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## Interior Health declares Revelstoke COVID-19 community cluster contained

REVELSTOKE – Interior Health has declared the COVID-19 community cluster in the Revelstoke area contained.

A total of 50 COVID-19 cases were connected to this cluster.

"This remains a time for caution and vigilance with the overall cases we are seeing in Interior Health, but it is important to recognize Revelstoke residents, businesses, elected officials and health care teams for their collective efforts in reducing local spread and containing this cluster," said Interior Health president and CEO, Susan Brown. "We can reduce the risk of exposure in our communities if everyone is doing their part in taking the ongoing measures from our public health leaders and teams.

All cases associated with the cluster have received appropriate follow-up. Contacts of each confirmed case were identified through contact tracing and also received direction from public health.

"Our public health teams remain dedicated to limiting exposures to COVID-19," said Dr. Goodison, medical health officer. "We were fortunate to keep cases in Revelstoke away from our most vulnerable populations, but COVID-19 continues to have devastating impacts to individuals and families across B.C. We know how challenging our current restrictions are. We cannot lose sight that these public health measures are in place to protect us and those we love."

A small number of cases in Revelstoke are still expected. The end of the cluster does not mean people should let down their guard. Everyone in in all communities should remain vigilant in following COVID-19 precautions and current public health orders:

- Keep to your household bubbles and avoid social gatherings.
- Limit all non-essential travel.
- Stay home when you are sick and get tested if you have any symptoms consistent with COVID (see below).
- Practise physical distancing and use a mask if you cannot.
- Wash your hands often.

### Booking a 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. Testing is available for people with cold, influenza, or COVID-19-like symptoms, including:
- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Body aches (muscles and joints aching)
- Diarrhea
- Headache

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Other milder symptoms may include: runny nose, fatigue, sore throat, vomiting and red eyes.

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