

COVID-19 Return
to Dance
Committee Report Summary

BCS&RDA Directors Meeting
November 7, 2020

Committee Members

- Dr. J. Blair Wallace (Chair)
- Brent Mawdsley (Region 2 Vancouver & District Caller)
- Don Allan (FVS&RDA Treasurer)
- Eva Matheson (FVS&RDA Social Convener)
- Dennis Sutton (BCS&RDF VP)
- Kirk Rockerbie (Region 1 Lower Vancouver Island Caller)
- Bill Cave (Region 5)
- Jean Wood (BC Fed President)
- Wendy Krueger (Region 2, BC Fed Secretary)

Good to know that COVID-19 is over



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Presidential Election Results



Joe Biden

Kamala Harris

290 ✓

74,857,880 votes (50.6%)

Donald Trump

Mike Pence

214



70,598,535 votes (47.7%)

270 NEEDED TO WIN



Canada



United States

AllEuropeNorth AmericaAsiaSouth AmericaAfricaOceania

#	Country, Other	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Deaths	New Deaths	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Serious, Critical	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Population
	World	49,649,261	+623,277	1,248,195	+9,205	35,261,462	13,139,604	90,830	6,370	160.1			
1	USA	10,058,586	+132,540	242,230	+1,248	6,391,208	3,425,148	18,303	30,326	730	155,148,732	467,759	331,685,117
2	India	8,460,885	+49,851	125,605	+576	7,818,558	516,722	8,944	6,110	91	115,429,095	83,357	1,384,752,705
3	Brazil	5,632,505	+18,247	162,035	+256	5,064,344	406,126	8,318	26,433	760	21,900,000	102,774	213,089,916
4	Russia	1,733,440	+20,582	29,887	+378	1,296,124	407,429	2,300	11,876	205	63,541,298	435,344	145,956,600
5	France	1,661,853	+60,486	39,865	+828	126,329	1,495,659	4,331	25,440	610	17,367,177	265,860	65,324,507
6	Spain	1,388,411	+22,516	38,833	+347	N/A	N/A	2,863	29,692	830	18,072,174	386,478	46,761,185
7	Argentina	1,228,814	+11,786	33,136	+370	1,042,237	153,441	4,666	27,102	731	3,177,564	70,081	45,341,031
8	UK	1,146,484	+23,287	48,475	+355	N/A	N/A	1,181	16,857	713	35,600,586	523,450	68,011,485
9	Colombia	1,127,733	+9,756	32,405	+196	1,020,263	75,065	2,376	22,081	634	5,320,872	104,183	51,072,509
10	Mexico	949,197	+5,567	93,772	+544	701,837	153,588	2,800	7,335	725	2,465,699	19,054	129,406,452
11	Peru	917,503	+2,781	34,783	+53	838,783	43,937	1,022	27,693	1,050	4,635,248	139,903	33,131,802
12	Italy	862,679	+37,807	40,638	+446	322,925	499,116	2,515	14,276	672	16,951,896	280,520	60,430,308
13	South Africa	734,175	+1,761	19,749	+72	675,593	38,833	546	12,325	332	4,940,719	82,940	59,569,515
14	Iran	663,800	+8,864	37,409	+424	509,952	116,439	5,495	7,868	443	5,147,249	61,010	84,367,851
	nany	641,362	+22,246	11,364	+174	402,600	227,398	2,653	7,646	135	23,393,311	278,895	83,878,426

Who am I?

- More commonly known as “Heather’s Dad”
- I have a PhD Biochemical Engineering and over 30 years of experience
- I am a self employed consulting engineer / Health & Safety Officer
- My work involves Health & Safety and Environmental Safety for small companies
- My biggest client has operations in New Westminster, Calgary, Oakville, England, Belgium, France, Germany and Norway
- This company is considered to be essential in all jurisdictions and as a result – did not shut down anywhere
- This company (and now others) required the development COVID-19 Safety Plans in each jurisdiction
- As a result, I have followed and have been deeply involved in the pandemic, SARS-COV-2 and COVID-19 since January of 2020

What is the current status of the restrictions on restarting our activity?

