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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **June 23, 2021**

FROM: **City Manager**

FILE: **7130-16**

SUBJECT: **COVID-19: Emergency Operations Centre Update**

RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Continue to hold Council meetings in July virtually as described in this report while staff prepare a viable approach to introducing in person participation at Council meetings starting this September, and while ensuring to meet the principles of openness, transparency and accessibility in the following ways:
 - The City's website includes updated Council meeting information and procedures for participation at a meeting;
 - Council meetings are livestreamed on the City's website and videos are archived and accessible for future reference;
 - The City's Notice Board, Council agenda packages and Public Hearing documents are available on the City's website;
 - Council meeting minutes are available on the City's website;
 - Members of the community have the ability to email or send a letter with comments regarding an agenda item for distribution to Council; and
 - Members of the public may email or write a letter with comments regarding Public Hearing items, they may register in advance to speak to a Public Hearing item during the meeting or call the phone number displayed on the screen during the Public Hearing in order to provide verbal comments to Council regarding a Public Hearing item.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to provide Council a status update of various actions taken in response to COVID-19 since the last Corporate Report which was provided to Council at the June 14, 2021 Regular Council Public Hearing meeting (a copy of Corporate Report No. R113; 2021 is attached as Appendix "I").

BACKGROUND

The City's Emergency Operations Centre ("EOC") is the command and communications hub for any large emergency or disaster including the current global COVID-19 pandemic. The EOC was activated by the City on February 17, 2020, prior to the World Health Organization ("WHO") declaring a global pandemic.

Since the last update provided to Council the EOC has completed the following actions:

- Enacted Step 2 of the Surrey Restart Plan and commenced preparations to introduce changes to facilities and services as part of Step 3 of the Surrey Restart Plan;
- Continued to support the Fraser Health Authority with their operation of mass vaccination centres at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre, Guildford Recreation Centre, South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre and the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre, including the deployment of Surrey Fire Service members to help administer vaccines;
- Continued outreach by the COVID Compliance & Enforcement Team to ensure that businesses across the City have the required operational safety measures in place that meet the directions of the Provincial Health Officer;
- Continued screening of staff entering the workplace with a daily health check that they must complete remotely before arriving at the workplace, following the directions announced by the Provincial Health Officer on November 7, 2020 that requires all businesses and worksites to conduct active daily in-person screening of all onsite workers using a COVID-19 symptom check list; and
- Continued social media efforts to remind residents and business for the need adhere to public health measures and good practices, to advise residents of vaccine eligibility and opportunities and to advise of facility and service updates enacted as part of Step 2 of the Surrey Restart Plan.

