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Daily Update: Friday, April 17, 2020

Number of COVID-19 cases in BC: 1575 New cases in BC: 14

Number of deaths in BC: 77 Number in recovery in BC: 983

Number of COVID -19 cases in the Interior Health Region: 149

Clean hands, clear heads, open hearts Stay home, be kind, save lives

Rosebush Water

Rosebush Water will be delivered to those living onreserve that would like some. It strengthens and uplifts by cleansing the mind, body and spirit. It can be used to ward off evil spirits. If you would like some Rosebush Water please call 250-373-2493 and leave your name with the person who answers.

Fire Ban

There is currently a fire ban in effect. Please do not burn. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions

Update from modelling by Bonnie Henry on Apr 17
We are slowing rate of new infections. The difference between what could have been and what has happened is because of the collective action of BC citizens.

The slow down is due to <u>public health actions</u>. What happens next will also be due to public health actions.

It is essential that everyone in BC <u>continue to practice</u> <u>physical distancing</u> until directed otherwise. We know we still face the potential of COVID-19 growth if we stop our physical distancing efforts.

Death continue to be seen in older adults, elders and those with chronic illness. We must protect these individuals.

BC's epidemic curve is below projections based on Hubei (China) and Italy's experience. BC's COVID-19 cases have plateaued and have started to decline.

Be calm, respectful, safe and generous with one another.