

Coronavirus - Feb 6th update

The Ministry of Education has circulated updated information/messaging for school districts in response to coronavirus. The updated key messages below have been provided by the Provincial Health Officer and Ministry of Health.

Updated messages for schools:

- On February 6, in a joint statement Provincial Health Officer (PHO) Dr. Bonnie Henry and Health Minister Adrian Dix announced two new presumptive cases of coronavirus in B.C. – they are adult visitors from the Hubei province. These cases are linked to the second case announced Feb. 4th by the Ministry of Health. Here is the joint statement from yesterday: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0025-000236>

Please note provincial recommendations on travel related, self isolation:

- The Provincial Health Officer is advising travellers who have been to Hubei province in the last 14 days to limit their contact with others for 14 days (self-isolation, stay at home) following arrival in Canada.
- The Provincial Health Officer is also advising that anyone who is concerned they may have been exposed to, or are experiencing symptoms of, the coronavirus should contact their primary care provider, local public health office or call 811. Translation services for 811 are available in more than 130 languages.

Useful Links

- Feb. 4 joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/ministries/health>
- Feb. 3 joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer - <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0020-000210>
- Ministry of Health response plans - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/pandemic-influenza>
- Novel Coronavirus Q&A from HealthLinkBC: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/coronavirus>
- BC Centre for Disease Control: [http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-\(novel\)](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel))
- Government of Canada - Novel Coronavirus in China Travel Health Notice: <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notice/210>