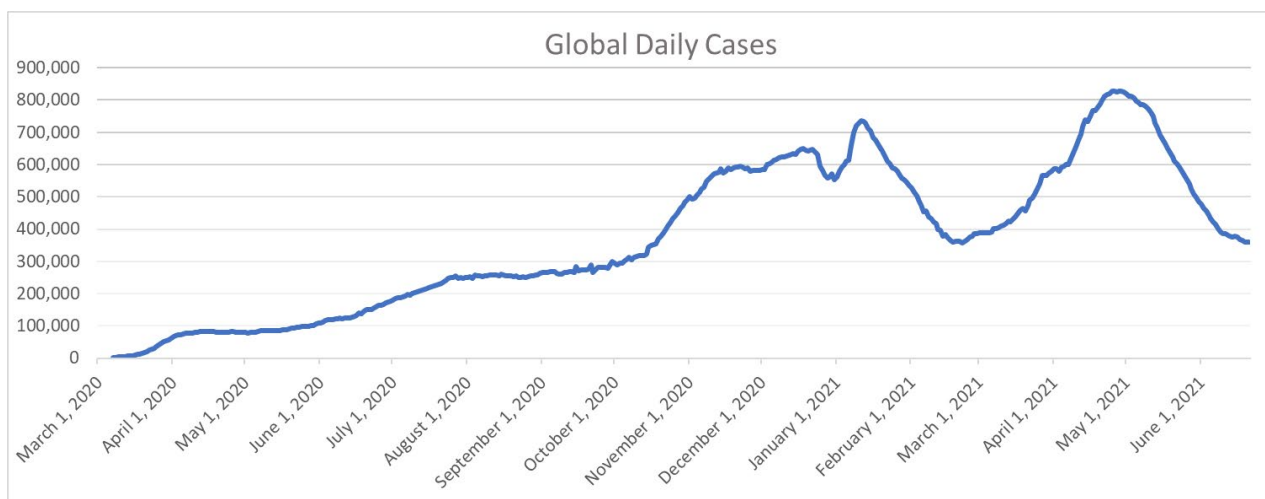
DISCUSSION

The EOC has clear responsibilities outlined and actions underway to respond to the immediate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The EOC is continuing to utilize Surrey's Proactive 10-Point Action Plan to mitigate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic that moves the EOC beyond immediate response to consider the medium- and longer-term impacts of the pandemic on City operations and enables tracking of key data indicators that will assist with forecasting and preparing for recovery and return to business-as-usual operations over time.

Key insights since the last COVID-19: Emergency Operations Centre Update include:

Global

- Global COVID-19 cases continue to rise, with 174.06 million cases as of June 22, 2021. This represents a somber 3.0% increase (5.2 million cases) in infections reported. The total number of new cases is continuing its steady decline as illustrated below;



- There are two countries with over 30 million infections reported (United States and India), one country with over 10 million infections reported (Brazil), and 25 countries with over 1 million infections reported (France, Turkey, Russia, United Kingdom, Argentina, Italy, Columbia, Spain, Germany, Iran, Poland, Mexico, Ukraine, Peru, Indonesia, South Africa, Netherlands, Czechia, Chile, Canada, Philippines, Iraq, Sweden, Romania, and Belgium). The infections in these 28 countries account for 83.0% of total infections reported;

United States

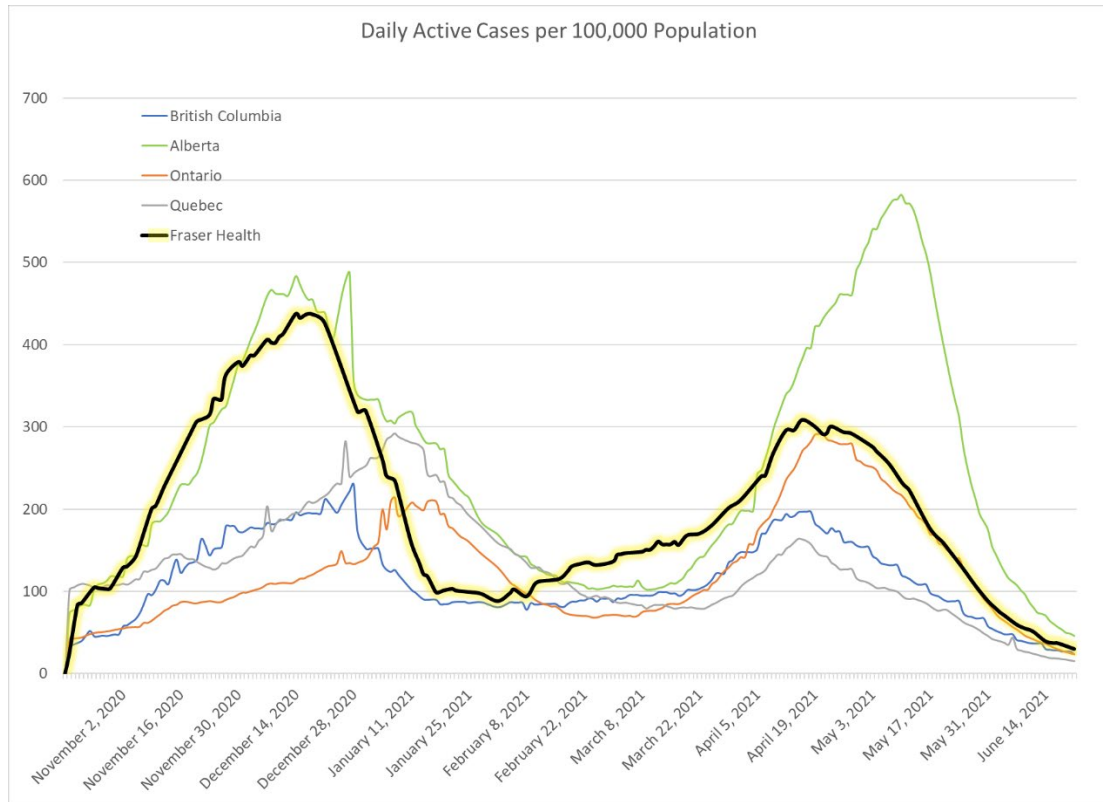
- As of June 22, 2021 the United States has had approximately 33,560,000 cases. This represents at 0.5% increase (173,000 cases) in infections reported;
- One state (California) is reporting over 3 million infections, three states (Texas, Florida and New York) are reporting over 2 million infections, and six states (Illinois, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Ohio, New Jersey and North Carolina) are reporting over 1 million infections. Washington state has reported over 441,000 infections;

