quotes

OK in general. Have to fill in the blanks.

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2020 10:23:58 AM  
**To:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Tri-cities NR with quotes

Program is telling us that the UPCC will likely not be in Port Moody but in the Tri-Cities. Mandating Port Moody may result in delays. I wanted to check in with you to see if you wanted to do this regardless.

The following is NOT APPROVED by program yet. But gives you an idea about general messaging:

### **Urgent and Primary Care Centre coming to Tri-Cities**

TRI-CITIES – People living in the Tri-Cities will soon have better access to same-day health-care services when and where they need it with a new urgent and primary care centre (UPCC).

The temporary location will open by February 2021 and a Request for Proposals for a permanent location is underway.

“The new UPCC will allow people in the Tri-Cities including Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, and Port Moody to access the everyday health-care services they need closer to home, while also taking the demand off the emergency department” said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. “We are working in partnership with local communities and health-care providers to deliver on our primary care strategy throughout the province.” **NOT APPROVED.**

The UPCC will be operated by Fraser Health, with the support of the xx First Nation, the Fraser Northwest Division of Family Practice and the Tri-Cities.

“I am very happy for the communities in the Tri-Cities that will benefit from this new urgent and primary care centre to help meet their daily health-care needs when and where they need care,” said Rick Glumac, MLA for Port Moody-Coquitlam. “Urgent primary care centres are an excellent solution for people to get their health-care needs met, and they alleviate the demand on hospital emergency departments.”

Approximately X full-time equivalent health-care providers will join the team, including general practitioners, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, social worker, physiotherapist and medical office assistants.

Once fully staffed, the centre will provide care for more than x patient visits annually. Patients will be seen by the team of health-care providers and will be able to self-refer to the UPCC for care.

The centre will serve two purposes. First, it will focus on providing ongoing, long-term primary care, as well as urgent care to people with non-life-threatening conditions who need to see a health-care provider within 12 to 24 hours, but do not require an emergency department. The centre will offer services to people with minor cuts or burns, headaches, sprains, mental health and substance use challenges.

The second purpose will be to attach X patients over the next X years to a regular primary care provider at the centre or in the community. Attachment will be provided with the collaboration of the Fraser Northwest Division of Family Practice. Once the centre opens, patients will be able to see a primary care provider from 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

This is the 21<sup>st</sup> urgent and primary care centres announced under the government's primary care strategy. The UPCC in the Tri-Cities will be the sixth centre in the Fraser Health region, including two in Surrey, and one each in Burnaby, Maple Ridge and Abbotsford.

#### Quotes:

##### **Mike Farnworth, MLA - Port Coquitlam**

"This announcement demonstrates how the government is committed to providing easier access to health care services for people in every community of this province. As a resident of Port Coquitlam for more than 40 years I've seen the Tri-Cities grow rapidly, and I am confident this new Port Moody urgent and primary care centre will ensure residents can get their daily health care needs met more conveniently after work and on weekends."

##### **Selina Robinson - MLA Coquitlam-Maillardville**

"As a long-time resident of Coquitlam and a former city councillor I often heard from people having difficulty getting a regular family doctor. This new urgent and primary care centres will ensure people can get consistent health care from a team of professionals to have a better overall quality of life."

##### **Jim Sinclair, board chair, Fraser Health –**

"Need quote"

##### **Dr. xxxxxx, physician lead, the Fraser Northwest Division of Family Practice Family Practice –**

"Need quote"

"I am very happy for the communities in the Tri-Cities that will benefit from this new urgent and primary care centre to help meet their daily health-care needs when and where they need care."

##### **Dr. Kathleen Ross, president, Doctors of BC –**

"We look forward to the integration of the Port Moody UPCC in hopes it will strengthen primary care in the community and ensure people there have access to the health care services they need while also supporting long-term relationships between patients and their family doctor." **NOT APPROVED**

##### **Jacqollyne Keath, board chair, Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC –**

"Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of B.C. are pleased to see that the knowledge, skills and expertise of the entire health-care team will be utilized to improve access to health care for all British Columbians through urgent and primary care clinics. We believe that this approach will be pivotal in ensuring B.C. families can access health-care services, and we are excited to see the opening of another urgent and primary care clinic in B.C." **NOT APPROVED**

#### Quick Facts:

- Primary care is the day-to-day health care given by a health-care provider.
- Urgent primary care is the care that people need within 12 to 24 hours for conditions such as sprains, urinary problems, ear infections, minor cuts or burns.
- Urgent and primary care centres are part of a comprehensive strategy to transform B.C.'s health system by bringing together and co-ordinating with health-care providers, services and programs to make it easier for people to access care, receive follow-up and connect to other services they may need.

#### Learn More:

To learn more about the Province's primary health-care strategy, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0034-001010>

To learn more about the Province's strategy to increase the number of nurse practitioners, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0034-000995>



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604 613-0794 (media line)

## BACKGROUND

### Urgent and Primary Care Centre in the Tri-Cities

The urgent and primary care centre in the Tri-Cities will include the following:

- Improved access to care through extended weekend and evening hours.
- Open seven days a week, 365 days per year, regardless of holidays.
- People can self-refer for their urgent and primary care needs. Patients can also be referred by community service providers, other health-care professionals and agencies.
- People can also schedule appointments. During busy periods, appointments will be prioritised based on urgency.
- Patients requiring laboratory testing beyond the simple specimen collection will be provided with requisitions for lab tests to be completed at nearby laboratories.
- The population in the Tri-Cities is X, of which X are considered unattached.
- In YEAR, more than X, representing approximately x% visits at the emergency department by Tri-Cities residents were triaged as non-emergency at the Eagle Ridge Hospital. Many of these non-urgent conditions could have been managed in a primary care setting, such as an urgent and primary care centre.
- UPCCs are part of a comprehensive provincial strategy to transform B.C.'s health system by bringing together and coordinating with health-care providers, services, and programs to make it easier for people to access care, receive follow-up care, and connect to other services they may need.

## **RE: Transforming primary care in B.C.**

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Letnick, Norm s.17  
Sent: September 18, 2020 12:06:39 PM PDT

Main Release of all of them: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0280-001735>

Kootenay: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0282-001739>  
Chilliwack: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0284-001741>  
Oceanside: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0283-001740>  
Saanich Peninsula: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0285-001744>  
Kootenay Boundary: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0286-001745>  
Mission: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0287-001747>  
Cowichan: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0281-001737>  
White Rock and Surrey: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0288-001748>  
Comox: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0289-001749>  
Central Interior: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0290-001750>  
Vancouver: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0291-001751>  
Central Okanagan: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0292-001752>

-----Original Message-----

From: Letnick, Norm s.17  
Sent: September 15, 2020 1:02 PM  
To: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: Re: Transforming primary care in B.C.

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Can I get a link please?

Norm Letnick, MLA  
Kelowna Lake Country  
BC Health Critic

On Sep 15, 2020, at 1:01 PM, van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

I spoke too soon!

This one is final. Hoorah.

<2020HLTH0280-001735.pdf>

## FW: constituent's concerns

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 12:09:01 PM PDT  
Any way you can find out where this one is at?

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**From:** Letnick, Norm s.17  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 10:09 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** constituent's concerns  
**Importance:** High

**[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.**

Amanda,

Welcome back!! Can someone please provide guidance on where we should send this Dr. ?? PLEASE

Norm

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**From:** Wat, Teresa  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 10:37 PM  
**To:** Letnick, Norm s.17  
**Cc:** Chan, Trix <Trix.Chan@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: constituent's concerns

Hi Norm,

Appreciate it very much if you will go after the Minister as my constituent keeps pushing me. I need to respond to him. Thx so much.

Teresa

s.17

**From:** "Letnick, Norm"  
**Date:** June 3, 2020 at 4:30:19 PM PDT  
**To:** "Wat, Teresa" <s.17>  
**Subject:** Re: constituent's concerns

Yes Teresa. I'll try his new assistant.

Norm Letnick, MLA  
Kelowna Lake Country  
BC Health Critic

On Jun 3, 2020, at 3:39 PM, Wat, Teresa <s.17>

wrote:

Hi Norm,

You have been so busy with the COVID-19 file. Don't know if you remember my constituent's concern re the following. I will forward his

letter to Minister Dix in my next email. The following is to refresh your memory and to see if you did follow up with Minister Dix back in June last year. Thx.

Best Regards,

Teresa Wat 屈潔冰  
MLA, Richmond North Centre

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Chan, Trix" <Trix.Chan@leg.bc.ca>  
**Date:** June 1, 2020 at 6:20:18 PM PDT  
**To:** "Wat, Teresa" s.17  
**Subject:** Fw: constituent's concerns

*Warm Regards,*

*Trix Chan*

*Constituency Assistant to MLA Teresa Wat*

*Richmond North Centre Constituency Office*

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**From:** Wat, Teresa  
**Sent:** June 18, 2019 1:44 PM  
**To:** Letnick, Norm  
**Subject:** Re: constituent's concerns

Thx so much Norm.

Best Regards,

Teresa Wat 屈潔冰

MLA, Richmond North Centre  
604.775.0754 (Richmond Constituency Office)  
250.387.3086 (Victoria Office)  
604.290.3943 (Mobile)

On Jun 18, 2019, at 1:42 PM, Letnick, Norm  
s.17 wrote:

I will.

Norm Letnick, MLA  
Kelowna Lake Country  
BC Health Critic

On Jun 18, 2019, at 1:15 PM, Wat, Teresa  
s.17 wrote:

Hi Norm,

Sorry to bother you again.

My constituent is very persistent and  
called my office again to see if we  
have heard anything from Dix office.

Appreciate it very much if you will  
ask Dix one more time. Thx.

Best Regards,

Teresa Wat 屈潔冰  
MLA, Richmond North Centre  
604.775.0754 (Richmond  
Constituency Office)  
250.387.3086 (Victoria Office)  
604.290.3943 (Mobile)

On May 28, 2019, at 7:12 PM,  
Letnick, Norm  
s.17 wrote:

I will ask again.

Norm Letnick, MLA  
Kelowna Lake Country  
BC Health Critic

On May 28, 2019, at  
9:20 PM, Wat, Teresa

s.17

wrote:

Hi Norm,

My  
constituent  
has asked if  
we hear  
anything  
from  
Minister Dix  
re his  
concern.

Appreciate it  
very much if  
you will  
follow up  
with Minister  
Dix re the  
following.

Thx Norm.

Teresa

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**From:** Wat,  
Teresa  
**Sent:** April  
11, 2019  
11:34 AM  
**To:** Letnick,  
Norm  
**Subject:** Re:  
constituent's  
concerns

Please. Thx  
Norm.

Best  
Regards,

Teresa Wat  
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On Apr 11,  
2019, at  
11:33 AM,  
Letnick,  
Norm  
s.17  
wrote:

If  
you  
like  
I  
can  
ask  
dix  
staff.

Norm  
Letnick,  
MLA  
Kelowna  
Lake  
Country  
BC  
Health  
Critic

On  
Apr  
11,  
2019,  
at  
11:28  
AM,  
Wat,  
Teresa  
s.17  
wrote:

Hi  
Norm,

I  
have  
not  
got  
any  
response  
from  
Dix's  
staff  
re  
the  
following  
concern  
from  
my  
constituent.  
My  
constituent,  
who  
is  
a  
family  
doctor,  
just  
emailed  
to  
ask  
any  
response  
from  
the  
ministry.

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the  
email  
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Dix  
or  
raise  
this  
at  
the  
budget  
estimate  
debate?  
Your  
advice  
is  
appreciated.



Thx.

Best  
Regards,

Teresa  
Wat  
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Begin  
forwarded  
message:

**From:**  
"Wat,  
Teresa"  
s.17  
**Date:**  
February  
26,  
2019  
at  
12:38:33  
PM  
PST  
**To:**  
"Dix,  
Adrian  
HLTH:EX"  
<Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:**  
"Letnick,  
Norm"  
s.17  
"Chan,  
Trix"  
<Trix.Chan@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:**  
**FW:**

**constituent's  
concerns**

Dear  
Minister  
Dix,

I  
am  
forwarding  
the  
following  
email  
from  
my  
constituent  
for  
your  
attention.

My  
constituency  
staff  
has  
talked  
to  
your  
ministry  
staff  
and  
was  
told  
that  
the  
case  
is  
in  
legal  
process,  
and  
will  
not  
be  
able  
to  
provide  
us  
any  
details.

