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Good Afternoon

Here's the Provincial Update – 4-9-2020

- Next live updates Sat @ 12 noon and Mon @ 1:30; stats will be sent in news release on Fri
- 34 new cases in last 25 hours bringing total cases to 1,370
 - 364 in VCH
- 132 people in hospital, including 38 patients in intensive care
- 4,493 beds open (58.7% capacity)
- 2 new deaths (1 in VCH and 1 in FHA) in the last 24 hours bringing the total to 52 people
- 858 people fully recovered
- 20 remaining outbreaks in long term care facilities
- Using orders under PHA and emergency orders to make it possible for health care workers to work at single sites only
- Haven't hit the peak of the outbreak yet
- More mental health resources available for people as announced by Minister Darcy
- Stay at home during the long weekend
- PPE delivered from new suppliers in China

Q: Would province consider tailoring rules for municipalities based on case numbers? A: Yes, more to come next week.

Minister's [statement](#) on March Labour Force Survey

- Canada's economy lost more than one million jobs in March, Statistics Canada said Thursday, pushing the jobless rate up to 7.8 per cent
- Finance Minister Carole James issued a statement in response reiterating current Provincial supports to help people financially including the \$1,000 B.C. Emergency Benefit for Workers, relief for renters, a three-month credit for affected BC Hydro customers, as well deferment of taxes for businesses, cutting the school property tax by 50%.
- Premier Horgan stated that the government is not currently considering boosting the provincial aid offered, but there is \$5B set aside to fill financial support gaps as they're revealed

New virtual mental health [supports](#) for COVID-19 on the way

- Province announced \$5 million to expand existing mental health programs and services and launch new virtual services

Applications open for [temporary rental supplement](#)

- Renters who are experiencing a loss of income during the COVID-19 pandemic can now apply for the Province's new temporary rental supplement.
- The program will provide \$300 per month for eligible households with no dependents and \$500 per month for eligible households with dependents. Eligible roommates will each be able to apply for the supplement.

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