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

KELOWNA – Interior Health has identified five additional cases of COVID-19 linked to the community cluster at Big White Mountain bringing the total to 231 since the cluster was declared on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

There are 16 cases currently active and on isolation.

Of the 231 known COVID-19 cases linked to this cluster, 145 have resided and/or worked on Big White Mountain.

Everyone in the Big White community is reminded to avoid social gatherings. Please follow public health guidance such as physical distancing, washing your hands regularly and wearing a mask.

Interior Health is continuing outreach COVID-19 testing throughout the Big White community and environmental public health inspections of facilities on the hill. Those who may need to self-isolate due to a positive COVID test, or because of they are a close contact to a case, are being assisted as necessary by Big White, the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and Interior Health.

The risk remains low for families and individuals visiting Big White Mountain who follow public health guidance. In other words, it is safe to go to Big White when you stick to your immediate household bubble and avoid socializing and gathering.

The next update will be Friday, Feb. 5.

We remain grateful to community leaders for their support, and remind everyone not to stigmatize or judge others who seek testing or test positive for COVID-19.

### 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.

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