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## Interior Health update on COVID-19 cluster at Big White

KELOWNA – The following is an update about the Big White Mountain COVID-19 community cluster initially declared on Dec. 15, 2020:

- A total of 235 people have tested positive for COVID-19 and linked to this cluster.
- This is an increase of four new cases of COVID-19 since our last report on Feb. 2.
- A total of 20 COVID-19 cases are currently active and in self-isolation.
- Since reporting this cluster, 215 people have recovered.
- Of the 235 cases of COVID-19 linked to this cluster, 148 have resided and/or worked on Big White Mountain.

“We are happy that cases are stabilizing at Big White, and we will continue to conduct testing on the mountain,” said Dr. Silvina Mema, Interior Health medical health officer. “This cluster is not yet over, but we are confident the measures in place are working, and we will reduce our reporting to weekly on Fridays.”

COVID-19 continues to circulate in all communities throughout the Interior.

Most of the transmission related to this community cluster has occurred at social events and gatherings and everyone is reminded that socialization must be limited to immediate household bubbles.

Interior Health is thankful for the ongoing support of local community leaders and reminds everyone not to stigmatize or judge others who seek testing or test positive for COVID-19.

IH will release regular updates on this community cluster on Fridays and in addition, everyone is encouraged to monitor the [BCCDC website](#) for ongoing COVID-19 data.

Everyone in all communities should remain vigilant in following COVID-19 precautions:

- Keep to your household bubbles and avoid social gatherings.
- Stay home when you are sick and get tested if you have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
- Practise physical distancing.
- Wear a mask.
- Wash your hands often.
- Avoid all non-essential travel.

### Booking a COVID-19 test:

Online: You can book an appointment online through the COVID-19 Test Booking Form: <https://interiorhealthcovid.secureform.ca/index.php>

By phone: Call the COVID-19 Test Booking Line at 1-877-740-7747 for assistance with booking your test.