

September 6, 2021

Hello, Citizens!

Daily Case & School Information

Reporting based on the B.C. school covid tracker will be included starting tomorrow. This will be whenever it is posted by Kathy & Andrea, so may not be at a specific time daily.

As of September 3, 2021

Total Covid Cases < 10: 10,092

Total Covid Cases 10-19: 18,477

*Note B.C. primarily only tested symptomatic children.

Of the new cases in B.C., ~24% of new cases were in children < 19. This will be tracked and provided daily and weekly moving forward.

New Outbreaks

- Northern Health: Jubilee Lodge in Prince George

Outbreak Updates

- Fraser Health: Menno House in Abbotsford LTC outbreak figure now at 30. 21 residents, 9 staff. 1 senior death.

B. C. Rapid Tests Tracking

Used: 113,993 (4.1%)

Deployed: 645,187 (23.1%)

Shipped: 2,796,506

MSP Positivity Rate

Fraser Health: 4.3%

Interior Health: 11.4%

Northern Health: 19.5%

Vancouver Coastal Health: 3.3%

Vancouver Island Health: 4.9%

British Columbia: 5.7%

Lacking Necessary Information for Risk Management

Welcome to the first of our Project Canary email updates. As we know, in B.C., there has been a consistent obfuscation of basic and necessary data. For example, when a peer-reviewed report by the Royal Society of Canada indicated that covid-19 excess deaths are likely 2x more than currently recorded, Dr. Bonnie Henry of British Columbia stated that "we need to take the review with a grain of salt," when questioned about it in a public press conference (July 2021).

On August 18th, 2021, a number of experts involved with the group Speak Up America held a livestream event called "Delta Concerns of U.S. School Re-openings and Reducing Airborne Transmission!" This event was targeted to those working to help create safer schools and prevent the infection of children with covid-19. The discussions within this livestream event made clear how inadequate the responses for schools, and beyond, are within British Columbia and Alberta.

The image above shows an example of a covid-19 school dashboard that has been developed within the United States. These systems have been used within school districts to indicate how many cases are within each school, as well as the active cases in each setting. There is no reason why such information should not be easily available at this point in the pandemic. Unlike all other areas of Canada, Alberta and British Columbia do not have access to the national covid-19 notification app. This is despite clear exponential growth of the delta variant within both provinces.

COVID-19 Dashboard

ESUSD is providing information regarding COVID-19 cases on our campuses, while also maintaining privacy and confidentiality for our students and staff. The data below represents the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases among District students and staff on our campuses (in-person instruction and on campus only). This data will be updated regularly and as cases are confirmed.

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The dashboard below does not include COVID cases for students or employees who did not come onto campus while potentially infectious.

School / Location	Current Confirmed Cases**		#of Students & Staff on Campus During School Hours*	#of Students & Staff on Campus In After School Activities*
	Students	Staff		
Center Street Elementary			520	2
Richmond Street Elementary			460	2
El Segundo Middle School			310	2
El Segundo High School			519	221
District Office			21	1
Eagle's Nest Preschool			0	0

School Starts Tomorrow!

The following information is from Kathy and Andrea at the BC Schools Covid Tracker. Thank you for their continued efforts in keeping citizens apprised of necessary information.

"Here we go! Another year doing our very best to help you keep your families safe. Since the government announced that they will NOT be issuing exposure notices for single cases of covid we have been working hard to figure out a system to provide BC families with reliable information. Notifying parents about single cases is critical because BC contact tracers don't have the resources to stay ahead of the spread. Case contacts are currently directed to continue to attend school while monitoring for symptoms. This led to continued spread as we documented last year. Public health is also relying on outdated guidelines to identify close contacts such as assuming that infection requires 15 minutes of unprotected exposure when Delta has been shown to spread in seconds.

Knowledge is power and it is time to take our power back!

Here is how we will work TOGETHER (yes, this going to take serious teamwork and we need everyone to participate).

STEP ONE:

If you or any member of your household has any symptoms GET TESTED. Even if the symptoms are MILD, If you have been exposed and are asymptomatic GET TESTED!

STEP TWO:

If test results are positive we need you to EMAIL your school right away and CC or BCC us in the email with the following email address bcschoolcovid@protonmail.com

In that email include the following information:

1. Confirm that someone in your household has tested positive for Covid-19 and is a member of the school community.
2. Confirm and provide the date of positive test.
3. Provide dates of potential exposure in the school (the days you or your family member were in attendance at school while

infectious).

4. Make sure the email identifies the name of the school. This email will NOT be published publicly! Your identity and the identity of your family member will remain confidential.

This two-step process has been reviewed and approved by our legal team and is simple, safe, and confidential.

IF YOU HEARD ABOUT A CASE(S) private message us! We will be able to potentially provide the next steps on how to support and get those cases validated.

This situation is evolving so we appreciate your patience as we fine-tune and create other means to gather and share verifiable data.

You have the right to share information about YOUR family with ANYONE you choose!

The letters from public health have instructed schools not to share information with families, students and other school staff members about covid cases that are uncovered in schools unless public health gives them the permission to do so. However, we will repeat, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SHARE**

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR FAMILY WITH ANYONE YOU CHOOSE! You are now the key to transparency NOT the government, NOT public health. We hope the government reconsiders this plan on informing school communities and will do the right thing. In the meantime, we will all take control and care for one another.

Remember YOU are in the driver's seat. Now take a breath and let's do what WE need to do to keep our kids, families and communities safe!
Sending love to you all, sending gratitude to our teachers and school staff, please everyone, stay safe!"

Changes to Newsletter/Structure

Please note that we will now be sending DAILY email updates with school starting. This will include an update of the school tracker information, as well as any information related to case or hospital changes (when available). We will also provide information relating to any significant issues we have seen across our communities. For example, there has been a recent Reddit post that attendees of the UBC frat party that was fined have contracted covid-19. All attendees should get tested to ensure they are not actively transmitting!

**Chat soon,
Crystal**

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