However,

s.22

I  
sincerely  
appreciate  
that  
you  
will  
follow  
up  
with  
your  
ministry  
staff  
and  
respond  
to  
my  
constituent's  
concern  
about  
s.22

Thanks  
in  
advance,

Sincerely,  
Teresa  
Wat  
MLA,  
Richmond  
North  
Centre

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From:  
s.22

Sent:  
February  
5,  
2019  
5:05  
PM  
To:  
Wat.MLA,  
Teresa  
Subject:  
RE:  
constituent's  
concerns

Dear  
Richmond  
North  
Centre  
Constituency  
Office,

I  
have  
waited  
for  
several  
months  
for  
the  
issue  
to  
be  
dealt  
with  
appropriately,  
but  
the  
various  
people  
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of  
Health  
or  
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From:  
s.22

Sent:  
November  
5,  
2018  
12:03  
PM  
To:  
Wat.MLA,  
Teresa  
Subject:  
constituent's  
concerns

Dear  
Ms.  
Wat,

I  
understand  
from  
your  
secretariat  
in  
Richmond  
that  
I  
should  
briefly  
outline  
some  
major  
concerns  
that  
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have  
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relate  
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government  
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Withheld pursuant to/removed as

s.22

## RE: New PH orders

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Letnick, Norm s.17  
Sent: September 18, 2020 12:12:13 PM PDT

Oh I see. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Letnick, Norm s.17  
Sent: September 18, 2020 12:11 PM  
To: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: Re: New PH orders

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The evidence - facts- numbers or any data that led to the pho shutting down liquor after 10. They believe it will just move their clients to private parties and put them in financial jeopardy. They want proof their businesses are responsible for the higher numbers

Norm Letnick, MLA  
Kelowna Lake Country  
BC Health Critic

On Sep 18, 2020, at 12:07 PM, van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

I am more sure I fully understand this ask - what is it that folks are looking for?

-----Original Message-----

From: Letnick, Norm s.17  
Sent: September 16, 2020 1:00 PM  
To: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: New PH orders

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

Amanda,

Welcome back!!!

Our caucus received a letter from Dr. Henry as she promised. I've thanked her and do so again.

Members of my caucus have spoken to a number of bar and restaurant owners, individual and chains. The don't have any numbers in staff, patrons, or tracking calls on covid. Im not sure to whom I should address the ask so perhaps you can help us and track down the evidence used to support these latest measures please?

Norm Letnick, MLA  
Kelowna Lake Country





## Norm's list - all in one

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 12:13:47 PM PDT  
Attachments: Anesthesiology Recruitment Update - 11SEPT20.docx  
Two of his asks were the same question. I've compiled his list of outstanding requests here and will begin tackling them one at a time.

Norm is available at 2pm for a phone call.

1. Is the Lake Country CHC in the Okanagan PCN
2. Is the Rutland UPCC in the Okanagan PCN
3. Any and all direction from the Ministry of Health on visitation in acute care hospitals
4. How can care homes apply for the Federal money to improve social distancing projects like outdoor areas
5. Is the name of the company producing the new BC tests public? And what is it?
6. A request of Stephen Brown to provide an update on Anesthesia hiring (attached is the answer I have yet to pass on)
7. The evidence - facts- numbers or any data that led to the pho shutting down liquor after 10. They believe it will just move their clients to private parties and put them in financial jeopardy. They want proof their businesses are responsible for the higher numbers
8. A copy of our response letter to banquet halls, shutting them down.
9. One case from Teresa Wat whose response was that they can't share details due to legal proceedings (I am tracking this down, but doubtful the response will change)

## RE: Norm's list

From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 12:19:33 PM PDT  
Attachments: Anesthesiology Recruitment Update - 11SEPT20.docx  
6 is attached and below:

### Anesthesiologists Hired in FY20/21 to Date (April 1 – August 20, 2020) by Region

Region	Anesthesiologist	FP-A	Total Hires	Permanent <sup>[1]</sup>	Locum
Fraser Health	2	-	2	2	-
Interior Health	10	1	11	8	3
Northern Health	-	1	1	-	1
Vancouver Island Health	10	1	11	9	2
Vancouver Coastal Health	5	1	6	4	2
Providence Health Care	2	-	2	2	-
Provincial Health Services (PHSA)	7	-	7	2	5
<b>Total Hires by Occupation</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>

### Anesthesiology Candidates by Location in the Health Match Recruitment Pipeline at August 20, 2020

Region	Referral Stage	Invited to Interview/ Site Visit	Test Locum	Offer Stage	Rejected Candidates	Withdrawn from Community (still in process in BC)
Fraser	6	1	-	-	2	1
Interior	15	2	7	-	10	8
Northern	-	-	-	-	1	2
Vancouver Island	6	-	1	-	-	1
Vancouver Coastal	5	1	-	1	3	6
PHSA	1	-	-	-	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>

Finding out the other two.

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**From:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 12:18 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Norm's list

Can we get some answers for me to #1, 5, 6,

Adrian

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX

**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2020 12:10:23 PM

**To:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX

**Subject:** RE: Norm's list

Apologies – attached is the anesthesiologist data

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX

**Sent:** September 18, 2020 12:10 PM

**To:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <[Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Norm's list

1. Is the Lake Country CHC in the Okanagan PCN
2. Is the Rutland UPCC in the Okanagan PCN
3. Any and all direction from the Ministry of Health on visitation in acute care hospitals
4. How can care homes apply for the Federal money to improve social distancing projects like outdoor areas
5. Is the name of the company producing the new BC tests public? And what is it?
6. A request of Stephen Brown to provide an update on Anesthesia hiring (attached is the answer I have yet to pass on)
7. A written explanation of why bars have to stop serving liquor after 10pm (he says he received this from Bonnie, and is now asking for the scientific reasoning behind doing this for all of BC rather than just the lower mainland where the problem is)
8. A copy of our response letter to banquet halls, shutting them down.
9. "Members of my caucus have spoken to a number of bar and restaurant owners, individual and chains. They don't have any numbers in staff, patrons, or tracking calls on covid. I'm not sure to whom I should address the ask so perhaps you can help us and track down the evidence used to support these latest measures please?" (I am trying to find out what he is referring to with this ask)
10. One case from Teresa Wat whose response was that they can't share details due to legal proceedings (I am tracking this down, but doubtful the response will change)

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<sup>[1]</sup> The Ministry is working with Health Match BC to determine the breakdown of Permanent and Locum hires by occupation.

## UBCM announcement regarding Nanaimo?

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Pham, Thuy HLTH:EX <Thuy.Pham@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 12:25:36 PM PDT

On a UBCM call, from the mayor, one of our MLAs learned that the Nanaimo hospital has just announced an innovative plan with Island Health that supports people with finding housing upon discharge from hospital.

Can you please give me the details on that?

## **FW: PHO Orders re Gatherings and Events & Food and Liquor Serving Premises**

From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 12:36:18 PM PDT  
Attachments: PHO-Class Order Gatherings and Events (COVID-19) Sept 18.20 final.pdf, PHO - CLASS Order Food and Liquor Serving Premises (COVID-19) September 18.20 final.pdf  
This usually takes a couple days to go up after this email is generated. But if you want to give a head's up to Norm at 2:30 (you have P&A till 2) here are the details:

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**From:** Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 12:33 PM  
**Subject:** RE: PHO Orders re Gatherings and Events & Food and Liquor Serving Premises

Attached for posting are the final versions of the proposed orders – an updated *Gatherings And Events* order and newly titled *Food and Liquor Serving Premises* order (replaces the *Restaurants, Coffee Shops, Cafes, Cafeterias and Licensed Premises, including Pubs, Bars, Lounges, Nightclubs and Tasting Rooms* order).

Please post the attached orders to the PHO website.

The main changes are as follows:

1. All “events” are now in the Gatherings and Events order. Previously events were in both orders which was leading to uncertainty and inequitable application.
2. Nightclubs must cease operating as nightclubs. They could change their business model to operate as a restaurant, pub or bar.
3. Background music or other background sounds, such as from televisions, must be no louder than the volume of normal conversation.
4. Liquor sales for onsite consumption must cease by 10:00 pm. Off-sales could still happen.
5. Unless a full meal service is provided, premises must close by 11:00 pm and all patrons must vacate the premises. If a full meal service is provided, premises may stay open, but liquor must not be served until 11:00 am the following day.
6. Liquor must not be consumed on premises by owners, operators or staff after 11:00 pm
7. The Gatherings and Events order does not apply to voting places.
8. Banquet halls are defined and ordered not to hold events, but voting is explicitly allowed. They could also do other things like have daycares.
9. The definition of “event” is further clarified to indicate it applies to a “trade fair, agricultural fair, seasonal fair and episodic indoor event that has as its primary purpose the sale of merchandise or services e.g. Christmas craft markets, home shows, antique fairs and the like.”
10. The definition of “a place” is clarified to include “a private residence and other premises not ordinarily open to the public” now that police can enforce the event order wrt parties.
11. The requirement for both event organizer and owner to hold lists of event attendees was removed as thought to be unnecessary duplication.

12. Liquor service at events must cease at 10 pm.
13. If food or liquor serving premises hold private events like wedding receptions, the same rules that hotels and other venues must follow apply to these premises. But if it is a public event like live music performance all the extra rules e.g. no singing, dancing, no-self serve bar, must remain seated apply.

Thanks and have a great weekend!

Brian

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)  
BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1  
T 250.952.1701 C <sup>s.17</sup> F. 250.952. 1713 [brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca)

## **RE: Lake Country CHC update**

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 12:49:17 PM PDT

No. it suggests it will be? I wouldn't mind an easy yes or no?

-----Original Message-----

From: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 12:40 PM  
To: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: Lake Country CHC update

Does the attached answer Norm's question re Okanagan PCN?

Holly

## Flash and Continuous Glucose Monitoring Devices

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 12:50:22 PM PDT  
Have there been any updates re glucose monitors?



## RE: INTERVIEW REQUEST IN REAL TIME: HLTH Media Request: Interview request: for today re: new UPCC centre

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Greer, Shannon GCPE:EX <Shannon.Greer@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 12:58:58 PM PDT  
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**Sent:** September 18, 2020 12:58 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** London, Kathy HLTH:EX <Kathy.London@gov.bc.ca>  
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[kieran.oudshoorn@cbc.ca](mailto:kieran.oudshoorn@cbc.ca)  
236-464-5334

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Sent: September 18, 2020 1:04:27 PM PDT  
Attachments: EquipCare BC applications release.docx  
Approved? For Sunday? Says "Immediate Release" but <sup>s.13</sup>

Terry Lake, eh...

### Period 2 EquipCare BC applications to start on September 28th

**Burnaby, B.C. (September XX, 2020):** The celebrated EquipCare BC program begins accepting applications for its period 2 funding allocations beginning Monday, September 28th. The \$10 million program is a partnership between the Province of B.C. and the BC Care Providers Association (BCCPA) announced on April 4th, 2020 was established to support seniors living in long-term care and assisted living residences.

In response to British Columbia's emergency novel coronavirus (COVID-19) response plan, EquipCare BC's period 1 funding concentrated on infection prevention and control (IPC), and the application intake for this period ends September 25th. Period 2 will have IPC items for all assisted living and long-term care homes primarily serving seniors apply for a second round of funding with eligible items expanded to improving safety and quality for publicly funded applicants.

"Seniors and residents of long-term care and assisted living homes are the most vulnerable due to complications associated with COVID-19," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "Our goal is to ensure that both residents and health-care workers are protected to the maximum extent possible."

Period 1 / IPC funds were used to purchase PPE including outbreak carts, medical screening devices, mobile hand-hygiene sinks, touch-less towel and soap dispensers, environmental cleaning products, and safe handling equipment for food, waste and laundry. Funds in Period 2 will open up further eligible items for publicly funded applicants primarily serving seniors to include such items as lifts, beds, urgent response systems, and quality of life items such as Snoezelen rooms, sensory equipment, lighting and visual aids, music therapy, and ergonomic furniture.

"We are committed to protecting our seniors and elders during this critical time of COVID-19," said Ronna-Rae Leonard, Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors. "This program will further equip long-term care and assisted living residences with the tools to enhance safety measures for seniors and caregivers in these residences."

"We are pleased to be opening a second round of funding that continues to support much needed infection prevention and control resources and also continue to enhance the safety and quality needs of seniors and those providing care," says Terry Lake, CEO of BCCPA and EngAge BC.

Oversight for EquipCare BC is provided by a group of industry stakeholders and government, including representatives from BCCPA, SafeCare BC, Denominational Health Association and the Ministry of Health. Expert advice in infection prevention and control is also provided by ministry staff.

Information about EquipCare BC is available at [www.bccare.ca](http://www.bccare.ca).

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**From:** Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 12:34 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FOR APPROVAL: BCCPA EquipCare BC applications release

Hi Amanda,  
Another one here for you – approved?  
Thx,

**Hannah Lawrie | Communications Manager**  
Government Communications & Public Engagement  
Ministry of Health  
Office 250 952-2475  
Cell 250 507-1340

## FW: Sept 18th 2020 COVID Update - HA case and outbreak tallies

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To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 1:07:54 PM PDT  
Attachments: Daily\_HA-based\_report\_Sept 18\_final.docx

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Number known to be pregnant	22	3	3	4	14	0	46
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**Subject: Sept 18th 2020 COVID Update - HA case and outbreak tallies**

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Hello,

Please find attached the daily case and outbreak tallies - these data are confidential and embargoed until after 4PM.

