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## **Back to the Basics Information**

After six months of almost daily updates, we thought we would comb through the many updates and try to summarize the essential information needed to keep everyone safe during this pandemic. Thanks to Susan Stanfield for her research and writing. Let us know if you have other items you would like us to address.

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## **Joint Statement on BC’s COVID-19 response, latest updates**

“Today, we are announcing three 24-hour reporting periods. In the first reporting period from Sept. 25 to 26, we had 68 new cases, from Sept. 26 to 27, we had 125 new cases and in the last 24 hours, we have had a further 74 new cases.

“These represent a total of 267 new cases, including 10 epi-linked case, for a total of 8,908 cases in British Columbia.

“There are 1,302 active cases of COVID-19 in the province, 3,372 people who are under active public health monitoring as a result of identified exposure to known cases, and 7,346 people who tested positive have recovered.

“Currently, 69 individuals are hospitalized with COVID-19, 22 of whom are in intensive care. The remaining people with COVID-19 are recovering at home in self-isolation.

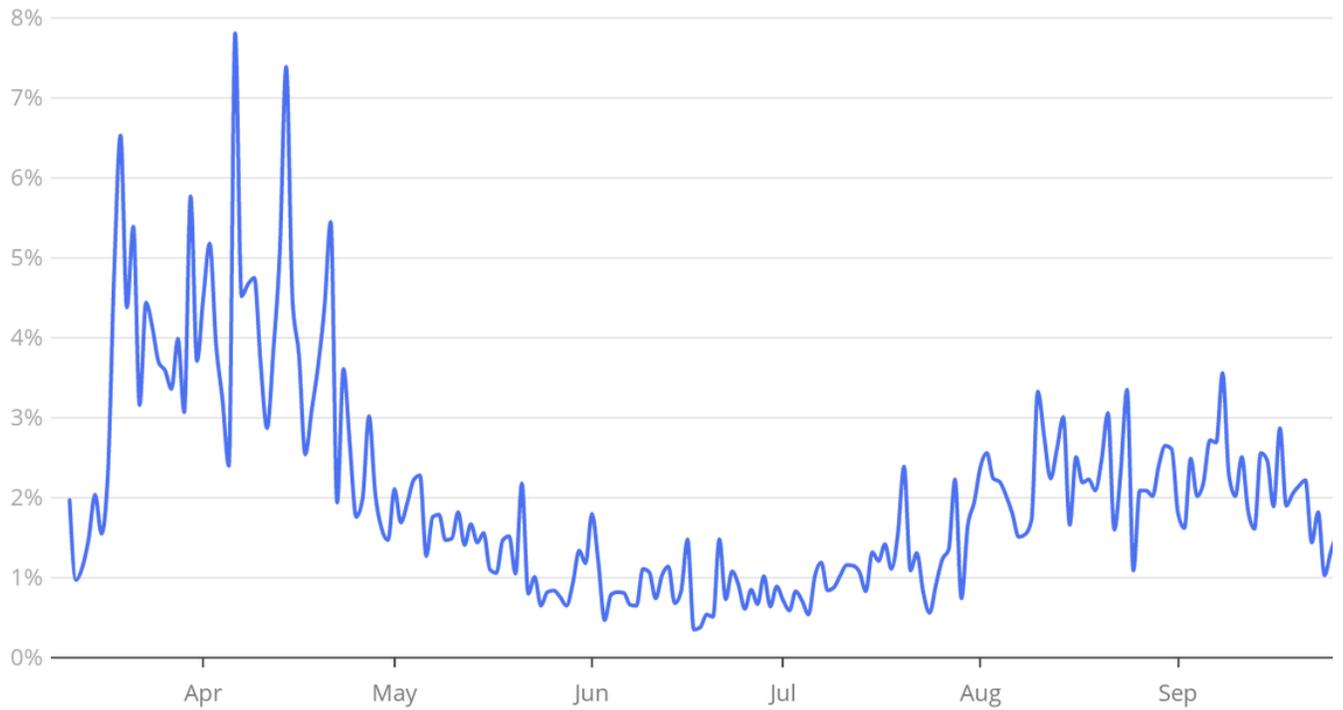
“Since the start of the pandemic, there have been 3,226 cases of COVID-19 in the Vancouver Coastal Health region, 4,555 in the Fraser Health region, 206 in the Island Health region, 531 in the Interior Health region, 303 in the Northern Health region and 87 cases of people who reside outside of Canada.

