Daily Update – July 23, 2020

Ministry of Health update

In today’s daily briefing, Dr. Bonnie Henry, provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, reported 30 new cases of COVID-19 in B.C., bringing the total number of cases to 3,392 since the pandemic began. Of those, 1,051 have been in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) region. There are 304 active cases of COVID-19 in the province and 2,898 people who tested positive have recovered. The number of people in hospitals throughout B.C. is 16, including three people in critical care. One long-term care facility, and two acute care facilities continue to have active outbreaks in B.C. There has been one new COVID-19 related death, for a total of 190 deaths in British Columbia. We offer our condolences to everyone who has lost loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Amended order for Food Service Establishments, Liquor Services and Events

Dr. Henry issued amended rules governing food service establishments, liquor services and events today. All patrons must now be seated at a designated seat. There is no liquor self-service or dancing, and measures need to be in place to reduce lineups and gathering outside. The amended order can be viewed here.

Testing

Anyone in the VCH region with cold, influenza or COVID-19-like symptoms, however mild, can now be assessed for and get a COVID-19 test. Contact your physician or nurse practitioner’s office, or a local community collection centre to arrange for a test. Phone numbers and locations of collection centre can be found by visiting: http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing or by calling 8-1-1. In Vancouver, the City Centre and REACH urgent and primary care centres provide testing as well as the St. Vincent's drive-up location at 4875 Heather Street. The Richmond Assessment Centre is located at 6820 Gilbert Road, in the parking lot of the Richmond Tennis Club. On the North Shore, testing is available at the North Vancouver Urgent and Primary Care Centre. If you think you need testing, please call ahead before visiting your doctor, urgent and primary care center or health clinic.

VCH Medical Health Officers, our provincial partners and the Public Health Agency of Canada continue to actively monitor the COVID-19 pandemic. To protect yourself while out in public, wash your hands frequently and maintain social distance. For more information on COVID-19, please visit www.vch.ca/COVID19.

For more information and latest updates on COVID-19, follow the BC Centre for Disease Control on Twitter @CDCofBC or visit the website: http://www.bccdc.ca/.