Thank you to the epidemiologists in each HA for providing their data in support of this daily summary, and to Andrea Schertzer for compiling.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Jat

**Jat Sandhu MPH MSc PhD MBA**

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## Daily #s

From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
 To: Hagglund, Jarrett PREM:EX <Jarrett.Hagglund@gov.bc.ca>, Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>  
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To: Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 1:09:45 PM PDT  
Can you find me the release about UPCC and any other for Vernon?

Trying to respond to a tweet.

## Today's #s

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To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 1:19:34 PM PDT

FYI:

Hi Bonnie,

Just sent.

Note the footnote for VCH count - 40 of today's new cases from VCH are historic cases that were reported to VCH between August 11 and September 16, 2020.

My understanding is these cases do not have PHNs so did not link up in automated processes, but are currently residing in the VCH region.

However, these cases and their close contacts were all followed-up by Public Health when originally reported.

Jat

## **FW: Posted: PHO Orders re Gatherings and Events & Food and Liquor Serving Premises**

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>, Hockin, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 1:22:13 PM PDT  
Please note below. Highlighted.

These are now posted on the PHO page, please see links below:

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Link to Food and Liquor Serving Premises Order:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-nightclubs-food-drink.pdf>

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**Subject:** Posted: PHO Orders re Gatherings and Events & Food and Liquor Serving Premises

Hi everyone,

These are now posted on the PHO page, please see links below:

PHO page: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Direct link to Gatherings & Events Order: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

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Please let us know if you have questions.



Thank you,  
Jess

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**From:** Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <[Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca)>  
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Attached for posting are the final versions of the proposed orders – an updated *Gatherings And Events* order and newly titled *Food and Liquor Serving Premises* order (replaces the *Restaurants, Coffee Shops, Cafes, Cafeterias and Licensed Premises, including Pubs, Bars, Lounges, Nightclubs and Tasting Rooms* order).

Please post the attached orders to the PHO website.

The main changes are as follows:

1. All “events” are now in the Gatherings and Events order. Previously events were in both orders which was leading to uncertainty and inequitable application.
2. Nightclubs must cease operating as nightclubs. They could change their business model to operate as a restaurant, pub or bar.
3. Background music or other background sounds, such as from televisions, must be no louder than the volume of normal conversation.
4. Liquor sales for onsite consumption must cease by 10:00 pm. Off-sales could still happen.
5. Unless a full meal service is provided, premises must close by 11:00 pm and all patrons must vacate the premises. If a full meal service is provided, premises may stay open, but liquor must not be served until 11:00 am the following day.
6. Liquor must not be consumed on premises by owners, operators or staff after 11:00 pm
7. The Gatherings and Events order does not apply to voting places.
8. Banquet halls are defined and ordered not to hold events, but voting is explicitly allowed. They could also do other things like have daycares.
9. The definition of “event” is further clarified to indicate it applies to a “trade fair, agricultural fair, seasonal fair and episodic indoor event that

has as its primary purpose the sale of merchandise or services e.g. Christmas craft markets, home shows, antique fairs and the like.”

10. The definition of “a place” is clarified to include “a private residence and other premises not ordinarily open to the public” now that police can enforce the event order wrt parties.
11. The requirement for both event organizer and owner to hold lists of event attendees was removed as thought to be unnecessary duplication.
12. Liquor service at events must cease at 10 pm.
13. If food or liquor serving premises hold private events like wedding receptions, the same rules that hotels and other venues must follow apply to these premises. But if it is a public event like live music performance all the extra rules e.g. no singing, dancing, no-self serve bar, must remain seated apply.

Thanks and have a great weekend!

Brian

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## **FW: Lake Country CHC update**

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Confirmed - Lake Country CHC in the Okanagan PCN

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Sent: September 18, 2020 1:22 PM  
To: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: RE: Lake Country CHC update

Yes it is in the Okanagan PCN we aren't sure about Rutland though. Looking into that one.  
Holly

## RE: Casefile for MLA Letnick/Coleman Out of Country funding

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Andrachuk, Andrea HLTH:EX <Andrea.Andrachuk@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 1:30:19 PM PDT  
Thanks for this.

Can I get a copy of the decision letter, or an indication of whether it was approved or denied?

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**From:** Andrachuk, Andrea HLTH:EX <Andrea.Andrachuk@gov.bc.ca>  
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**Cc:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Casefile for MLA Letnick/Coleman Out of Country funding

Hi Amanda,  
The below came in through out DMO so returning to you for MLA Letnick. Please find Casefile bullets attached.

Many thanks,  
**Andrea Andrachuk**  
Manager, Executive Program Operations  
Office of the Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Health

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**From:** Letnick, Norm s.17  
**Sent:** September 3, 2020 11:06 AM  
**To:** Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX <Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Out of Country funding

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Hi Stephen,

I don't usually get asked but Rich Coleman asked me to look into a file for him. Apparently it was sent to your office before.

Can you please apply your magic?

Norm Letnick, MLA  
Kelowna Lake Country  
BC Health Critic

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Strongitharm, Bruce" <Bruce.Strongitharm@leg.bc.ca>  
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**To:** "Letnick, Norm" s.17  
**Cc:** "Coleman, Rich" <Rich.Coleman@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Out of Country funding

Good morning Norm. Hope you are doing well. Attached if the information requested.

Bruce Strongitharm  
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Rich Coleman, MLA  
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## **FW: FOR APPROVAL: BCCPA EquipCare BC applications release**

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Sent: September 18, 2020 1:37:05 PM PDT  
Approved. Calling you re timing though.

### **Period 2 EquipCare BC applications to start on September 28th**

**Burnaby, B.C. (September XX, 2020):** The celebrated EquipCare BC program begins accepting applications for its period 2 funding allocations beginning Monday, September 28th. The \$10 million program is a partnership between the Province of B.C. and the BC Care Providers Association (BCCPA) announced on April 4th, 2020 was established to support seniors living in long-term care and assisted living residences.

In response to British Columbia's emergency novel coronavirus (COVID-19) response plan, EquipCare BC's period 1 funding concentrated on infection prevention and control (IPC), and the application intake for this period ends September 25th. Period 2 will have IPC items for all assisted living and long-term care homes primarily serving seniors apply for a second round of funding with eligible items expanded to improving safety and quality for publicly funded applicants.

"Seniors and residents of long-term care and assisted living homes are the most vulnerable due to complications associated with COVID-19," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "Our goal is to ensure that both residents and health-care workers are protected to the maximum extent possible."

Period 1 / IPC funds were used to purchase PPE including outbreak carts, medical screening devices, mobile hand-hygiene sinks, touch-less towel and soap dispensers, environmental cleaning products, and safe handling equipment for food, waste and laundry. Funds in Period 2 will open up further eligible items for publicly funded applicants primarily serving seniors to include such items as lifts, beds, urgent response systems, and quality of life items such as Snoezelen rooms, sensory equipment, lighting and visual aids, music therapy, and ergonomic furniture.

"We are committed to protecting our seniors and elders during this critical time of COVID-19," said Ronna-Rae Leonard, Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors. "This program will further equip long-term care and assisted living residences with the tools to enhance safety measures for seniors and caregivers in these residences."

"We are pleased to be opening a second round of funding that continues to support much needed infection prevention and control resources and also continue to enhance the safety and quality needs of seniors and those providing care," says Terry Lake, CEO of BCCPA and EngAge BC.

Oversight for EquipCare BC is provided by a group of industry stakeholders and government, including representatives from BCCPA, SafeCare BC, Denominational Health Association and the Ministry of Health. Expert advice in infection prevention and control is also provided by ministry staff.

Information about EquipCare BC is available at [www.bccare.ca](http://www.bccare.ca).

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Hi Amanda,  
Another one here for you – approved?  
Thx,

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## **FW: NR\_Assertive\_Community\_Treatment\_Teams\_Sept18\_DRAFT\_eb (003)**

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Sent: September 18, 2020 1:49:56 PM PDT  
Attachments: NR\_Assertive\_Community\_Treatment\_Teams\_Sept18\_DRAFT\_eb (003).docx  
They are posting this on Sunday with MMHA as lead.

### **Connecting people with mental health challenges to vital supports**

VICTORIA – People living with serious mental health challenges in B.C. will have increased access to ongoing community-based supports and services through six new Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams throughout province.

The new teams will be located in XX and will provide flexible, individualized support – including community living, psychosocial supports, and recovery - for adults with serious, complex and often persistent mental health challenges that make it difficult to manage day-to-day activities. Most ACT clients have not responded well to traditional outpatient mental health services.

“There is no one, single way to help someone who is living with a serious mental health challenge,” said Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. “Some people need help with daily activities while others are struggling with housing, social supports, or substance use. The addition of six new ACT teams in the province means that more people will get just the right combination of mental health supports and services which benefits the whole community.” <NOT APPROVED>

ACT services are delivered by a team of mental health practitioners from a variety of disciplines including who tailor the support to the unique needs of each client. ACT teams are mobile and deliver services in the community – meeting clients where they are rather than in a traditional office setting.

ACT services differ by community but can include: Crisis assessment and intervention, housing supports, psychiatric/psychological treatment, medication management, supports for substance use disorder, work-related services, family support, healthy lifestyle choices and social/recreational activities.

Developing seamless and integrated mental health and substance use care is a key pillar of government’s actions outlined in *A Pathway to Hope*, B.C.’s roadmap for making the system of mental health and addictions care better for people in B.C. Implementing *A Pathway to Hope* is a shared priority with the BC Green Caucus and is part of the Confidence and Supply Agreement.

### **Contact:**

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**Subject:** NR\_Assertive\_Community\_Treatment\_Teams\_Sept18\_DRAFT\_eb (003)

Draft NR on ACT teams.

Looking forward to hearing what you find out about locations.

Best,  
Kelly



## FW: Model of Care Next Steps

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Model of Care update as requested.

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**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Model of Care Next Steps  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Amanda,

The Minister asked Peter for an update on the Model of Care with regard to next steps. I also attached the version that was sent to the MO on the 8<sup>th</sup> September which is still the current version.

Thanks  
Holly

Next steps are as follows:  
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And approved?

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Sent: September 18, 2020 2:29 PM  
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Subject: Re: FOR APPROVAL: Tri-cities UPCC

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Your thoughts?

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Learn More:

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Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Tri-cities UPCC

Hi Amanda,

This has now been approved by program.<sup>s.13</sup>

Approved?

Thanks,

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Yep. He agrees. Let me chase down quote approvals –s.13  
and I'll pay attention then and tweet about it

Let me know when

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To learn more about the Province's primary health-care strategy, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0034-001010>

To learn more about the Province's strategy to increase the number of nurse practitioners, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0034-000995>

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**From:** Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <[Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 2:07 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <[Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <[Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FOR APPROVAL: Tri-cities UPCC

Hi Amanda,  
This has now been approved by program. s.13

Approved?

Thanks,

**Hannah Lawrie | Communications Manager**  
Government Communications & Public Engagement  
Ministry of Health  
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## COVID statement?

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>, Nicola Lambrechts  
<nicola@nlkstrategies.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 2:52:30 PM PDT  
Did I miss a draft to approve?



## RE: Norm's list - all in one

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**To:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 2:57:09 PM PDT

I am assuming that is what he meant but he was vague. That ask was from his Monday call to me. First thing back.

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**From:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 2:56 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Norm's list - all in one

The correspondence with banquet halls - to their request for larger gatherings.

Adrian

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2020 2:55 PM  
**To:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Norm's list - all in one

Ian was getting it for me. Following up now.

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**From:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 2:55 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Norm's list - all in one

Do we have question 5.

Adrian

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2020 12:13:47 PM  
**To:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** Norm's list - all in one

Two of his asks were the same question. I've compiled his list of outstanding requests here and will begin tackling them one at a time.

Norm is available at 2pm for a phone call.

1. Is the Lake Country CHC in the Okanagan PCN
2. Is the Rutland UPCC in the Okanagan PCN
3. Any and all direction from the Ministry of Health on visitation in acute care hospitals
4. How can care homes apply for the Federal money to improve social distancing projects like outdoor areas
5. Is the name of the company producing the new BC tests public? And what is it?
6. A request of Stephen Brown to provide an update on Anesthesia hiring (attached is the answer I have yet to pass on)
7. The evidence - facts- numbers or any data that led to the pho shutting down liquor after 10. They believe it will just move their clients to private parties and put them in financial jeopardy. They want proof their businesses are responsible for the higher numbers
  8. A copy of our response letter to banquet halls, shutting them down.
  9. One case from Teresa Wat whose response was that they can't share details due to legal proceedings (I am tracking this down, but doubtful the response will change)

## RE: Sept 18th 2020 COVID Update - HA case and outbreak tallies

From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 2:58:41 PM PDT  
Could be what they are arguing about. I'll call and probe further.

