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Good Afternoon Mayor and Council

Here's the summary of today's briefing:

New order from Dr. Henry: for all Farmer's Markets, only vendors who sell food are permitted. No other vendors are allowed. (In an effort to support purchase of local food and produce.) Online options for farmer's markets, tbd.

**Notes:**

- Information re number of cases in BC / Health Authority, etc will be made available online at 3 pm today.
- The morning briefing was focused on Epidemiological modelling. The link below is for the slides that were used during the briefing: [https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/COVID19\\_Technical\\_Briefing\\_Condensed.pdf](https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/COVID19_Technical_Briefing_Condensed.pdf)

Here's a high level overview:

**Critical Care + Acute Care Hospitalization Modelling**

COVID-19 Case Rate Comparisons

- BC ahead of the rest of Canada, but not increasing at the same rates as Spain, Italy
- Have not stopped the volume of testing, but have been focusing on specific populations to test
- March 14/15 – transmission related to travel materialized in BC (post travel restrictions, so ppl became ill 10-14 days prior to this date becoming realized)
- BC at a rates of 130 cases / 1 million population. Dr. Henry believes we've reduced the spread though, and that this figure would be greater if we weren't socially distancing.
- Ventilators- working on refurbishing, reusing, adding more from old stock, ordering more. More are on the way.
- Conclusions: using the Hubei model, our capacity to get everyone who needs hospital care will receive it. This supports the province's decision to cancel elective surgeries, etc.

**As always, stressing a need to 100% commitment by everyone to self-distance.**

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