British Columbia COVID-19 Dashboard

Filter Dashboard Values by Health Authority: All Interior Fraser Vancouver Coastal Vancouver Island Northern

Total Cases

Laboratory Diagnosed 16,876

Epi-Linked 273

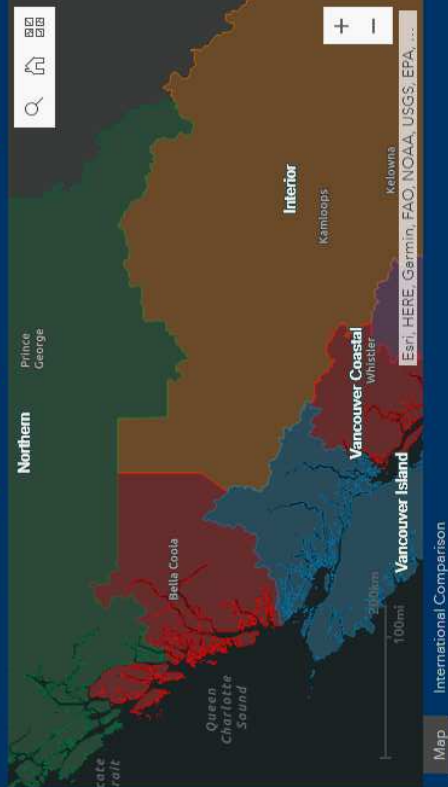
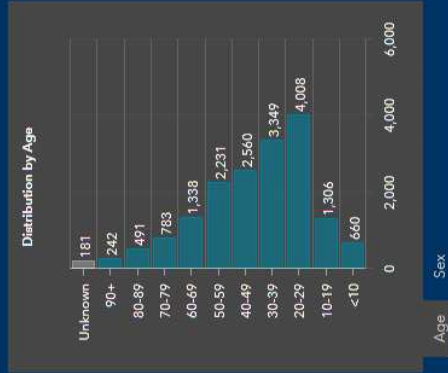
Currently Hospitalized

104

Total to Date: 1,083

Currently Admitted to ICU

28

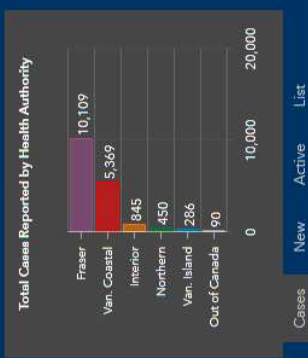


New Cases

589

Active Cases

3,741



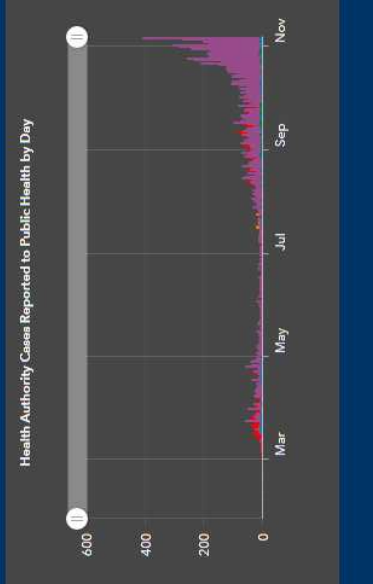
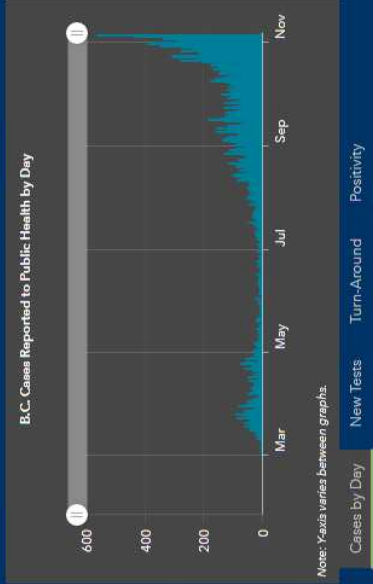
Confirmed Deaths