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**From:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 2:58 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Sept 18th 2020 COVID Update - HA case and outbreak tallies

Take a look at the other report. It doesn't show the same thing. VCH. Hmmm

Adrian

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2020 2:57:31 PM  
**To:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Sept 18th 2020 COVID Update - HA case and outbreak tallies

Not yet. They are struggling with the 40 extra cases wording. I just asked about it.

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**From:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 2:57 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Sept 18th 2020 COVID Update - HA case and outbreak tallies

Is there a statement draft.

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2020 1:07 PM  
**To:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Sept 18th 2020 COVID Update - HA case and outbreak tallies

**Table 1. Reported cases by health authority of residence <sup>a,b,c</sup>**

	Health Authority of Residence <sup>c</sup>						Total N (%)
	FHA	IHA	VIHA	NHA	VCH	Out of Canada	
<b>Total number of cases <sup>a,b</sup></b>	4,007	492	196	244	2,817	86	7,842
umber of new cases yesterday <sup>c</sup>	70	3	0	3	103 <sup>j</sup>	0	179

Number of lab-confirmed and lab-probable cases	3,961	465	192	231	2,786	85	7,720
Number of epi-linked probable cases <sup>b,d</sup>	46	27	4	13	31	1	122
Ever Hospitalized <sup>f</sup>	372	36	25	25	232	5	695 (9%)
Currently in Hospital <sup>f</sup>	25	1	0	7	25	1	59
Deaths <sup>f</sup>	102	2	5	1	113	0	223 (3%)
New deaths since yesterday <sup>e</sup>	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Number known to be pregnant	22	3	3	4	14	0	46
Discontinued isolation <sup>g</sup>	3,161	465	182	207	1,705	77	5,797 (74%)
Currently active cases <sup>h</sup>	726	25	9	36	999	8	1,803 (23%)
Number of contacts under active public health monitoring <sup>i</sup>	1,957	74	31	90	913	10	3,075

**Subject: Sept 18th 2020 COVID Update - HA case and outbreak tallies**

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Hello,

Please find attached the daily case and outbreak tallies - these data are confidential and embargoed until after 4PM.

Thank you to the epidemiologists in each HA for providing their data in support of this daily summary, and to Andrea Schertzer for compiling.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Jat

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## FW: New Lung CA screening/ media release

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX <HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca>  
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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 2:40 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: New Lung CA screening/ media release

Passing your way.

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 12:53 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** New Lung CA screening/ media release

Good Afternoon Ms Holmwood,

I'm unsure if you are the correct person to contact with my query?

I was shocked that Smokers would be the first people to be tested for lung CA.. People who knowingly have damaged their lungs and bodies due to their cigarette addiction!

Why would volunteer, Career and Forestry Fire Fighters not be first? Although we wear Protective breathing apparatus whenever possible and protective clothing when we are inside and near a burning structure or vehicle.. There is still poisonous smoke exposure that is not possible to avoid, both inhaled and absorbed through our skin. Modern fire grounds are a mess or poisonous chemicals floating in the air due to the process of combustion. We are frequently exposed to carcinogenic smoke, with more plastics and lighter more flammable building materials being used in construction.. And plastics and fiberglass in mobile homes and cars. WE are certainly at risk more now, than<sup>s.22</sup>

I strongly disagree with Cigarette smokers being the ones who should be screened first.. Or at all for that matter. When I read the headline.. I thought for sure this would be aimed at people who are out there helping others and making a difference who would be the first to be screened.

Thank you for your time!!

s.22

From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 3:08:01 PM PDT  
Attachments: Proposal to Permit Larger Gatherings at Banquet Halls - Request for Reconsideration of Provincial Health Officer Order, BC Banquet Hall Incoming 1173146.pdf  
Re Banquet Halls

Brian Emmerson response attached and copied below:

Dear Sucha Singh Padda:

Thank you for your fax of June 17, 2020 with a request for reconsideration of the Provincial Health Officer Order with respect to *Mass Gatherings*, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2020, pursuant to section 43 of the *Public Health Act* (the Act – excerpt below). In short, you are requesting that banquet hall facilities in the lower mainland listed in the request be allowed to hold gatherings and events larger than 50 people. You propose options and include a number of proposed safety measures that may mitigate the risks of having larger gatherings. You have indicated that extensive financial hardship and significant financial losses are being experienced.

Your request has been forwarded to me for response.

We have reviewed your request for reconsideration and on behalf of Dr. Bonnie Henry I am writing to confirm that we will not be varying the Order to accommodate your request for reconsideration, pursuant to section 43 (3) (c) of the Act. A review of the decision of the provincial health officer under the Act is not available.

The reasons for this decision is that large social gatherings that you propose, particularly indoors and for prolonged periods of time, carry a high risk of resulting in many people becoming infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19, and subsequently passing it along to many other people, thereby sustaining and amplifying transmission of the virus in our communities.

Since entering phase 3 of the BC Restart Plan we have seen a steady and concerning increase in virus transmission, especially in the lower mainland. Holding larger gatherings as you propose would increase the risk of transmission of virus to even greater levels.

It is our preference that gatherings be kept very small, even though the Order, and subsequent similar orders, has allowed a limit of 50 people for events.

While physical distancing and other measures are important to implement in such events, transmission can still occur. The limit of 50 patrons allows public health officials to efficiently and effectively trace the contacts of COVID-19 cases in the event of an exposure to slow or stop subsequent transmission of the virus and reduce illness, hospitalizations and deaths.

We recognize that your proposal contained many measures that could potentially reduce the risk of transmission of disease at events that would include more than 50 people. However, in spite of these measures, allowing hundreds of people to gather in indoor banquet halls for up to six hours at a time, particularly if alcohol is also being serve, is just too risky. This could result in large outbreaks, and potentially contribute to overwhelming our public health and health care systems with people who are sick with COVID-19.

In conclusion, any events held in banquet halls must follow the current Provincial Health Officer Order with respect to *Gatherings and Events*, dated the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020 (see

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>). Please be aware that these orders do change.

It is critically important that banquet halls do their part in limiting the spread of COVID-19 by adhering to these requirements. Please inform you members of this decision and please remind your members of the importance of not holding any events that include more than 50 patrons, follow the other rules in the Order, and follow other general measures for reducing virus transmission as described on the BC Centre of Disease Control website (at <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>).

As is stated in the Order, failure to comply with the Order could result in enforcement actions being taken against those who violate the Order.

Please note that no further requests for reconsideration may be made, pursuant to section 43 (5) of the Act.

Sincerely,  
*Brian Emerson*

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)  
BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1  
T 250.952.1701 C<sup>s.17</sup> F. 250.952. 1713 [brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:brian.emerson@gov.bc.ca)

### **Public Health Act excerpt**

#### **Reconsideration of orders**

**43** (1) A person affected by an order, or the variance of an order, may request the health officer who issued the order or made the variance to reconsider the order or variance if the person

(a) has additional relevant information that was not reasonably available to the health officer when the order was issued or varied,

(b) has a proposal that was not presented to the health officer when the order was issued or varied but, if implemented, would

(i) meet the objective of the order, and

(ii) be suitable as the basis of a written agreement under section 38

*[may make written agreements], or*

(c) requires more time to comply with the order.

(2) A request for reconsideration must be made in the form required by the health officer.

(3) After considering a request for reconsideration, a health officer may do one or more of the following:

(a) reject the request on the basis that the information submitted in support of the request

(i) is not relevant, or

(ii) was reasonably available at the time the order was issued;

(b) delay the date the order is to take effect or suspend the order, if satisfied that doing so would not be detrimental to public health;

(c) confirm, rescind or vary the order.



(4) A health officer must provide written reasons for a decision to reject the request under subsection (3) (a) or to confirm or vary the order under subsection (3) (c).

(5) Following a decision made under subsection (3) (a) or (c), no further request for reconsideration may be made.

## Statement for Approval

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### **Joint statement on Province of British Columbia COVID-19 response and latest updates**

Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, and Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, have issued the following joint statement regarding updates on the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) response in British Columbia:

"Today, we are announcing 139 new cases, including seven epi-linked cases. We are also reporting 40 historic cases that were tested between August 11 and September 16 for people who had not provided personal health numbers. This brings our total to 7,842 cases in British Columbia.

"There are 1,803 active cases of COVID-19 in the province, 3,075 people who are under active public health monitoring as a result of identified exposure to known cases, and 5,797 people who tested positive have recovered.

"Currently, 59 individuals are hospitalized with COVID-19, 20 of whom are in intensive care. The remaining people with COVID-19 are recovering at home in self-isolation.

"Since the start of the pandemic, there have been 2,817 cases of COVID-19 in the Vancouver Coastal Health region, 4,007 in the Fraser Health region, 196 in the Island Health region, 492 in the Interior Health region, 244 in the Northern Health region and 86 cases of people who reside outside of Canada.

"There have been three new COVID-19 related deaths, for a total of 223 deaths in British Columbia. We offer our condolences to everyone who has lost their loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"There have been no new health-care facility outbreaks, and the outbreak at Royal Arch Masonic Home long-term care facility (second outbreak) has been declared over. In total, 10 long-term care or assisted-living facilities and five acute-care facilities have active outbreaks.

"There have been no new community outbreaks, although there continue to be community exposure events.

"Alerts are posted on the BC Centre for Disease Control's (BCCDC) website, as well as on health authorities' websites, providing details on where the potential exposure occurred and what actions to take - whether you need to self-isolate or monitor for symptoms.

"For schools, public health teams will contact individuals through contact tracing, and schools will continue to issue alerts when a school exposure has occurred and action is required. Supporting these protocols, the BCCDC website and health authorities are also publishing notifications.

“We need to push the COVID-19 curve back down and we have the knowledge, the tools and resources to do just that. Always using your layers of protection and choosing to stick with your ‘safe six’ will help all of us this weekend and every weekend ahead.

“The cases we are seeing today are a direct result of how we spent our Labour Day long weekend. Let’s break the chain of transmission and turn this trend around.

“No one intends to pass the virus onto friends or family, but it is very easy to do. It can take up to two weeks for symptoms of COVID-19 to develop and in that time, we can inadvertently spread it to others.

“That is why the actions we take as individuals today are so important to the well-being of our communities tomorrow. Let’s choose safe, let’s choose small and let’s choose to protect the people we care about most.”

### **Quick Facts:**

Assisted living, long-term care homes and seniors' rental buildings with ongoing COVID-19 outbreaks are as follows:

#### **Vancouver Coastal Health**

- OPAL by Element assisted living facility
- Point Grey Private Hospital long-term care facility

#### **Fraser Health**

- Bear Creek Villa independent living facility
- Cherington Place long-term care facility
- Evergreen Hamlets long-term care facility
- Kin Village assisted living facility
- Milieu Children and Family Services Society community living facility
- New Vista Care Home long-term care facility
- Normanna long-term care facility
- Rideau Retirement Centre independent living facility

### **Learn More:**

To find the provincial health officer's orders, including amended orders from last week, visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

To learn about the Sept. 3 modelling exercise, visit:

[https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/COVID19\\_Going\\_Forward\\_Sept\\_2020.pdf](https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/COVID19_Going_Forward_Sept_2020.pdf)

To see a map of COVID-19 cases by local health area visit:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/data>

If you are experiencing symptoms, find a collection centre near you to get tested: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing>

For mental health and anxiety support, visit: [www.bouncebackbc.ca](http://www.bouncebackbc.ca)

Or: [www.anxietycanada.com](http://www.anxietycanada.com)

For a listing of the community exposure events, go to:

BCCDC (flights, work sites, etc): <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/public-exposures>

Fraser Health: [fraserhealth.ca/covid19exposure](http://fraserhealth.ca/covid19exposure)

Interior Health: <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/public-exposures/>

Island Health: <https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/covid-19/outbreaks-and-exposures>

Northern Health: <https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/outbreaks-and-exposures>

Vancouver Coastal: <http://www.vch.ca/covid-19/public-exposures>

For B.C.'s surgical renewal plan and the first report on its progress from July 21, visit:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0228-001337>

For more information about BC's Restart Plan, visit: [www.gov.bc.ca/restartbc](http://www.gov.bc.ca/restartbc)

For the latest medical updates, including case counts, prevention, risks and testing, visit: <http://www.bccdc.ca/> or follow @CDCofBC on Twitter.

For non-health related information, including financial, child care and education supports, travel, transportation and essential service information, visit: [www.gov.bc.ca/covid19](http://www.gov.bc.ca/covid19)

Or call 1 888 COVID19 (1 888 268-4319) between 7:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. (Pacific time), seven days a week.

For the latest videos and livestreaming of COVID-19 media availabilities, visit:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/](http://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/)

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BCGovNews>

YouTube: [www.youtube.com/ProvinceofBC](http://www.youtube.com/ProvinceofBC)

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## FW: updated NR for PHO/MO approval

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Bonnie's edits in red:

"Today, we are announcing 139 new cases, including seven epi-linked cases. We are also reporting 40 historic cases that were tested between August 11 and September 16 for people who DID NOT HAVE personal health numbers. ALL THESE CASES HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY INVESTIGATED AND MANAGED BY VCH BUT HAD NOT BEEN ENTERED INTO THE DATA SYSTEM. This brings our total to 7,842 cases in British Columbia.