“There have been three new COVID-19 related deaths, one in Vancouver Coastal Health, one in Fraser Health and one in the Vancouver Island Health region, for a total of 233 deaths in British Columbia. We offer our condolences to everyone who has lost their loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0053-001856>

Positive Test Rate:

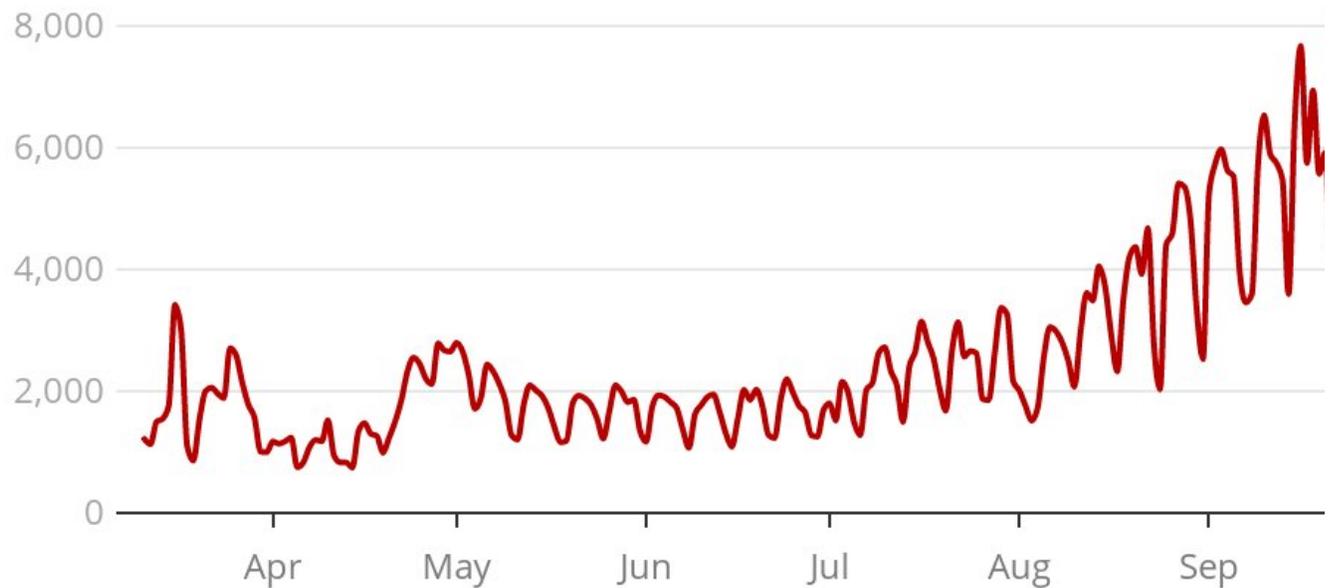
### Positive COVID-19 test rate in B.C. by day



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### Number of COVID-19 tests per day in B.C.



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## Update on Pandemic Pay

Government opened up the application process for agencies to submit an invoice for the Pandemic Pay funding on September 14, 2020. Spectrum has submitted our invoice and government says there will be a validation process, then a 7 to 10 period to pay the invoice to the agency. We are hoping to receive the funding in October and pay out the pandemic pay before the end of October. As a reminder, here is the definition of who is eligible:

- Temporary pandemic pay supports eligible employees that delivered in-person, front-line care in health, social services and corrections during the 16-week period of March 15 to July 4, 2020.
- Excluded management staff, fee-for-service providers (and their direct employees) or employees on leave were not eligible.

We will do our best to get this funding out to our employees as soon as we receive it.

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