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Joint Statement on BC's COVID-19 Response, Latest Updates – June 30, 2020

The most significant news in today's announcement was the beginning of allowing visitors at long term care and assisted living facilities. There will be many precautions, but so important to so many people to be able to visit with their family members who are living in facilities.

“Today is a positive day for all British Columbians. With the necessary pieces in place, long-term care facilities and seniors assisted-living residences can now begin allowing visitors.

“British Columbians have flattened the curve, single-site staffing is in place and facilities have been given the additional resources to safely allow for seniors and Elders who have been separated from their loved ones to connect once again.

“Like many other areas within our province, with safety plans and precautions in place, we can now slowly and thoughtfully move forward.

“Tomorrow, as we all celebrate Canada Day, we remind everyone to follow the rules for safe social interactions, limit your interactions and keep your bubbles small, maintain a safe distance from others and stay home if you are feeling ill.

“While this will be a different Canada Day for all of us, there are many virtual celebrations being planned and other fun ways to safely connect with friends and family. By doing our part, we can continue to keep our curve flat and protect our communities and those we care for most.”

Read more at: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0212-001209>

British Columbians invited to have their say on recovery

British Columbians are invited to share their feedback as the Province continues to build a strong economic recovery that works for people.

“The pandemic has been challenging, but our province has already accomplished so much in this fight, thanks to British Columbians. We are at our best when we work together, and that’s how we’re going to move forward,” Premier John Horgan said.

“Throughout the pandemic we’ve been meeting with businesses, labour, First Nations, not-for-profits and more to get their perspective. We’ve heard lots of good ideas, and we are taking action. We want to hear directly from British Columbians to make sure the recovery works for them.”

There are three main ways for people to share their ideas, experiences and priorities:

- An online survey is the fastest and easiest way to provide answers to some important questions and give advice. Visit: <http://gov.bc.ca/recoveryideas>
- Respond to the paper, Building B.C.’s Recovery, Together: Have Your Say, which was released on Wednesday, June 17, 2020. Ideas and responses can be submitted to: recoveryideas@gov.bc.ca
- Participate in virtual town halls. British Columbians can learn more about the virtual town halls here: <http://gov.bc.ca/recoveryideas>

[The full announcement is here.](#)

Happy Canada Day!

- **Wash Your Hands**
- **Keep Your Distance**
- **Stay Home if you are sick**

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