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Interior Health update on COVID-19 cluster in the Williams Lake area

WILLIAMS LAKE – The following is an update about the Cariboo-Chilcotin [local health area](#) COVID-19 community cluster initially declared on Jan. 20:

- Since Jan. 1, a total of 391 people have tested positive for COVID-19 in this region.
- This is an increase of 16 new cases of COVID-19 since our last report on Feb. 2.
- A total of 78 COVID-19 cases are currently active and in self-isolation.
- Since reporting this cluster, 313 people have recovered.

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

Most of the transmission related to this community cluster has occurred at recent 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 First Nations Chiefs, elected officials, and community leaders as we support the community together.

IH will release regular updates on this community cluster on Tuesdays and 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.

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