I have also added this to the learn more link:

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## RE: updated NR for PHO/MO approval

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**Subject:** RE: updated NR for PHO/MO approval

A few suggestions below in CAPS.

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*Dr Bonnie Henry*  
*Provincial Health Officer*  
*Office of the PHO*  
*Ministry of Health*  
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*I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em*

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**Subject:** updated NR for PHO/MO approval  
**Importance:** High

I have updated the lede to read:

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**Subject:** Fwd: Any update on when numbers will come out?

Dr Bonnie Henry  
Provincial Health Officer  
Ministry of Health  
[Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Bonnie.henry@gov.bc.ca)  
s.17; s.19

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Sandhu, Jat [BCCDC]" <[jat.sandhu@bccdc.ca](mailto:jat.sandhu@bccdc.ca)>  
**Date:** September 18, 2020 at 1:15:06 PM PDT  
**To:** "Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX" <[Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca)>, "Gustafson, Reka [BCCDC]" <[reka.gustafson@phsa.ca](mailto:reka.gustafson@phsa.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Any update on when numbers will come out?

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Hi Bonnie,

Just sent.

Note the footnote for VCH count - 40 of today's new cases from VCH are historic cases that were reported to VCH between August 11 and September 16, 2020.

My understanding is these cases do not have PHNs so did not link up in automated processes, but are currently residing in the VCH region.

However, these cases and their close contacts were all followed-up by Public Health when originally reported.

Jat

On 2020-09-18, 12:59 PM, "Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX" <[Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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Premier has a media avail and is asking

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## RE: updated NR for PHO/MO approval

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 3:25:08 PM PDT  
Great. Going to tweet after this is up with new order links. Keep it thematic.

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**From:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 3:17 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: updated NR for PHO/MO approval

Yes

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 18, 2020, at 3:16 PM, van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <[Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Bonnie's edits in red:

"Today, we are announcing 139 new cases, including seven epi-linked cases. We are also reporting 40 historic cases that were tested between August 11 and September 16 for people who DID NOT HAVE personal health numbers. ALL THESE CASES HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY INVESTIGATED AND MANAGED BY VCH BUT HAD NOT BEEN ENTERED INTO THE DATA SYSTEM. This brings our total to 7,842 cases in British Columbia.

I have also added this to the learn more link:

To find the provincial health officer's orders, including amended orders from last week, visit:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

## **anesthesiologists**

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Letnick, Norm s.17  
Sent: September 18, 2020 3:51:04 PM PDT  
Attachments: Anesthesiology Recruitment Update - 11SEPT20.docx  
One down!

From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Letnick.MLA, Norm LASS:EX <Norm.Letnick.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 4:13:14 PM PDT  
Attachments: Proposal to Permit Larger Gatherings at Banquet Halls - Request for Reconsideration of Provincial Health Officer Order, BC Banquet Hall Incoming 1173146.pdf

Re Banquet Halls

Brian Emmerson response attached and copied below:

Dear Sucha Singh Padda:

Thank you for your fax of June 17, 2020 with a request for reconsideration of the Provincial Health Officer Order with respect to *Mass Gatherings*, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2020, pursuant to section 43 of the *Public Health Act* (the Act – excerpt below). In short, you are requesting that banquet hall facilities in the lower mainland listed in the request be allowed to hold gatherings and events larger than 50 people. You propose options and include a number of proposed safety measures that may mitigate the risks of having larger gatherings. You have indicated that extensive financial hardship and significant financial losses are being experienced.

Your request has been forwarded to me for response.

We have reviewed your request for reconsideration and on behalf of Dr. Bonnie Henry I am writing to confirm that we will not be varying the Order to accommodate your request for reconsideration, pursuant to section 43 (3) (c) of the Act. A review of the decision of the provincial health officer under the Act is not available.

The reasons for this decision is that large social gatherings that you propose, particularly indoors and for prolonged periods of time, carry a high risk of resulting in many people becoming infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19, and subsequently passing it along to many other people, thereby sustaining and amplifying transmission of the virus in our communities.

Since entering phase 3 of the BC Restart Plan we have seen a steady and concerning increase in virus transmission, especially in the lower mainland. Holding larger gatherings as you propose would increase the risk of transmission of virus to even greater levels.

It is our preference that gatherings be kept very small, even though the Order, and subsequent similar orders, has allowed a limit of 50 people for events.

While physical distancing and other measures are important to implement in such events, transmission can still occur. The limit of 50 patrons allows public health officials to efficiently and effectively trace the contacts of COVID-19 cases in the event of an exposure to slow or stop subsequent transmission of the virus and reduce illness, hospitalizations and deaths.

We recognize that your proposal contained many measures that could potentially reduce the risk of transmission of disease at events that would include more than 50 people. However, in spite of these measures, allowing hundreds of people to gather in indoor banquet halls for up to six hours at a time, particularly if alcohol is also being served, is just too risky. This could result in large outbreaks, and potentially contribute to overwhelming our public health and health care systems with people who are sick with COVID-19.

In conclusion, any events held in banquet halls must follow the current Provincial Health Officer Order with respect to *Gatherings and Events*, dated the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020 (see <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>). Please be aware that these orders do change.

It is critically important that banquet halls do their part in limiting the spread of COVID-19 by adhering to these requirements. Please inform you members of this decision and please remind your members of the importance of not holding any events that include more than 50 patrons, follow the other rules in the Order, and follow other general measures for reducing virus transmission as described on the BC Centre of Disease Control website (at <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>).

As is stated in the Order, failure to comply with the Order could result in enforcement actions being taken against those who violate the Order.

Please note that no further requests for reconsideration may be made, pursuant to section 43 (5) of the Act.

Sincerely,  
*Brian Emerson*

Dr. Brian P. Emerson, Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting)  
BC Ministry of Health, PO Box 9648 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P1  
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## Proposal to Permit Larger Gatherings at Banquet Halls - Request for Reconsideration of Provincial Health Officer Order

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From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>  
To: bcbanquethall@gmail.com  
Cc: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>, Tyson, Oonagh <Oonagh.Tyson@fraserhealth.ca>, Daly, Patty [VCH] <Patricia.Daly@vch.ca>, XT:HLTH Taki, Richard <Richard.Taki@vch.ca>, XT:Lysyshyn, Mark Dr. HLTH:IN <Mark.Lysyshyn@vch.ca>, XT:HLTH Gill, Inderjeet <inderjeet.gill@fraserhealth.ca>, XT:HLTH Brodtkin, Elizabeth <elizabeth.brodtkin@fraserhealth.ca>, XT:Larder, Andrew Fraser Health Authority EAO:IN <andrew.larder@fraserhealth.ca>, Thompson, Laurel HLTH:EX <Laurel.Thompson@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: August 14, 2020 7:51:14 AM PDT  
Attachments: Banquet Hall Association.pdf

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## RE: Casefile for MLA Letnick/Coleman Out of Country funding

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Letnick, Norm s.17  
Sent: September 18, 2020 4:21:41 PM PDT

Just looping back to you on this. A letter should have gone direct to the constituent on September 1<sup>st</sup> (so perhaps delayed by mail) advising on the decision.

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**From:** Letnick, Norm s.17  
**Sent:** September 3, 2020 11:06 AM  
**To:** Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX <Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Out of Country funding

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Hi Stephen,

I don't usually get asked but Rich Coleman asked me to look into a file for him. Apparently it was sent to your office before.

Can you please apply your magic?

Norm Letnick, MLA  
Kelowna Lake Country  
BC Health Critic

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Strongitharm, Bruce" <Bruce.Strongitharm@leg.bc.ca>  
**Date:** September 3, 2020 at 10:33:15 AM PDT  
**To:** "Letnick, Norm" s.17  
**Cc:** "Coleman, Rich" <Rich.Coleman@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Out of Country funding

Good morning Norm. Hope you are doing well. Attached if the information requested.

Bruce Strongitharm  
Constituency Assistant for  
Rich Coleman, MLA  
Langley East  
Ph. 604-882-3151  
C: 778-828-7077



## RE: Community Hall Bingo

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Letnick.MLA, Norm LASS:EX <Norm.Letnick.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 4:28:58 PM PDT  
Right. Could;t see the original attachment

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**From:** Letnick.MLA, Norm <Norm.Letnick.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 4:24 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Community Hall Bingo

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It was a request to allow bingo halls to operate.

Norm Letnick, MLA  
Kelowna Lake Country  
BC Health Critic

On Sep 18, 2020, at 4:22 PM, van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Was this request regarding how to apply for funding for COVID safety?

This website should have all details: <https://bccare.ca/programs/equipcarebc/>

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**From:** Letnick.MLA, Norm <Norm.Letnick.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 16, 2020 1:04 PM  
**To:** Marks, Beverly LASS:EX <Beverly.Marks@leg.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Community Hall Bingo

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I have copied minister Dix's assistant for his knowledge.

Norm Letnick, MLA  
Kelowna Lake Country  
BC Health Critic

On Sep 16, 2020, at 12:56 PM, Marks, Beverly <Beverly.Marks@leg.bc.ca> wrote:

Dear Norm,  
I would appreciate any assistance you can give on this request. They went through Worksafe BC, as you suggested and were told to write to Dr. Henry.  
As they are in financial distress an answer would assist as to their future.

Thanks ,

Donna Barnett, MLA Cariboo Chilcotin

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**Beverly Marks , Constituency Assistant**

**MLA Donna Barnett**

Cariboo-Chilcotin

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*"Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for one person"*

*Author unknown*

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## RE: CPC Biometrics

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Lawal, Cassandra CITZ:EX <Kassandra.Lawal@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 4:29:41 PM PDT

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawal, Cassandra CITZ:EX <Kassandra.Lawal@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 4:18 PM  
To: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: London, Kathy HLTH:EX <Kathy.London@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: FW: CPC Biometrics

Hi Amanda -- forwarding to you in case this letter has not been directed to your minister's inbox.

Kassandra Lawal  
Office 778-974-6009 | Cell 778-678-3776  
kassandra.lawal@gov.bc.ca

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Harder <j.harder@cpcbiometrics.com>  
Sent: September 17, 2020 4:06 PM  
To: Lawal, Cassandra CITZ:EX <Kassandra.Lawal@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: CPC Biometrics

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Dear Ms. Lawal,

I am writing to you today in the hopes of securing a meeting to discuss a medical device created by Check Point Cardio (CPC) Biometrics North America Corp.

This remote monitoring device has garnered the attention of several prominent Cardiologists and Respiriologists from around the world, and we at CPC feel that this can benefit and help many Canadians during the current COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

Our device monitors all physiological parameters including ECG, Blood Pressure, SPO2, Respiration, Temperature and Body Position, and can remotely access any patient if there is an internet connection, either via Wi-Fi or a cellular network. Our R&D team in Europe has spent years perfecting this software to give us alerts instantly using the National Early Warning System (NEWS), developed and approved in the United Kingdom.

We were also fortunate to be the recipient, out of over 150 companies, of the Nightingale procurement bid with an intent to drive technology (attachment below).

Some of the applications for this device also include:

- 1) Heart /ECG live monitoring by our team or by a patient's Cardiologist
- 2) Post-surgeries can be monitored in the comfort of a patient's home
- 3) Hospitals will be able to save money. They have the option to move a patient out of the ICU sooner into a regular

ward or send a patient home with assurance that they are being looked after by our team of professionals 24/7.

4) ECG reports that include live monitoring, along with all the parameters that we can provide.

My colleagues and I would welcome the opportunity to present and gain feedback on this medical device to relevant decision makers within BC's Ministry of Health.

We hope to hear from you soon and look forward to the opportunity to discuss our medical device further!

Regards,

Jim Harder

CPC BIOMETRICS NORTH AMERICA CORP.

PH: +1 778-800 3562

Email: [j.harder@cpcbionetrics.com](mailto:j.harder@cpcbionetrics.com) <<mailto:j.harder@cpcbionetrics.com>>

## RE: HLTH 1176934 REFER Re: BC Banquet hall Association | 1176934

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Thompson, Laurel HLTH:EX <Laurel.Thompson@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 4:35:06 PM PDT  
This is what Bonnie indicated today?

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**From:** Thompson, Laurel HLTH:EX <Laurel.Thompson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 4:34 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Bruce, Alan HLTH:EX <Alan.Bruce@gov.bc.ca>; Health, HLTH HLTH:EX <HLTH.Health@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: HLTH 1176934 REFER Re: BC Banquet hall Association | 1176934

Hi Amanda,

I brought this to Dr. Henry's attention and she seems to remember that Minister Dix indicated he will be taking this meeting? Can Minister provide advice on how he would like Dr. Henry to respond to this?

