

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COVID 19 – UPDATE

July 21, 2020

On Monday July 20, 2020, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Minister Adrian Dix released the latest COVID-19 infection numbers, as they do daily.

From Friday July 17 to Monday July 20, there was **102 new cases** which is a significant jump in numbers. There was particularly a large increase in numbers in the Interior Health Authority where numbers went from 235 COVID cases on Friday to 280 cases on Monday at 3pm. These results are troubling.

The Provincial authorities are also concerned as the number of "contacts" that people are having has grown which means the potential for the virus to spread quickly is also increasing.

Chief and Council just want to remind everyone to continue to practice social distancing, wear a mask when you are in public, keep your circle of interaction small and wash your hands regularly. As you travel and take holidays this summer please remember to practice your "COVID sense" and be safe.

Dr. Bonnie Henry has stated that there is a possibility of an explosive growth if we are all not careful. Currently we still have it in our hands to make a difference and ensure that the COVID curve stays flattened.

Dr. Henry also put out a special request to the youth to help get the message out there on social media. There is quite a bit of growth in COVID cases in the younger generations (20-30-year old's). We cannot let our commitment slip now!

These numbers are just a reminder of how quickly things can change.

Please stay safe! Yecwestsútce = look after yourself (and each other)!