Canada

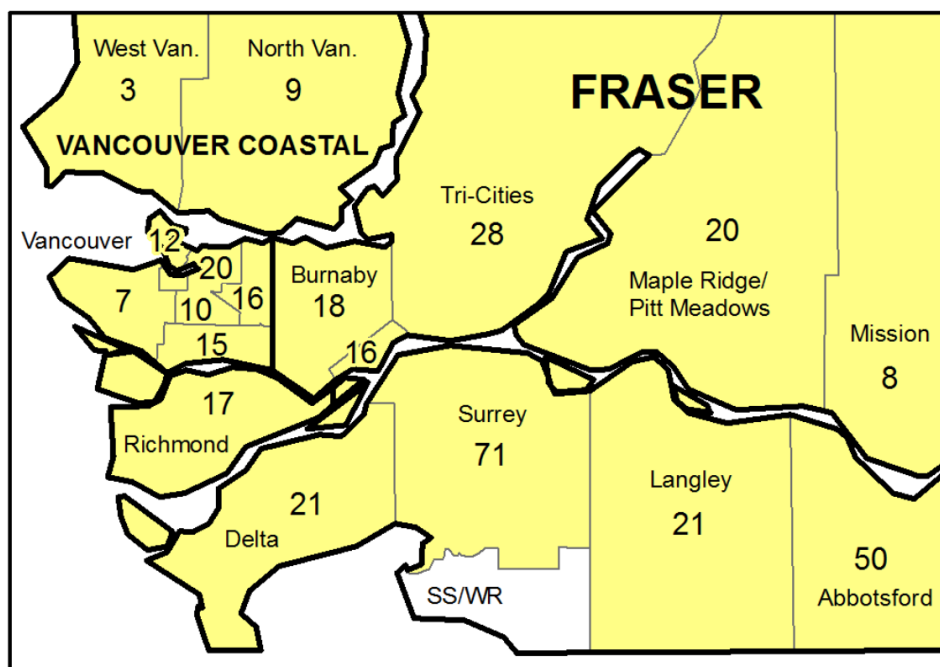
- As of June 22, 2021, Canada has had approximately 1,417,000 cases. This represents a 1.1% increase (15,000 cases) in infections reported;

British Columbia, Fraser Health Authority and Surrey

- As of June 22, 2021, BC has had 147,187 confirmed cases. This represents a 1.0% increase (1,492 cases) in infections reported;
- Of the 147,187 confirmed cases in BC, the Fraser Health Authority continues to account for the majority of confirmed cases (85,610 or 58.2%). Of the cases in the Fraser Health region 84,191 have recovered, 47 are currently hospitalized (17 in critical care) and 915 have died;



- From June 13, 2021 to June 19, 2021, the latest date of infection information by community, there were 362 confirmed cases in the lower mainland, and of those 270 (19.6%) confirmed cases were in northern Surrey. There were no confirmed cases in South Surrey and White Rock during this period.