Thank you,

**Laurel Thompson** | *Executive Coordinator*  
Office of the Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Health

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**From:** Health, HLTH HLTH:EX <HLTH.Health@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 2:33 PM  
**To:** Thompson, Laurel HLTH:EX <Laurel.Thompson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Bruce, Alan HLTH:EX <Alan.Bruce@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** HLTH 1176934 REFER Re: BC Banquet hall Association | 1176934

Good afternoon Laurel,


Our MO wants us to redirecting the meeting request to the Premier (at the beginning of this email trail) over to PHO for Dr. Bonnie Henry to meet. Usually we just forward the email over to you for a meeting request and let your department take care of it at your end, but I see that Kathy London has entered this into CLIFF (1176934). Therefore did you want us to make a referral in the CLIFF log to PHO so that Alan can update it at your end or would you like this put into eApps and sent to you?

*Kind regards,*  
**Sandy Stevens**

*Issues Assessment and Liaison Analyst - Correspondence Lead  
Corporate Operations Unit  
Ministry of Health  
Tel: 250-952-1850 | Email: [Sandy.Stevens@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sandy.Stevens@gov.bc.ca)*

*I respectfully acknowledge and with gratitude that I live, work and play on the traditional lands of the Lekwungen speaking peoples of the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations*

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**From:** Tyson, Jo HLTH:EX <Jo.Tyson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 11:56 AM  
**To:** Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX <HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: REFER Re: BC Banquet hall Association | 1176934

Sandy, can you please connect with Laurel Thompson in the PHO to redirect this meeting request to them as per the MO.

Thanks,  
Jo

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**From:** London, Kathy HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 10:22 AM  
**To:** Tyson, Jo HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** FW: REFER Re: BC Banquet hall Association | 1176934

Good morning Jo! I have cliffed this meeting request which was referred from PO. Maria Szabo below is referring it to PHO. Can I ask you to pass this along to your counterpart there?

Thanks,  
  
Kathy

Kathy London  
Administrative Assistant to the Honourable Minister Adrian Dix | Minister of Health  
PO Box 9050 Stn Prov Gov, Victoria, BC, V8W 9E2 | 250-953-3547

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**From:** Szabo, Maria HLTH:EX <[Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 10:13 AM  
**To:** London, Kathy HLTH:EX <[Kathy.London@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kathy.London@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: REFER Re: BC Banquet hall Association

Thanks, Kathy. Can we see if the PHO is willing to respond? Would staff in that office be willing to meet with the group? Have been thinking about how to connect them together as there seems to be some miscommunication happening. I tried to connect them with Fraser Health, but Fraser Health said it would be better for those conversations to be had with the PHOoffice.

Let me know!

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**From:** London, Kathy HLTH:EX <[Kathy.London@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kathy.London@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 14, 2020 2:10 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <[Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca)>; Szabo, Maria HLTH:EX <[Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: REFER Re: BC Banquet hall Association

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**From:** McLaren, Chris PREM:EX <[Chris.McLaren@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Chris.McLaren@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 14, 2020 1:29 PM  
**To:** London, Kathy HLTH:EX <[Kathy.London@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kathy.London@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Yeung, Lucinda HLTH:EX <[Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** REFER Re: BC Banquet hall Association

Hello Kathy,  
Please have the ministry or PHO respond to this request.  
We know that things have changed since receiving this letter but they have checked back with us about a meeting.  
Please ensure that a response goes out on behalf of the PO.  
Thank you,  
Chris

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Christine McLaren  
Scheduling Officer | Office of the Premier | T: 778-974-6083 | E: [chris.mclaren@gov.bc.ca](mailto:chris.mclaren@gov.bc.ca)

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**From:** Horgan.MLA, John <[John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** August 26, 2020 4:08 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <[Premier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Premier@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: BC Banquet hall Association

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**From:** BC Banquet Hall <[bcbanquethall@gmail.com](mailto:bcbanquethall@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2020 8:25 PM  
**To:** Horgan.MLA, John <[John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Ultimate Banquet Hall <[info@ultimatebanquethall.com](mailto:info@ultimatebanquethall.com)>; [micheal@riversidehalls.com](mailto:micheal@riversidehalls.com)  
**Subject:** BC Banquet hall Association

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards

Sukh Man  
President  
BC Banquet Hall Association  
604-250-6596  
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BC Banquet Hall Association

## FW: HLTH 1176934 REFER Re: BC Banquet hall Association | 1176934

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 4:37:25 PM PDT

Are you planning on meeting with the BC Banquet Association? See below from Bonnie's office

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**From:** Thompson, Laurel HLTH:EX <Laurel.Thompson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 4:36 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: HLTH 1176934 REFER Re: BC Banquet hall Association | 1176934

Yes, I brought it to her attention at 2pm today and that was her response.

**Laurel Thompson** | *Executive Coordinator*  
Office of the Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Health

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**From:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 4:35 PM  
**To:** Thompson, Laurel HLTH:EX <Laurel.Thompson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: HLTH 1176934 REFER Re: BC Banquet hall Association | 1176934

This is what Bonnie indicated today?

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**From:** Thompson, Laurel HLTH:EX <Laurel.Thompson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 4:34 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Bruce, Alan HLTH:EX <Alan.Bruce@gov.bc.ca>; Health, HLTH HLTH:EX <HLTH.Health@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: HLTH 1176934 REFER Re: BC Banquet hall Association | 1176934

Hi Amanda,

I brought this to Dr. Henry's attention and she seems to remember that Minister Dix indicated he will be taking this meeting? Can Minister provide advice on how he would like Dr. Henry to respond to this?

Thank you,

**Laurel Thompson** | *Executive Coordinator*  
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BC Banquet Hall Association

## FW: 1176496 - Invitation for Minister Dix to speak at UBCIC AGA

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 4:38:30 PM PDT  
Bonnie also requesting to know whether you'll be attending the UBCIC AGA (below)

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**Sent:** September 18, 2020 4:37 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: 1176496 - Invitation for Minister Dix to speak at UBCIC AGA

Hi Amanda,

Bonnie also let me know that Lucinda is away so I wanted to send this to your attention as well

Thanks,  
**Laurel Thompson** | *Executive Coordinator*  
Office of the Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Health

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**From:** Andrea Glickman <[andrea@ubcic.bc.ca](mailto:andrea@ubcic.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 11, 2020 10:23 AM  
**To:** Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX <[Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Stewart Phillip <[president@ubcic.bc.ca](mailto:president@ubcic.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Invitation for Minister Dix to speak at UBCIC AGA  
**Importance:** High

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Hello Stephen,

I hope you're keeping well- I imagine you must be really busy of course.

On behalf of the UBCIC Executive, I'm writing to invite Minister Dix and Dr Bonnie Henry to provide an update on COVID to the UBCIC Chiefs Council at their upcoming 52<sup>nd</sup> AGA. I will also invite Minister Darcy as I'd like her to jointly provide the update so she can speak to the mental health impacts and also the intersections with the opioid crisis, and of course I've invited FNHC/FNHA.

The meeting is September 29/30. The preference would be for a presentation the morning of September 29, as this is a framing piece. You can find all meeting information here: [https://www.ubcic.bc.ca/ubcic\\_52nd\\_aga](https://www.ubcic.bc.ca/ubcic_52nd_aga)

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Take good care,  
Andrea

**Andrea Glickman**  
*Policy Director*

**Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs**

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## RE: DrH video shoot

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 4:47:27 PM PDT  
Thanks for pressing Hannah

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**From:** Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 4:38 PM  
**To:** Thind, Herman GCPE:EX <Herman.Thind@gov.bc.ca>; Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>; Hanuman, Heron GCPE:EX <Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca>; van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>; 'Nicola Lambrechts' <nicola@nlkstrategies.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: DrH video shoot  
**Importance:** High

BCCPA is getting quite antsy – any chance of getting these asap? Sorry, I know everyone has a lot on their plates right now...

Hannah  
Office 250 952-2475

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**From:** Thind, Herman GCPE:EX <Herman.Thind@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2020 3:38 PM  
**To:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>; Hanuman, Heron GCPE:EX <Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca>; van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>; 'Nicola Lambrechts' <nicola@nlkstrategies.ca>; Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: DrH video shoot

Hi Jean-Marc,

I've asked the video editors to get back to you on this request. I believe Stephen shot the video greetings with the Minister and DBH yesterday afternoon. I'll see if they were uploaded to our Hightail server.

Thanks!

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**From:** "Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX" <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** Friday, September 18, 2020 at 3:27 PM  
**To:** "Hanuman, Heron GCPE:EX" <Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca>, "van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX" <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>, 'Nicola Lambrechts' <nicola@nlkstrategies.ca>, "Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX" <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** "Zuzalek, Karolinka GCPE:EX" <Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca>, "Blais, Richard GCPE:EX" <Richard.Blais@gov.bc.ca>, "GCPE Video Request GCPE:EX" <videorequest@gov.bc.ca>, "Hargreaves, Stephen GCPE:EX" <Stephen.Hargreaves@gov.bc.ca>, "Thind, Herman GCPE:EX" <Herman.Thind@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: DrH video shoot

Are these links available ?

**JMP**

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Cell: 250-886-2154

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**From:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** September 17, 2020 4:47 PM  
**To:** Hanuman, Heron GCPE:EX <Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca>; van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>; 'Nicola Lambrechts' <nicola@nlkstrategies.ca>

**Cc:** Zuzalek, Karolinka GCPE:EX <Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca>; Blais, Richard GCPE:EX <Richard.Blais@gov.bc.ca>; GCPE Video Request GCPE:EX <videorequest@gov.bc.ca>; Hargreaves, Stephen GCPE:EX <Stephen.Hargreaves@gov.bc.ca>; Thind, Herman GCPE:EX <Herman.Thind@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** RE: DrH video shoot

Hi video requests team ... once the Minister Dix and Dr Henry videos are shot, can you share the drop box links with Nicola, Amanda and me?

We are all copied on this email.

Thanks!

**JMP**

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**From:** Hanuman, Heron GCPE:EX <Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca>

**Sent:** September 17, 2020 12:35 PM

**To:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>

**Cc:** Zuzalek, Karolinka GCPE:EX <Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca>; Blais, Richard GCPE:EX <Richard.Blais@gov.bc.ca>; GCPE Video Request GCPE:EX <videorequest@gov.bc.ca>; Hargreaves, Stephen GCPE:EX <Stephen.Hargreaves@gov.bc.ca>; Thind, Herman GCPE:EX <Herman.Thind@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Re: DrH video shoot

Got it!

**Heron Hanuman**

Manager | Digital Communications

Government Communications and Public Engagement

Mobile: 778-584-0705

On Sep 17, 2020, at 12:23, Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

This is a FINAL script for Minister Dix ... small edits from the version I sent last nite.

Thanks!

**JMP**

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**From:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX

**Sent:** September 16, 2020 6:24 PM

**To:** Hanuman, Heron GCPE:EX <Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca>; Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX <Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca>; Thaw, Sara GCPE:EX <Sara.Thaw@gov.bc.ca>

**Cc:** Zuzalek, Karolinka GCPE:EX <Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca>; Blais, Richard GCPE:EX <Richard.Blais@gov.bc.ca>; GCPE Video Request GCPE:EX <videorequest@gov.bc.ca>; Hargreaves, Stephen GCPE:EX <Stephen.Hargreaves@gov.bc.ca>; Thind, Herman GCPE:EX <Herman.Thind@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** RE: video shoots tomorrow ?

Thanks so much Heron.

Here are the scripts.

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**From:** Hanuman, Heron GCPE:EX <[Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 16, 2020 5:11 PM  
**To:** Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX <[Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca)>; Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <[Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca)>; Thaw, Sara GCPE:EX <[Sara.Thaw@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sara.Thaw@gov.bc.ca)>  
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**Subject:** Re: video shoots tomorrow ?

Hi Jean-Marc,

Didn't want to leave you hanging here, I am in the process of nailing down a videographer for these greetings tomorrow immediately following the presser – 430pm (ish) would certainly work for us.

In the meantime please send over the final approved scripts as soon as you can so we can have it prepped tomorrow morning.

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**From:** Karl Hardin <[Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 1:01 PM  
**To:** "Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX" <[Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca)>, Sara Thaw <[Sara.Thaw@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sara.Thaw@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Hanuman, Heron GCPE:EX" <[Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Heron.Hanuman@gov.bc.ca)>, Karolinka Zuzalek <[Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca)>, "Blais, Richard GCPE:EX" <[Richard.Blais@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Richard.Blais@gov.bc.ca)>, "GCPE Video Request GCPE:EX" <[videorequest@gov.bc.ca](mailto:videorequest@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: video shoots tomorrow ?

Hey JMP,

This might be hard to accommodate as this week is particularly hectic and busy.

Looping in Heron and the video request email. Heron will follow-up.

Best  
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**Karl Hardin**  
Executive Director | Digital Communications  
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**From:** "Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX" <[Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 12:54 PM  
**To:** "Thaw, Sara GCPE:EX" <[Sara.Thaw@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sara.Thaw@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX" <[Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** video shoots tomorrow ?

Hi Sara Thaw!

The minister and doctor have four video greetings that they would like to shoot from VCO tomorrow following the media avail.

