



Public Health Update  
**December 8, 2020**

**Extended order on restricting social interaction:**

Due to the continuous increase of COVID-19 cases in our province, the stay-at-home order has been extended to January 8th.

● **Social interaction and gatherings**

- In-person events and community-based gatherings are suspended.
- No social gatherings of **any size** at your residence with anyone other than your household or core bubble.
  - Do not invite friends or extended family to your household.
  - Do not host gatherings outdoors.
  - Do not have playdates for your children.
- Allowed activities
  - Going for a walk. You must make sure a walk does not turn into a group of people meeting outside.
  - Parents carpooling kids to and from school.
  - Grandparents providing child care.
- Holiday celebrations
  - All December celebrations will look different this year. Celebrate with your immediate household or core bubble.
  - Consider hosting virtual parties and religious services.
  - Unwrap gifts over video calls.
- Avoid travelling unless it is essential.
  - Limit your daily travels to only essential travels.
  - If trips into or out of the province can be postponed, you should wait to travel until the order is lifted.

● **Masks Enforcement**

- You must wear a mask in any indoor public areas.
  - Including retail places, grocery stores, shopping malls.
  - Common spaces in apartment buildings and condos.
  - Common areas in the workplace, including elevators, kitchen and breakroom.

- Transportation, taxi and shared ride services.
- Places of worship.
- Hospital, hotels, office buildings.
- Community centres, sports or fitness facilities.
- Restaurants, pubs and bars when not eating.
- You are subject to a \$230 fine if you fail to comply with the mask enforcement.
- **COVID-19 vaccines**
  - A small amount of vaccine will arrive next week, these are primarily set aside for long-term care home residents and people working there.
  - Dr. Bonnie Henry will provide a more detailed vaccine roll-out later in the month.

This year has been particularly difficult, and the end of year season will look very different from previous ones. While we cannot see people outside of our core bubbles, there are still ways to be there for each other.

Progress is starting to be made. It is especially important to follow the guidelines right now so we can protect ourselves and each other.