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**Subject:** Provincial Health Update: April 16 & 17

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the below provincial update from today and yesterday.

#### **Provincial Health Update – April 16 & 17**

- 1,618 total cases
  - 43 new cases reported on April 17
  - 14 new cases reported on April 16
- Cases by region
  - 680 VCH
  - 661 - FHA
  - 94 - VIH
  - 150 - IHA
  - 33 – NHA
- 119 people are currently hospitalized, 52 of those are in intensive care
- 78 total deaths
  - No new deaths reported on April 17
  - 3 new deaths reported on April 16
- 966 people have recovered
- 20 long-term care and assisted living facilities and one acute-care unit have outbreaks
  - Outbreaks have been declared over at five facilities
- 63 cases of COVID-19 at the Mission Institution
- New provincial health officer's order requiring agricultural employers to establish and maintain infection control plans

Next briefing April 18 at 12 noon

#### **Provincial Modelling and Projections Update – 4-17-2020**

##### **Key Points**

- COVID-19 cases in BC have plateaued and are beginning to decline
- BC's epidemic curve has been well below original projections based on Italy and Hubei
- New modelling will be based on the BC experience and understanding of the virus going forward
- The slowdown in cases is due to following public health orders (not from infected people developing immunity) and people need to continue to follow health orders to keep case numbers down
- Going forward BC needs to balance restrictions with need to get society moving again, but the new normal will be modifications to current restrictions
- Province will use forecasting and dynamic models going forward to support decision about easing restrictions

Best,  
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