Deaths reported to the Coroners Service

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Hi Will and Melanie,

Below is a table with the total number of deaths reported to the Coroners Service from June 25 - July 1, by health authority and compared to previous years. As you'll see, there were significant increases in deaths reported in every health authority, but particularly the Fraser and Vancouver Coastal areas. We plan to add the table to the BCCS website tonight and share the link with media who have been asking for an update. I'll forward you the link once available.

We'll note that the information is preliminary and subject to change as investigations are concluded. The table includes all deaths reported to the Coroners Service during those 7 days, and investigations are underway to determine which of these were heat-related. The number of deaths being reported this week is reverting to more usual levels however, the impact of the volume on our Service continues to be significant as the coroners gather information to certify cause and manner of death for each of the deaths reported.

Ryan Panton, our Communications Manager will liaise with Caroline but in the meantime, please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Lisa

Coroner Responded Deaths by Health Authority, June 25-July 1, 2016-2021											
		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021				
Fraser	Jun 25	6	11	3	9	6	15				
	Jun 26	9	6	5	7	10	9				
	Jun 27	9	11	6	12	7	15				
	Jun 28	7	7	5	6	8	71				
	Jun 29	7	9	9	4	12	162				
	Jun 30	3	4	4	4	11	49				
	Jul 1	8	10	6	4	7	23				
	Total	49	58	38	46	61	344				
Interior	Jun 25	3	5	2	7	8	13				
	Jun 26	3	6	7	8	7	11				
	Jun 27	5	4	11	4	10	14				
	Jun 28	11	10	7	2	6	11				
	Jun 29	15	7	7	8	13	23				
	Jun 30	2	4	6	5	11	18				
	Jul 1	4	7	5	7	4	20				
	Total	43	43	45	41	59	110				
Island	Jun 25	2	7	9	8	4	9				
	Jun 26	5	6	7	3	7	8				
	Jun 27	8	6	6	1	4	10				

	Jun 28	7	8	4	7	5	18
	Jun 29	6	7	8	7	7	30
	Jun 30	6	11	7	4	6	12
	Jul 1	2	5	8	3	7	10
	Total	36	50	49	33	40	97
Northern	Jun 25	1	2	2	1	6	3
	Jun 26	2	1	3	4	2	5
	Jun 27	2	0	0	3	3	4
	Jun 28	2	2	0	5	4	2
	Jun 29	2	0	2	0	3	8
	Jun 30	1	2	2	3	5	7
	Jul 1	1	1	2	1	4	4
	Total	11	8	11	17	27	33
Van Coast	Jun 25	4	5	5	4	6	16
	Jun 26	8	7	9	8	9	13
	Jun 27	6	6	8	10	7	13
	Jun 28	6	10	10	8	6	40
	Jun 29	4	10	7	5	8	72
	Jun 30	7	5	4	4	6	31
	Jul 1	5	3	7	5	3	8
	Total	40	46	50	44	45	193
Total		179	205	193	181	232	777

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