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- From January 3 to June 19, 2021, there were 22,662 cases reported in Surrey and White Rock. A summary of the number of confirmed cases each week in Surrey and White Rock, as well as the Fraser Health Authority and Vancouver Coastal Health is provided in Appendix “II”. A comparison of the number of confirmed cases per capita in communities of the Fraser Health Authority and Vancouver Coastal Health is provided in Appendix “III”. As illustrated, the number of new cases per week in Surrey and White Rock has decreased significantly over the past eight weeks, and Surrey’s and White Rock’s number of new cases per capita is now lower than many communities in the Fraser Health Authority and is currently the lowest it has been in 2021;
- As of June 22 2021, 8 schools in the Surrey School District and no independent schools in Surrey are reporting a recent COVID-19 exposure event, this is reduction of 14 schools in the Surrey School District and 2 independent schools in Surrey;
- The Province started vaccinations on December 15, 2020. As of June 22, 2021, 3,510,731 first doses have been administered, which is an increase of 170,899 doses being administered. In addition, 1,001,192 second doses have also been administered, which is an increase of 655,684 second doses being administered.

Resurgence and Vaccination Efforts

A resurgence of COVID-19 cases (third wave) was experienced in the Fraser Health Authority over the past three months, throughout British Columbia, across Canada and in many countries in the world. Possible reasons for this resurgence were more infectious COVID-19 variants of concern, COVID-19 “fatigue” (i.e., individuals not consistently following physical and social distancing measures, washing hands, et cetera due to the prolonged duration of the pandemic), increasing one’s social interactions with others (i.e., increasing their “bubble”), more discretionary trips and expanding tourism opportunities.

BC's Restart Plan

On May 25, 2021, following a continued reduction in the number of new cases combined with an increased number of British Columbians being vaccinated, the Province outlined their four-step reopening plan.

On June 15, 2021 as there was at least 65% of the provincial adult population with dose 1, cases declining and hospitalizations declining, the Province enacted Step 2 of the BC Restart Plan. This Step 2 permitted:

- Maximum of 50 people for outdoor social gatherings;
- Maximum of 50 people for seated indoor organized gatherings (banquet halls, movie theatres, live theatre) with safety protocols;
- Consultation process to prepare for larger indoor and outdoor gatherings with safety protocols;
- No B.C. travel restrictions;
- Indoor sports (games) and high-intensity fitness with safety protocols;
- Spectators for outdoor sports (50 maximum); and
- Provincewide mask mandate, business safety protocols and physical distancing measures remain in place.

As vaccination rates continue to increase and as cases and hospitalizations decrease, the Province will enact Steps 3 and 4, as follows:

Step 3: Early July (July 1 – earliest date; Eligibility Requirements: 70% of adult population with Dose 1, cases low and hospitalizations declining)

- Provincial state of emergency and public health emergency lifted;
- Returning to usual for indoor and outdoor personal gatherings;
- Increased capacity for indoor and outdoor organized gatherings, with safety plans;
- Nightclubs and casinos reopened with capacity limits and safety plans; and
- New public health and workplace guidance around personal protective equipment, physical distancing and business protocols.

Step 4: Early September (September 7 – earliest date; Eligibility Requirements: more than 70% of adult population with Dose 1, cases low and stable (contained clusters) and hospitalizations low)

- Returning to normal social contact;
- Increased capacity at larger organized gatherings;
- No limits on indoor and outdoor spectators at sports; and
- Businesses operating with new safety plans.

Surrey Restart Plan

The EOC's opening decision matrix, which is used to determine when each of the City's functional business areas are able to adjust their level of service and resume some form of operation, is based on the premise that all of the following four criteria are met:

1. Ability to comply with new Provincial Health Order(s) ("PHOs");
2. Reasonable public demand for services;
3. Financial viability; and
4. Public and employee safety measures are in place.

In response to the four-step BC Restart Plan, the EOC has used the opening decision matrix to prepare the Surrey Restart Plan which outlines what changes will be made to facilities and services with Step 2, 3 and 4 of the BC Restart Plan.

The City as of June 15, 2021 is currently offering its services in line with Step 2 of the BC Restart Plan.