I suspect we would be looking at 4:30-ish to do the recording.

Would you be able to book them a shooter with a teleprompter? I can send you the scripts as a word doc.

If no one is available, I will see someone from the MO will shoot them using an iPad.

Thanks!

**JMP**

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## 2 new PHO orders

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Letnick, Norm s.17 Furstenu, Sonia s.17  
Sent: September 18, 2020 4:50:15 PM PDT  
Good evening,

I'd like to bring to your attention two new Public Health Orders that were posted today:

**Food and Liquor Serving Premises Order:**

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-nightclubs-food-drink.pdf>

**Gatherings & Events Order:** <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>

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Cheers,

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Sent: September 18, 2020 4:55:10 PM PDT  
Good evening,

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<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-nightclubs-food-drink.pdf>

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## URGENT QUOTE APPROVAL - Tri-Cities UPCC

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Farnworth, Mike PSSG:EX <Mike.Farnworth@gov.bc.ca>, s.17 Glumac, Rick  
JEDC:EX <Rick.Glumac@gov.bc.ca>, s.17 s.17  
Robinson, Selina MAH:EX <Selina.Robinson@gov.bc.ca>  
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<Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>, Yeung, Lucinda HLTH:EX <Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 5:34:10 PM PDT  
Attachments: NR\_Tri Cities UPCC September 18 1 44.docx  
Hello Rick, Mike, Selina,

Looking for quick turnaround on quote approvals for a news release to go out at **1pm tomorrow**.

Y'all are getting a UPCC

DRAFT news release is attached and copied out below your quotes. Please approve or amend as follows:

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## **Re: Saanich Urgent Carr Centre**

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Popham, Lana AGRI:EX <Lana.Popham@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 18, 2020 6:25:55 PM PDT

I will check :)

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 18, 2020, at 6:00 PM, Popham, Lana AGRI:EX <Lana.Popham@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Amanda!

Do you know if there is a way people can register for the Urgent Care Centre? I'm already getting emails from super happy people who want to get in!

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**Subject:** Saanich Urgent Carr Centre

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## visitor guideline

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Norm Letnick s.17  
Sent: September 18, 2020 6:27:25 PM PDT  
Just came in.

It's in the policy page 3.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/reports-publications/covid-19-infection-prevention-control.pdf>

We are working with HAs on their interpretation and application of the policy:

- All HAs now have weekly calls with all sites leadership to go over the approach and any issues.
- All sites have put up signage to confirm an onsite contact for questions/concerns.
- MOH is currently working on an interpretation guide to further confirm the approach that should be in place.



## Fwd: Outstanding media requests - COVID only

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
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**Cc:** "Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX" <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>, "Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX" <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Outstanding media requests - COVID only

Hi everyone,

Only COVID-19 related requests outstanding today.

Quick summary below:

### Minister Dix:

- Fabienne Hareau, Producer CBC Phare Ouest – interview in French on general COVID-19 (tomorrow 7am, 7:15am, 7:35am, 8am)
- Daniel O'Hara, Producer AM 1150 – interview about COVID-19 numbers and general update (any morning this week)
- Brendan Pawliw, Reporter VISTA Radio Prince George – interview on general COVID update (Reporter is available for a pre-taped interview any day this week 5am-3pm)
- Jeremy Hainsworth, Reporter Glacier Media – interview about the future of healthcare post-pandemic (no deadline)
- Charla Huber, Reporter Times Colonist – interview for a back to school column (no deadline)
- Aradhana Sharma, Editor Aarzo Magazine – interview about COVID-19, questions sent in advance (proposed answers attached)
- Vijay Vaibhav Saini, Host Connect 95.1 – interview about increase in cases, back to school, Cambie decision (ASAP)
- Brennan Phillips, Reporter Penticton Western News – misinformation pamphlets being circulated in Keremeos (ASAP)
- Jeff Andreas, Reporter Radio NL – general COVID-19 (any day next week)
- NEW Amit Khanna, Reporter Zee TV Canada – flu shot (ASAP)

### Both or Either:

- Vivian Luk, Producer CBC News – general COVID-19 update (any day next week)
- Ken Donohue, SafeCare BC – video request for annual health care assistants conference (before October 19)

**Dr. Henry:**

- Elaine Chau, Producer CBC Vancouver – general COVID-19 interview (any day this week)
- Safeeya Peerani, Host Spice Radio 1200 AM – COVID-19 protocols going into fall (any morning 9:15am, 9:30am, and 9:45am)
- Harjinder Thind, RED FM – back to school, new measures of restaurants (September 16 at 8:30am)

Thank you,

Shannon

**Shannon Greer**

Communications Manager | Ministry of Health  
Government Communications and Public Engagement  
250-360-6597

## Re: Port Moody UPCC quotes

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 19, 2020 9:52:02 AM PDT  
Selina and Rick approved. Waiting on Mike

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On Sep 19, 2020, at 9:23 AM, Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hey Amanda – keep me posted on quote approvals today and we'll get this one out the door, thx!

**Hannah Lawrie | Communications Manager**  
Government Communications & Public Engagement  
Ministry of Health  
Office 250 952-2475  
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## 2 report requests from Minister

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 19, 2020 1:22:05 PM PDT

Are you able to find and send me the draft seniors report and draft surgery report?

## RE: The final - Fw: Urgent and primary care centre coming in Tri-Cities

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To: Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
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Thank you!

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**From:** Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 19, 2020 1:01 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: The final - Fw: Urgent and primary care centre coming in Tri-Cities

### Tri-Cities UPCC

People in the Tri-Cities area will soon have better access to health-care services when they need it. @DoctorsOfBC @nnp\_bc @Fraserhealth @DrKathleenRoss1 @DrVictoriaLeeFH @RickGlumacBC @mikefarnworthbc @selinarobinson #Coquitlam #PortCoquitlam #PortMoody <https://news.gov.bc.ca/23176>

People living in the Tri-Cities area will benefit from the new urgent and primary care centre coming soon! @DoctorsOfBC @nnp\_bc @Fraserhealth @DrKathleenRoss1 @DrVictoriaLeeFH @RickGlumacBC @mikefarnworthbc @selinarobinson #Coquitlam #PortCoquitlam #PortMoody <https://news.gov.bc.ca/23176>

Hannah  
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**Sent:** September 19, 2020 12:40 PM  
**To:** Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Chaboyer, Theresa GCPE:EX <Theresa.Chaboyer@gov.bc.ca>; Venn, Tania GCPE:EX <Tania.Venn@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** The final - Fw: Urgent and primary care centre coming in Tri-Cities

Going today at 1 p.m. to Coquitlam and PoCo.

Grant

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**From:** Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX <Grant.Kerr@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 19, 2020 12:37 PM  
**To:** Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Urgent and primary care centre coming in Tri-Cities

Please refer to the files attached to this email. The following is the summary of the News Release

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Headline: Urgent and primary care centre coming in Tri-Cities

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NEWS RELEASE

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A backgrounder follows.

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#### BACKGROUNDER

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## Fwd: Year end reports

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To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 19, 2020 3:34:31 PM PDT  
Attachments: Year End Overview Seniors Strategy Final Jul 13.docx, Minister Overview  
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**Subject:** Year end reports

These have the comparison tables from 2016/17



## **Fwd: Urgent Ministers Approval OIC Hospital Act Regulation**

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From: Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca, van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX  
<Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Adrian HLTH:EX Dix <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>, Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 19, 2020 7:03:48 PM PDT  
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2020.docx, 1176930 - OIC Package.docx, 1176930 - Reg Checklist.pdf, ATT00005.htm,  
ATT00004.htm, ATT00003.htm, ATT00002.htm, 1176930 - Tagged Order.pdf, ATT00001.htm

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**Cc:** "Pokorny, Peter HLTH:EX" <Peter.Pokorny@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Urgent Ministers Approval OIC Hospital Act Regulation

## FW: For Min Approval Today: OIC Lab Services Regulation

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To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 20, 2020 9:24:17 AM PDT  
Attachments: 1175373 - OIC Package Laboratory Services Regulation.pdf, 1175373 Log 4464 Laboratory Services.pdf, 1175373 OIC Cabinet Summary.September 19 2020.final.docx, 1175373 - Reg Checklist - Lab Ser Reg - RN and RPN UDS.pdf  
Needs your sign off today. I'm told you and Peter discussed this. Yes?

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**Sent:** September 20, 2020 9:23 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Pokorny, Peter HLTH:EX <Peter.Pokorny@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** For Min Approval Today: OIC Lab Services Regulation

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To summarize:

s.12; s.13

Regards  
Holly

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Prentice, Cathy [PHSA] <cathy.prentice@phsa.ca>

Sent: September 19, 2020 10:12 AM

To: Prentice, Cathy [PHSA]; XT:Nyce, Colleen HLTH:IN; XT:Erickson, Colleen HLTH:IN; XT:Cochrane, Doug HLTH:IN; XT:Harris, Eric HLTH:IN; Sinclair, Jim [FH]; XT:Sinclair, Jim HLTH:IN; XT:Shaw, Leah-Hollins GCPE:IN; XT:Ballem, Penny HLTH:IN; XT:Manning, Tim HLTH:IN; VCH Board Chair [VCH]; Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX; Hansen, Lucy HLTH:EX; van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX; van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX

Subject: Health Authority Chairs T-Con with Minister of Health

When: September 20, 2020 3:00 PM-4:00 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

Where: s.15; s.17

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Sent: September 20, 2020 9:30:00 AM PDT  
Approved for e-sig application

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## 2pm teleconference for media re prince george

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To: Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>, Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX  
<Rick.Devereux@gov.bc.ca>, Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>, Byers, Lindsay  
GCPE:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 20, 2020 9:31:08 AM PDT  
Confirmed.

Concept plan approval

Can you arrange and send materials?

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## RE: DIAL IN FOR 2pm teleconference for media re prince george

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX <Rick.Devereux@gov.bc.ca>, Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>, Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 20, 2020 10:54:07 AM PDT  
Thank you!!!

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**From:** Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX <Rick.Devereux@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 20, 2020 10:53 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>; Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>; Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** DIAL IN FOR 2pm teleconference for media re prince george

Hi All,

Here is the dial in for the 2:00 PM PRESSER.

For the media advisory: s.15; s.17  
Media Dial In Number:  
Identification Passcode:

Speaker Dial In Number s.15; s.17

Reminder to dial this number and once a human answers after 30-60 seconds of being on hold, please say "I AM [INSERT NAME HERE] AND I NEED TO BE ADDED TO THE SPEAKERS FEED LINE".

If the operator asks about the passcode, then say s.15; s.17, but be sure to say the above line FIRST.

LINDSAY, here is the chat information:

Chat Only: s.15; s.17

Guest: s.15; s.17

Thanks  
Rick



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## FOR APPROVAL: UHNBC news release (draft)

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To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 20, 2020 11:25:53 AM PDT  
Attachments: NR\_UHNBC concept plan\_Sep20\_2020\_11am (007).docx  
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In April 2017 the previous government announced that it had approved Northern Health to proceed with a concept plan, with no funding in the capital plan. A concept plan was submitted by Northern Health to the provincial government in December 2017, which was amended in February 2020.

#### **Quick Facts:**

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**Media contacts:** Ministry of Health Communications  
250 952-1887 (media line)

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**Sent:** September 20, 2020 11:26:20 AM PDT  
Thanks! Sending to the Minister now.

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**From:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 20, 2020 11:22 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>; Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
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**Subject:** RE: UHNBC news release (draft)

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**JMP**

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To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
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**To:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>

**Sent:** September 20, 2020 11:39:54 AM PDT

He is looking for it to look closer to this one: [https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news\\_releases\\_2017-2021/2018HLTH0012-000187.htm](https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2017-2021/2018HLTH0012-000187.htm)

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Sent: September 20, 2020 11:56:10 AM PDT  
<https://ckpgtoday.ca/2018/02/15/new-cardiac-care-plan-coming-to-uhnbc/>

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**From:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 20, 2020 11:46 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR APPROVAL: UHNBC news release (draft)

Attached and pasted below.

Once we have a final, I will send back to the group.

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**Sent:** September 20, 2020 11:34 AM

**To:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** FW: FOR APPROVAL: UHNBC news release (draft)

Can you add the following in.

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**Sent:** September 20, 2020 11:34 AM

**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Re: FOR APPROVAL: UHNBC news release (draft)

Concept plan approved by Treasury Board.

Means money is in 10 year capital plan.

Includes cardiac care, mental health and new surgical tower. All of those need their own paragraphs in the release

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## PG - how's this

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 20, 2020 12:52:55 PM PDT

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## RE: MMHA Announcement: New ACT Teams

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 20, 2020 1:02:26 PM PDT  
Ok please read through:

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**Sent:** September 20, 2020 1:00 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: MMHA Announcement: New ACT Teams

Sure later after Pg

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Want me to tweet about this for you?

**Subject:** MMHA Announcement: New ACT Teams

Hi there,

Hope this finds everyone well. I wanted to share the attached embargoed news release with you ahead of it's planned release tomorrow (Sunday, Sept 20) at 10:30am.

