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Daily Update: Friday, June 12, 2020

Number of COVID-19 cases in BC: 2694

New cases in BC: 14

Number of deaths in BC: 167

Number who have recovered in BC: 2344

Number of COVID-19 cases in Interior Health Region: 195

Currently hospitalized in BC: 13

Currently admitted to Intensive Care Unit: 5

Please see the attached Special Edition of Fun Facts.

Update from Dr. Henry and Minister Dix on June 11, 2020

No new deaths from COVID-19 in BC in 6 days.

BC has extended its state of emergency for another 2 weeks until June 23. Emergencies can only be extended two weeks at a time.

BC is dealing with two pandemics: COVID-19 and the opioid crisis. There has been an increase in toxicity in drugs resulting in opioid overdoses. This has resulted in an increase of death from drug use. 170 people died in May from drug overdoses. Dr. Henry and Minister Dix are committed to having difficult conversations and taking actions to address opioid issues.

Please reach out if you are using opioids. It is important to ensure you are safe!

For your safety:

- 1) Use an Overdose Prevention Site, if you can.**
- 2) Pick up a naloxone kit. Connect with QHS staff for a naloxone kit.**
- 3) Avoid Using alone. Find a buddy or have someone check on you.**
- 4) Talk to your doctor about ways to reduce the need to purchase substances, or experience withdrawal.**

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