Workplace	Organized Gathering	Sports and Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved to 60% occupancy Closed & Regular Council Meetings are conducted virtually for Council and staff. City Hall opened by appointment. Property tax drop-off services available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considered FEST applications for gatherings and events indoor up to 50 people and some outdoor events in line with PHO restrictions. City continued to provide access to virtual events and festivals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reintroduced high intensity indoor fitness with distancing. Reintroduced indoor sport: family gym use, doubles badminton and pickleball. Reintroduced arena private ice rentals and practices and games for all ages. Increased capacity of indoor aquatic users per single lane and reopen waterslides. Reopened the Surrey Nature Centre and reintroduce pre-registered small group nature walks. Reopened outdoor sport facility fieldhouse for low-capacity use by user groups. Reopened Christopherson Steps, 1001 Steps, 13 Avenue lookout and Surrey Archives. Reopened remaining outdoor pools. Reopened BC Vintage Truck Museum and Beecher Place (3rd party operator). Permitted outdoor spectators up to 50 people. Continued with pre-registered bookings and advance to target 40% overall increase in capacity of attendees in civic facilities in line with PHO restrictions and OHS review. Continued active screening at all civic facilities.

As the Province enacts Steps 3 and 4 of the BC Restart Plan, the City will enact Steps 3 and 4 of the Surrey Restart Plan. These steps are as follows:

Step 3: Early July (July 1 – earliest date; Eligibility Requirements: 70% of adult population with Dose 1, cases low and hospitalizations declining)

Workplace	Organized Gathering	Sports and Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to 80% occupancy. • July Closed & Regular Council Meetings are conducted virtually for Council and staff. • Starting in September, Council chambers modified reopening with Council, SMT and support staff participating in person while socially distanced in Closed (1E) and in Council Chambers. Limited public participation in Atrium and through phone-in with gradual increase to 100% in public participation in Atrium and in Council Chambers. • City Hall open by appointment and drop-in. • Property tax drop-off services available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider FEST applications for large gatherings and events indoor and outdoor including fairs and festivals with roving participation. • Introduce outdoor live summer programming series with audience capacity in line with PHO guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with pre-registered bookings and reintroduce some drop-in opportunities. • Advance to target 60% overall increase in capacity of attendees in civic facilities in line with PHO restrictions and OHS review. • Reintroduce indoor sport: Basketball, Volleyball and Soccer. • Further increase capacity of indoor aquatic users per single lane and open passive spray water features. • Reintroduce in-person aquatic leadership, training and first aid courses • Reopen Guildford Aquatics Centre. • Reopen arena and pool showers. • Park Changerooms available for team use. • Consider applications to host provincial sporting events in line with viaSport Guidelines. • Increase occupancy limits and visit lengths in Libraries. • Increase time limits on computer access in Libraries. • Introduce seating for individual and group study in Libraries.

Step 4: Early September (September 7 – earliest date; Eligibility Requirements: more than 70% of adult population with Dose 1, cases low and stable (contained clusters) and hospitalizations low)

Workplace	Organized Gathering	Sports and Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing levels remain at 80% with gradual increase to 100%. Council chambers modified reopening with Council, SMT and support staff participating in person while socially distanced in Closed (1E) and in Council Chambers. Limited public participation in Atrium and through phone-in with gradual increase to 100% in public participation in Atrium and in Council Chambers. City Hall open by appointment and drop-in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider hosting City Signature Events in person (modified event and capacity). FEST receives and reviews event requests and makes recommendation to EOC. Reopen Library meetings rooms for public bookings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase capacity of indoor aquatic users per single lane. Reintroduce limited spectators for indoor sport. Return of adult sport programs and adult group bookings. Reintroduce recreational hockey. Reopen Newton Arena, Newton Wave Pool and Community Rooms with modified capacity. Reopen aquatic sauna and stream rooms. Resume food services and concessions at civic facilities. Reopen drinking fountains in parks. Resume volunteer opportunities. Resume school participation programs, birthday parties and facility rentals. Accept bookings at Civic Theatre. 80-100% of regular program offering at opened facilities. Transition to passive screening for visitors. Reduce pre-registration requirements for drop-in activities. Revert to pre-pandemic service hours in Libraries. Resume in-person programming with Safety Plan in Libraries. Increase Library deliveries to seniors home and homebound patrons.