275

Recovered

13,035

Last Update
11/6/2020, 4:30 PM



Total Tests

888,593

New Tests

10,591

B.C. Testing Rate

125,119

Canadian Testing Rate

258,060

People per 1,000,000

People per 1,000,000

Data notes, terms of use, disclaimer and limitations of liability
Note: Explore the new international comparison dashboard



Here is the breakdown of all detected COVID-19 cases in B.C., by health region, with new cases identified overnight in brackets:

- 5,491 in Vancouver Coastal Health (122);
- 10,520 in Fraser Health (411);
- 289 in Island Health (3);
- 867 in Interior Health (22);
- 459 in Northern Health (nine);
- 90 people who reside outside Canada (no change).

ORDER OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER

(Pursuant to Sections 30, 31, 32 and 39 (3) *Public Health Act*, S.B.C. 2008)

GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

The *Public Health Act* is at:

<http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/content/complete/statreg/08028/?xsl=/templates/browse.xsl>
(excerpts enclosed)

TO: OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF BANQUET HALLS

TO: OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF VACATION ACCOMMODATION

TO: OCCUPANTS OF VACATION ACCOMMODATION AND GUESTS

TO: OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF PRIVATE RESIDENCES AND GUESTS

**TO: OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF PLACES, INCLUDING PREMISES SUBJECT
TO THE *FOOD AND LIQUOR SERVING PREMISES ORDER***

TO: PERSONS WHO ORGANIZE EVENTS

TO: PERSONS WHO ATTEND EVENTS

TO: MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICERS

DATED THIS 30th day of October 2020

SIGNED:



Bonnie Henry
MD, MPH, FRCPC
Provincial Health Officer

“event” refers to anything which gathers people together whether on a one-time, regular or irregular basis, including a gathering in vacation accommodation, a private residence, banquet hall or other place, a party, worship service, ceremony or celebration of any type, reception, wedding, funeral, celebration of life, musical, theatrical or dance entertainment or performance, live band performance, disc jockey performance, strip dancing, comedic act, art show, magic show, puppet show, fashion show, book signing, reading, recitation, display, movie, film, meeting, conference, lecture, talk, educational presentation (except in a school or post-secondary educational institution), auction, fund raising benefit, contest, competition, quiz, game, rally, festival, presentation, demonstration, athletic, sporting or other physical activity, exhibition, market or fair, including a trade fair, agricultural fair, seasonal fair or episodic indoor event that has as its primary purpose the sale of merchandise or services e.g. Christmas craft markets, home shows, antique fairs and the like and for certainty includes a gathering proceeding or following another event;

“a place” includes areas both **inside and outside**, and premises **not ordinarily open to the public**, but does not include a private residence, vacation accommodation or a banquet hall;

C. PLACES NOT SUBJECT TO THE FOOD AND LIQUOR SERVING PREMISES ORDER

2. Up to fifty patrons may attend an event in a place if the following conditions are met:

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k. patrons must not engage in Karaoke or dance on the premises;

....

BUT

What if a COVID-19 Safety Plan in
accordance with WorkSafeBC?

8. For certainty, this Order does not apply to health care related events such as immunization clinics, health authority COVID-19 testing centres and blood donation clinics; court sittings wherever they occur; workers at a worksite when engaged in their work activities; workers living at a work camp; students, teachers or instructors at a school or postsecondary educational institution when engaged in educational activities; individuals attending regularly scheduled classes or practices in a recreation centre, pool or fitness facility; customers in a mall or retail establishment when engaged in shopping activities or seeking services; individuals attending an episodic vending market such as a Farmers Market or a Community Market which is subject to the Vending Markets Order; individuals in a campground or any other place when not attending an event; or the use of any place for municipal, provincial or federal election purposes.

The question becomes:

- What is a “recreation centre, pool or fitness facility”
- Or – are the halls we use “recreation centres or fitness facilities”?

What might the difference be:

- A recreation centre / fitness facility is owned by a company or municipality.

AND what do they mean by DANCE?

