

Daily update – March 28, 2020

At today's briefing, Provincial Medical Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced 92 new cases of COVID-19, for a total of 884 cases in B.C. to date, with 444 in the Vancouver Coastal Health region. Of the total COVID-19 cases, 81 individuals are currently hospitalized, with 52 in critical care. About 45 per cent of confirmed cases in B.C., or 396 people, have now recovered, and the remaining are recovering at home in self-isolation. Dr. Henry also announced the death of one more resident of a long-term care in the Vancouver Coastal Health region.

Minister of Health Adrian Dix reported there are 4,295 vacant beds, and that 28 doctors, 309 nurses and many allied health have re-registered to help.

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.

We strongly urge anyone who has symptoms—including a fever, cough, sneezing, sore throat, or difficulty breathing—to self-isolate for 10 days. Testing is available for people with respiratory symptoms who are hospitalized or likely to be hospitalized, including pregnant women in their third trimester; health-care workers; residents of long-term care facilities; or part of an investigation of a cluster or outbreak. A self-assessment tool, developed with the BC Ministry of Health, will help determine whether you may need further assessment or testing for COVID-19. Find it at covid19.thrive.health, or download a self-assessment app for smartphones.

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/>