Council Meetings

As noted in the tables above, Closed and Regular Council meetings will continue to be conducted virtually in July. For Closed and Regular Council meetings starting in September Council, Senior Management Team (“SMT”) and support staff will participate in person within Council chambers while socially distanced in Closed (1E) and in Council Chambers. This will provide staff the time required to ensure that a viable transition plan is in place to host in-person Council meetings. At this time, it is anticipated that, the public will be permitted to attend virtually by phone-in and with limited in-person participation within the Atrium, with gradual increase of 100% in public participation in Council Chambers over the ensuing months, dependent on Public Health Orders. This aligns with the approach that will be taken by other lower mainland municipalities.

Vaccination Efforts

Fraser Health continues to distribute vaccinations at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre, the South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre and the Guildford Recreation Centre as part of the Province's immunization program.

The Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre reopened to immunizations as a low-barrier community access immunization clinic on June 15, 2021. This clinic is operating three days a week through the month of June.

The PHOs and vaccination efforts have helped to reduce the number of new infections in Surrey and the other communities in the Fraser Health Authority and Vancouver Coastal Health as Appendix "II" and "III".

Parks, Recreation & Culture Facilities

The City initiated a phased reopening of parks, recreation and culture facilities across the City for pre-registered programs starting in May of 2020. The following chart reflects the status of facilities reopened to date:

Facility Type	Number of Facilities Opened	Number of Facilities Closed	% of Regular Program Offering at Opened Facilities
<i>Recreation Centre</i>	12	2	20-40%
<i>Arena</i>	4	1	20-40%
<i>Indoor Pool</i>	2	3	20-40%
<i>Cultural Centre</i>	3	2	20-40%

Program spaces and capacities are based on the required two-metre physical distancing for static activities and three to four metre distancing for more active programming. Schedules also consider enhanced cleaning and disinfecting requirements to ensure adequate cleaning between each session. Staff are working closely with Fraser Health and other authorities on additional approval processes to continue to resume services and reopen facilities in a safe manner. At this time, masks are required in all Civic facilities.

The City continues to monitor changes in demand and facility usage to inform its decision on how to adjust level and type of services offered and to align with Public Health Orders ("PHO"). This continues the well-founded nature of the City's reopening strategy and highlights the need to closely monitor actual demand once facilities reopen.

Recreation Programs & Services

The program utilization for the period of June 6, 2021 through June 19, 2021 is summarized below:

	Drop-In Programs (single event bookings)								
	Aquatics			Arenas			Indoor Fitness		
	Total Reg	Max Reg	Fill %	Total Reg	Max Reg	Fill %	Total Reg	Max Reg	Fill %
June 13 – June 19, 2021	2,573	2,938	88%	545	665	82%	6,913	9,367	74%
June 6 – June 12, 2021	2,430	2,842	86%	474	544	87%	6,769	9,253	73%
Since Reopening	55,409	63,946	87%	8,915	10,230	87%	208,053	315,501	66%

	Registered Programs								
	Aquatics			Arenas			Indoor Fitness		
	Total Reg	Max Reg	Fill %	Total Reg	Max Reg	Fill %	Total Reg	Max Reg	Fill %
June 13 – June 19, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
June 6 – June 12, 2021	119	144	83%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Since Reopening	794	960	83%	1,130	1,320	86%	47	104	45%

* No new registered programs were introduced during this period.

	Outdoor and Virtual Fitness				
	Outdoor Fitness			Virtual Fitness	
	Total Reg	Max Reg	Fill %	Total Reg	# of programs
June 13 – June 19, 2021	144	315	46%	14	4
June 6 – June 12, 2021	164	300	55%	108	8
Since Reopening	1,584	2,443	65%	468	59

As the Provincial Restart Plan progresses, the City is planning to open the Newton Senior's Centre on July 20, 2021 starting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am until noon. Pre-registered program offerings will begin with writing, knitting, artis and crafts, wood carving, fitness classes for 55 plus and outdoor walking club.

