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Subject: Summary of Provincial Update on COVID Fall plans

Dear Mayor and Council,

Premier Horgan, Minister Dix, and Dr. Henry held a press conference yesterday afternoon to provide a summary on BC's Fall/Winter Pandemic Preparedness Plan. Here is a brief summary:

- Prepare for additional challenges posed by the influenza season
- \$1.6 M in additional funding to BC Health Care system
- \$42.32 M to launch the Hospital at Home program will allow patients to receive hospital care at home
 - 7,000 new health care support jobs
 - Health care jobs for those with no experience. Can receive on the job training
 - Will provide job opps for the workers who have lost jobs (ie: in the hospitality sector)
- 2 million flu vaccines will be available
 - 45,000 designated to long term care facilities
- Increase in testing capacity for both flu and COVID
 - Increase to 20,000 tests / day in BC (current capacity is 8,000 10,000 tests / day)
- Anticipate 600 add^l staff to work with contact tracing and case management
- Funding for 2,000 add^l staff in assisted living and long term care facilities
- Increase access to care for those in rural BC
- Preparing for an increase in in-patient demand this Fall
- Min of Health is preparing for four different virus transmission scenarios
- \$1.6B increase in Min of Health Operating budget

Best,
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