- What we do is more like a structured fitness class than bump & grinding in a bar

Why is this important:

- A recreation centre / fitness facility has employer & employees
- This means that WorkSafeBC has jurisdiction and can enforce WorkSafeBC's Rules for "Gyms and fitness centres: Protocols for returning to operation"
- WorkSafeBC would **not** have jurisdiction over a Community Hall that is operated by volunteers, a society, etc.
- WorkSafeBC would **not** have jurisdiction between a hall and a tenant
- WorkSafeBC would have jurisdiction between a club and their employee (the caller/cuer/prompter)

I asked the PHO for clarification

- I was advised that there is a "newly formed provincial group being led by the Office of the Provincial Health Officer to provide additional guidance and clarity on sport activities"

Does this distinction matter at this time?

- NO
- Why? The risk of an out break at any event – COVID-19 Safety Plan or not – is too big right now
- Example:
 - Dance Studio in Chilliwack
 - COVID-19 Safety Plan in place
 - None-the-less:
 - Superspreader event
 - 36 with COVID-19, both adults and children
 - 15 elementary schools impacted

PHO order on limiting social interactions in the Lower Mainland

By order of the PHO, all individuals, places of work and businesses within the Vancouver Coastal Health and Fraser Health regions must significantly reduce social interactions.

The order is in effect from November 7, 2020 at 10 pm to November 23, 2020 at 12 pm

Social interactions and gatherings

- Socialize only with those in your immediate household. No gatherings of **any size**.
- Do not invite friends or family to your household
- Funerals and weddings may proceed with your immediate household only.
- Funeral or wedding receptions at any location are not allowed, including reception events held at community-based venues
- This includes events of fewer than 50 people

Group physical activities

Businesses, recreation centres or other organizations that organize or operate indoor group physical activities must suspend these activities. This includes:

- Spin classes
- Yoga
- Group fitness
- Dance classes
- Any other group indoor activity that increases the respiratory rate

Fines

1	2	3	4	5
Provision	Contravention	Fine	Victim Surcharge Levy	Ticketed Amount
Every provision of the <i>Emergency Program Act</i> , the contravention of which constitutes an offence		\$2 000	\$300	\$2 300

1	2	3	4	5
Provision	Contravention	Fine	Victim Surcharge Levy	Ticketed Amount
Item 23.3 of Schedule 2				
Gatherings and Events (COVID-19) Order				
section 4	Promote or encourage attendance at non-compliant gathering or event	\$200	\$30	\$230
section 5	Fail to comply with direction from law enforcement officer	\$200	\$30	\$230
section 6	Abusive or belligerent behaviour	\$200	\$30	\$230
section 7 (1)	Fail to comply with patron distancing conditions	\$200	\$30	\$230
section 7 (2)	Fail to comply with patron conditions at drive in	\$200	\$30	\$230

Based on my present knowledge of the status of the pandemic

- There have been HUGE increases in the numbers of COVID-19 diagnoses over the past few weeks
- Our dancers are mostly members of the most susceptible groups for serious outcomes from COVID-19
- NO dancing of any kind by any club is possible presently or for the foreseeable future
- It is likely that further tightening of the restrictions are upcoming
- The vaccine is still months away. Once approved, there is manufacture and distribution
- I anticipate that a vaccine will start being distributed to the general public in the fall of 2021

Ministerial Order M183

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

Emergency Program Act

Ministerial Order No. M183

Reliance on emergency and public health guidance

- 3 (1) A sport organization, or a director, officer, employee or volunteer of a sport organization, is not liable for damages resulting, directly or indirectly, from an individual being or likely being infected with or exposed to SARS-CoV-2 as a result of the organization, administration, facilitation or provision of an organized sport activity if, at the relevant time, the sport organization, or director, officer, employee or volunteer of the sport organization,
- (a) was organizing, administering, facilitating or providing the organized sport activity in accordance with all applicable emergency and public health guidance, or
 - (b) reasonably believed that the organization, administration, facilitation or provision of the organized sport activity was in accordance with all applicable emergency and public health guidance.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a sport organization, or a director, officer, employee or volunteer of the sport organization if, in organizing, administering, facilitating or providing the organized sport activity, that sport organization or director, officer, employee or volunteer was grossly negligent.

- Questions