

## ED COMMUNICATION – October 27, 2020

### New Provincial Health Order issued October 26, 2020

With Halloween and eventually Christmas parties on the horizon, the BC Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced a new health order.

The order limits gatherings in private homes to no more than immediate household, plus six additional others.

Henry said for those who choose to disregard the order, enforcement will be stepped up.

On Monday, BC reported 817 new cases of COVID-19, and three additional COVID-related deaths over a three day period. That is a new weekend total case record.

Dr. Henry also stated that while not mandatory (yet) masks are “expected” indoors.

### Reminders on how to be “ COVID Safe” Indoors:

- **Maintain a safe distance** - stay at least 2 meters (6 feet) from anyone outside of your immediate household or outside of your social group. This is especially important if you are meeting inside.
- **Wash your hands often** – this is one of the best ways to stay healthy, along with not touching your face.
- **Disinfect things that lots of people might touch** – like doorknobs, faucets, doorbells, elevator buttons (check with your building manager if you live in an apartment or condo), light switches, etc. [Learn more about ways to effectively clean and disinfect on their website here.](#)
- **Keep a record of the people you spend time with** – in the event someone does get COVID-19, knowing who you spent time with and having their contact information on hand will [help public health get in touch quickly to reduce the chances of spreading COVID-19](#) to others in your community including those who are more likely to experience severe illness.