



COMMUNITY UPDATE

The latest from Northern Health

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Organization and community news

Mills Memorial Hospital Replacement Project update

A new Mills Memorial Hospital is under construction in Terrace. Check out the [July 2022 update](#) and [Let's Talk MMH](#) to learn more about the project and progress to date.

2023 BC Quality Awards - Call for nominations

The BC Patient Safety & Quality Council is [now accepting nominations for its 2023 BC Quality Awards](#). These awards recognize hard work and passion in health care. (Deadline to nominate: September 29.)

Teamwork makes Peace Villa residents smile as they receive new beds!

In April, [Northern Health staff teamed up to unpack, assemble, clean, and replace 120 split rail beds](#) at Peace Villa in Fort St. John.

July 28 was World Hepatitis Day

The Northern Health Specialized Support Team for HIV and HCV (hepatitis C virus) wants to share [important information about HCV and its treatment](#).

Indigenous Health highlights

Each week, the [Indigenous Health department highlights good news stories](#) from the North and from across the country.

Heatwave information

Prepare for and respond to heat warnings and extreme heat events (including tips for keeping cool) on the [extreme heat and heat warning site](#), and [BC Government extreme heat page](#).

There are also budget-friendly, accessible [ways to deal with extreme heat](#) on the NH Stories site. [Keeping cool during the long hot days](#) of summer is not just about comfort, it's also about safety.

Monkeypox information

The [BCCDC monkeypox page](#) is regularly for updated information about the current monkeypox situation, including how it spreads, symptoms, what to do if you've been exposed or become ill, the vaccination, and more.

Overdose prevention and response

Stigma reduction as an overdose prevention measure

In 2021, BC saw the highest number of illicit drug toxicity deaths ever recorded (Northern Health had the second highest rate in the province). Reducing stigma and treating people who use drugs with respect improves health outcomes and helps save lives.

- [Northern Health Stigma page](#)
- [Toward the Heart compassionate engagement modules](#)
- [Toward the Heart Peer2Peer project](#)
- [Beyond Stigma video](#)
- [Respectful language and stigma PDF](#)
- [LearningHub Supportive health care environment course](#)

Toward the Heart new extreme heat infographic series published

With increasing summer temperatures [Toward the Heart](#) (under extreme heat events in the harm reduction section) has published a new infographic series on their website:

- [Housing and shelter services](#)
- [Health and service providers](#)
- [Guide for people who use substances](#)
- [Stay safe during extreme heat events](#)
- [Using substances during extreme heat](#)
- [Prepare an extreme heat kit](#)

COVID-19 Information and updates

BC encourages parents to register children under 5 for COVID-19 vaccine

Approximately 208,000 eligible infants and children in British Columbia between six months and four years of age will soon be able to [receive vaccine protection against COVID-19](#).

Resources and information

The [Northern Health COVID-19](#) and [COVID-19 information](#) pages have information about immunization clinics, testing and self-isolation, the community toolkit, and trusted contacts.

For information outside of NH, see [these trusted resources](#).