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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

Please see below daily update from our Provincial Health Officer and from the Premiere.

**Number of Cases:**

- 23 new cases
  - o Total cases in BC: 2,255
- 852 VCH

**Hospitalizations**

- 74 currently in hospital
  - o 19 in ICU

**Deaths**

- 3 additional deaths
- 124 total deaths

**Recoveries**

- 1,494 fully recovered

**Premier's Update on BC's Restart Plan**

- Plan to begin reopening province mid-May
- Safe restart of economy in steps informed by the PHO
- Pandemic Response Plan activated 2 months ago
- BC's Restart Plan is not a return to normal, but new normal
- Phased restart in intervals of 2-4 weeks
- Focus on personal care to stop the spread (hand washing, social distancing etc)
- We're already in Phase 1, because many businesses were not ordered shut down (essential services, child care, some classes in schools, businesses)
- Moving into **Phase 2 mid-May**
  - o Principals to follow
    - o Hygiene
    - o Stay at home if sick
    - o Physical distance
    - o Modifications to operations
  - o Small social gatherings allowed with physical distancing
    - o Restrictions on large gathering of more than 50 people are here to stay for foreseeable future
  - o Elective surgeries and health services reopening
  - o Provincial parks open for day use
    - o People should still stay close to home
  - o Industries need to work with WorkSafe BC on reopening plans that align with safety guidelines
    - o Industry specific guidelines being developed by associations

- Expanding access to child care and in class learning for K-12 students
  - ⊙ Full resumption of k-12 classes in September
- Legislature will be recalled in the next few weeks
- Getting to next phase in June is contingent on keeping the number of new infections down
- Next phase includes:
  - ⊙ Hotels
  - ⊙ Camping
  - ⊙ Movie productions
  - ⊙ Theatres
- No large gatherings beyond 50 people until there is a vaccine or community immunity
- Zero tolerance for illness in the work place
- Hate and racism has no place in BC
- Province facing dual health crisis as opioid deaths continue to climb
- Must put CleanBC Climate Action Plan at the centre of provincial recovery
- Recovery will include working with Indigenous people and reconciliation

News release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0026-000826>

Best,  
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