The release announces six new Assertive Case Management (ACT) teams across the province in support of people living with severe mental health challenges.

This is an investment of new funding totalling up to \$10 M for this fiscal year. Please share this with your relevant MHSU program staff and connect any additional questions they have to their program contacts in the Ministry of Health.

Any media inquiries can be sent to Heidi or myself.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out.

Cheers!

**Eric Berndt MA, APR**

Communications Director

Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

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<2020MMHA0052-001819.pdf>

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Sent: September 20, 2020 1:03:10 PM PDT  
Attachments: NR\_UHNBC concept plan\_Sep20\_2020\_1pm.docx  
Still waiting on final ok from minister but this is where we are at.

## Fwd: PG - how's this

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**From:** "Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX" <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** September 20, 2020 at 1:06:54 PM PDT  
**To:** "van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX" <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject: Re: PG - how's this**

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Sent: September 20, 2020 1:37:12 PM PDT  
Did you and Jean Marc connect?

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Add the quote I sent and we are done

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## FW: UPDATED DRAFT

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To: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 20, 2020 1:42:52 PM PDT  
This is where we are at currently.

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**From:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 20, 2020 1:42 PM  
**To:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>; van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** UPDATED DRAFT

Hello Minister,

In the interests of time – sending to you and Amanda concurrently:

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The current hospital is outdated and too small to safely accommodate the needs of a growing and aging regional population. Local leaders have specifically identified cardiac care as an important service gap for a new facility to address.

Northern Health submitted a concept plan to the provincial government in December 2017, which was amended in February 2020. Treasury Board subsequently approved that concept plan – securing funding for the project in the government's ten-year capital plan.

The business plan phase will now get underway and will finalize details, such as scope of the new facility and budget. This includes providing details for a variety of acute care services for the facility including new mental health, surgical and cardiac units. This stage takes approximately 12 to 18 months. Upon approval of the business plan, the project will proceed to procurement and then construction.

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To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 20, 2020 1:43:28 PM PDT  
Attachments: s.13

Here we go!

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As requested.

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**Cc:** "Pokorny, Peter HLTH:EX" <Peter.Pokorny@gov.bc.ca>, "Eaton, Kirk HLTH:EX" <Kirk.Eaton@gov.bc.ca>, "Bell, Mark J HLTH:EX" <Mark.J.Bell@gov.bc.ca>  
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Cc: Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 20, 2020 1:50:07 PM PDT  
I am being told the media dial in number is not allowed from my calling area

Any idea?

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**From:** Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX <Rick.Devereux@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 20, 2020 10:53 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>; Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>; Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX <Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** DIAL IN FOR 2pm teleconference for media re prince george

Hi All,

Here is the dial in for the 2:00 PM PRESSER.

For the media advisory:  
Media Dial In Number: s.15; s.17  
Identification Passcode:

Speaker Dial In Number:  
Reminder to dial this number and once a human answers after 30-60 seconds of being on hold, please say "I AM [INSERT NAME HERE] AND I NEED TO BE ADDED TO THE SPEAKERS FEED LINE".

If the operator asks about the passcode, then say s.15; s.17 but be sure to say the above line FIRST.

LINDSAY, here is the chat information:  
Chat Only: s.15; s.17  
Guest: s.15; s.17

Thanks  
Rick

## RE: UPDATED DRAFT

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 20, 2020 1:53:32 PM PDT  
This means approved.  
Thank you for your help!

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**From:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 20, 2020 1:53 PM  
**To:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>; van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: UPDATED DRAFT

Yes

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**From:** Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 20, 2020 1:42:25 PM  
**To:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX; van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** UPDATED DRAFT

Hello Minister,

In the interests of time – sending to you and Amanda concurrently:

### **It's official: New patient tower with cardiac care unit approved for UHNBC**

PRINCE GEORGE – People in Prince George will benefit from public healthcare in a modern medical setting, as the provincial government has approved the concept plan for a new patient care tower, including a new cardiac care unit, at University Hospital of Northern British Columbia (UHNBC).

"UHNBC has needed redevelopment for years and in my visits to the community I have personally seen how out-of-date the current facility is," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "Today's action speaks to the future - in particular the ability to deliver improved cardiac care services in the North. This has been a goal for a long time and I am proud to be party of making it happen. Congratulations to the Northern Health Authority, the Prince George community and the entire region for this breakthrough."

The current hospital is outdated and too small to safely accommodate the needs of a growing and aging regional population. Local leaders have specifically identified cardiac care as an important service gap for a new facility to address.

Northern Health submitted a concept plan to the provincial government in December 2017, which was amended in February 2020. Treasury Board subsequently approved that concept plan – securing funding for the project in the government's ten-year capital plan.

The business plan phase will now get underway and will finalize details, such as scope of the new facility and budget. This includes providing details for a variety of acute care services for the facility including new mental health, surgical and cardiac units. This stage takes approximately 12 to 18 months. Upon approval of the business plan, the project will proceed to procurement and then construction.

Today's action at UHNBC builds on this government's investments in the North including new and expanded hospitals in Terrace, Fort St. James, Dawson Creek and Quesnel, delivering public health-care in state-of-the art centres.

UHNBC was built in 1958 and was originally called Prince George Regional Hospital. Additions were completed in 1978 and 2003. There are ten additional buildings that make up the 216-bed UHNBC site.

Media contacts:

Ministry of Health Communications  
250 952-1887 (media line)

**JMP**

Desk: 236-478-0302  
Cell: 250-886-2154



## RE: BC Gov News - New patient tower with cardiac unit approved for UHNBC

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX <Vanessa.Geary@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 20, 2020 4:56:14 PM PDT  
Call Frank!!!

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**From:** Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX <Vanessa.Geary@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 20, 2020 4:56 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: BC Gov News - New patient tower with cardiac unit approved for UHNBC

Woohoo

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**From:** "noreply.newsondemand@gov.bc.ca" <noreply.newsondemand@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** September 20, 2020 at 4:13:14 PM PDT  
**To:** "Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX" <Vanessa.Geary@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** BC Gov News - New patient tower with cardiac unit approved for UHNBC  
**Reply-To:** <gcpe.news@gov.bc.ca>

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 20, 2020 5:15:47 PM PDT  
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On Sep 20, 2020, at 5:14 PM, Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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On Sep 20, 2020, at 5:01 PM, van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX  
<Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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**From:** Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX <Adrian.Dix@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 20, 2020 5:01 PM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: draft tweet

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On Sep 20, 2020, at 4:54 PM, van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX  
<[Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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**RE: URGENT: Consultation OOP-2020-00581 (77 pgs), Response Due: SEPTEMBER. 17, 2020**

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: HLTH FOI Operations HLTH:EX <HLTH.FOIOperations@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 21, 2020 9:44:11 AM PDT  
Can you resend so I can see the page?

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**From:** HLTH FOI Operations HLTH:EX <HLTH.FOIOperations@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 21, 2020 9:38 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>; MacDonald, Alex LBR:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>; HLTH FCS FOI General HLTH:EX <HLTH.FCSFOI@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>; HLTH FOI Operations HLTH:EX <HLTH.FOIOperations@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** URGENT: Consultation OOP-2020-00581 (77 pgs), Response Due: SEPTEMBER. 17, 2020  
**Importance:** High

Good morning Amanda, Alex and Elise,

I'm following up on your harms review on the 77 page consult sent to you Sept 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please advise if you have any concerns with the release of those records as they were due to IAO on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. We run the risk of OOP releasing the records without MOH's input if we do not respond in time. I will see if we can get an extension, **but in the meantime if I can receive your harms/concerns by Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>**, it would be appreciated.

Thank you so much for your help.

Darlene Grieve | FOI Coordinator

FOI, Litigation and Reporting | Corporate Issues and Client Relations Branch

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**From:** HLTH FOI Operations HLTH:EX <HLTH.FOIOperations@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** September 8, 2020 8:40 AM  
**To:** van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>; MacDonald, Alex LBR:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>; Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>; HLTH FCS FOI General HLTH:EX <HLTH.FCSFOI@gov.bc.ca>; HLTH HSDFOI HLTH:EX <HLTH.HSDFOI@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** HLTH FOI Operations HLTH:EX <HLTH.FOIOperations@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** NEW: Consultation OOP-2020-00581 (77 pgs), Response Due: SEPTEMBER. 17, 2020  
**Importance:** High

Hi Alex, Holly, Elise and Sydney [MO, DMO, FCS & HSD],

**\*\* This is an internal consultation, you do not need to search for records, only review the attached pdf for harms \*\***  
**IMPORTANT: For the internal consults ADM or delegate's approval is required when you provide your harms review as they will not be coming back for ADM approval!**

Please see attached 77-page consult **due back Sept. 17, 2020.**

**Description:** Any and all records including emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages regarding the premier's itinerary for his northern British Columbia tour scheduled to take place on or about Jan. 16-21, 2020, and any stops considered during the trip including public correspondence.

The enclosed document (pdf) is part of the records that were located in response to their request and your views on their disclosure would be appreciated. If you identify harms, please clearly identify them on the records. If you identify no harms, please respond to the email to say 'no harms.'

Thank you,

Darlene Grieve | FOI Coordinator

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**From:** Fern, Chelsea CITZ:EX <[Chelsea.Fern@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Chelsea.Fern@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** September 4, 2020 10:19 AM

**To:** HLTH FOI Operations HLTH:EX <[HLTH.FOIOperations@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HLTH.FOIOperations@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Consultation OOP-2020-00581 (77 pgs), Response Due: Sept. 18, 2020

Hello Ministry of Health,

The Office of the Premier received this FOI request from Media:

*Any and all records including emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages regarding the premier's itinerary for his northern British Columbia tour scheduled to take place on or about Jan. 16-21, 2020, and any stops considered during the trip including public correspondence.*

They identified the attached document(s) as responsive records and wish to get your views on disclosure. If you need help determining harms, please see the attached harms assessment or contact me directly.

Your program area's response is due September 18, 2020.

IAO may take one to two business days to apply any severing.

If you are not able to respond by this date, we are required to continue processing this file without your recommendations.

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**1. Ministry Program Harms Assessment:**

*Please indicate which applies:*

1. *There are no harms in these records. They can be released in full.*
2. *There are harms in releasing all of these records. They should be withheld in their entirety.*
3. *There are harms in portions of the records. Please give details so that IAO can apply the appropriate sections of FOIPPA. Please feel free to write directly on the attached records and send back to IAO. If you are unsure of why it is harmful please call the IAO to discuss the appropriate severing.*

Program Area Approval Authority:

*Name, Title, Program*

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**2. IAO's review of harms assessment and recommendations on release**

Comments/Recommendations:

*IAO will assess the program area's harms and recommend full release, withhold in its entirety or partial release.*

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**3. Ministry Executive approval for release**

Comments/Recommendations:

*Please indicate which applies:*

1. *Approved for release with no changes.*

2. *Approved for release with the following changes... (insert changes).*

3. *Not approved for release and why.*

Ministry Executive (Delegated Signoff):

Name, Title

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Note that all general FOI request records that are released to an applicant should be published on the Open Information website unless the exemption criteria apply. The exemption criteria can be found on page 11 of the [Open Information and Open Data Policy](#). Consultations from outside provincial public bodies are not published on the Open Information website.

**Exercise of Discretion:**

The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA) contains both mandatory and discretionary exceptions to disclosure. Sections 13 to 20 are the discretionary exceptions. Where Information Access Operations (IAO) has advised the head that a discretionary exception may apply, it is important that the head consider the possibility of releasing the information despite the fact that an exception may apply.

**Factors relevant to the exercise of discretion include:**

- the general purposes of the legislation: public bodies should make information available to the public; individuals should have access to personal information about themselves;
- the wording of the discretionary exception and the interests which the section attempts to balance;
- whether the individual's request could be satisfied by severing the record and by providing the applicant with as much information as is reasonably practicable;
- the historical practice of the public body with respect to the release of similar types of documents;
- the nature of the record and the extent to which the document is significant and/or sensitive to the public body;
- whether the disclosure of the information will increase public confidence in the operation of the public body;
- the age of the record;
- whether there is a sympathetic or compelling need to release materials;
- whether previous orders of the Commissioner have ruled that similar types of records or information should or should not be subject to disclosure; and
- when the policy advice exception is claimed, whether the decision to which the advice or recommendations relates has already been made.

Thank you,

**Chelsea Fern** | FOI Specialist

Central Team, Information Access Operations

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## connecting you two

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From: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Loubert, Danny PREM:EX <Danny.Loubert@gov.bc.ca>, Prevost, Jean-Marc GCPE:EX <Jean-Marc.Prevost@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 21, 2020 10:34:28 AM PDT  
Hi team,

Connecting you two. Danny will be staying behind at VCO and Jean Marc will be staying behind at GCPE HLTH. If Dr Henry will be doing any avails out of VCO, please connect.

Cheers,

AvB