Aquatics

Two of the City's aquatic facilities are open, the Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex and the Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre. Both facilities are operating with COVID-19 safety protocols in place to protect staff and users. Safety planning has been completed with guidance from the BC & Yukon Lifesaving Society, Fraser Health and the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association. The facilities are serving a broad range of users including lane swimming, public swimming, learn to swim lessons and aquatic sport rentals. Since opening, the facilities have safely served more than 56,000 public users and provide homes for the City's aquatic sport teams

to continue with athlete development. Sport User Group utilization for the period of June 6 through June 19, 2021 is summarized below:

Surrey Sport & Leisure Complex			
Period	Hours Booked	Total Hours Available	Fill %
June 13 – June 19, 2021	498	695.75	71.5%
June 6 – June 12, 2021	498	695.75	71.5%
Since Reopening	19,579	26,081.25	75.1%

Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre			
Period	Hours Booked	Total Hours Available	Fill %
June 13 – June 19, 2021	229.5	602.5	38%
June 6 – June 12, 2021	257	602.5	43%
Since Reopening	6,899.5	11,168.5	62%

As the Provincial Restart Plan progresses, the City plans to open the Guildford Aquatic Facility on July 13, 2021.

Outdoor Pools

All of the City's outdoor pools are now open to the public. The outdoor pools have served 7,176 public swimmers and 4,471 club swimmers this season since May 17, 2021. All 10 spray parks are now open for the summer season.

Arenas

The City has reopened the following arenas: North Surrey Sport & Ice Complex, South Surrey Arena, Cloverdale Arena and Surrey Sport & Ice Complex. Four sheets of ice have transitioned to dry floor and are hosting registered ball hockey and lacrosse sport user groups. Four sheets of ice remain and continue to host minor sport groups such as hockey (including Junior A), figure skating and public programming.

Arena Sport User Group utilization for the period of June 6, 2021 through June 19, 2021 is summarized below:

	Arena User Groups					
	Ice			Dry Floor		
	Total Booked Hours	Total Hours Available	Fill %	Total Booked Hours	Total Hours Available	Fill %
June 13 – June 19, 2021	135	191	71%	92	133	69%
June 6 – June 12, 2021	141	190	74%	118	129	91%
Since Reopening	7,307.50*	8,519.60*	85.5%*	916**	1,144**	80%**

* Since September 7, 2020

**Since April 1, 2021

Park Ambassador Program

The Park Ambassador Program was first introduced in March of 2020 to help keep Surrey's parks safe. Park Ambassadors are the friendly faces in Surrey's destination and sport parks, working closely with Surrey Bylaws to act as liaison for delivering key messaging to park visitors.

The program is focused on the City's busiest destination and sport parks where Park Ambassadors can remind park visitors and sporting groups of current restrictions in place to ensure safe activities and gatherings. Park Ambassador's visit Surrey's busiest parks including the following:

- Crescent Beach;
- Blackie Spit Park;
- Bear Creek Park;
- Newton Athletic Park;
- Elgin Heritage Park;
- South Surrey Athletic Park;
- Cloverdale Athletic Park;
- Holland Park;
- Mud Bay Park;
- Goldstone Park;
- Green Timbers Urban Forest; and
- Many other community parks.

Staff are exploring opportunities to make the Park Ambassador Program permanent.

Surrey Libraries

Surrey Libraries phased reopening is summarized below for the period up to June 18, 2021:

<i>Service</i>	<i>Number of Facilities Opened</i>	<i>Number of Facilities Closed</i>	<i>% of Service offered at Opened Facilities</i>	<i>Daily Checkouts</i>	<i>Daily Checkouts as a % of Pre-pandemic checkouts</i>	<i>Daily Visits</i>	<i>Daily Visits as a % of Pre-pandemic visits</i>
Libraries	10	0	80%	7,269	77%	2,552	35%

Since May 2021, Surrey Libraries has been operating at 82% of pre-pandemic hours, with day service at all ten branches. Services available include limited browsing of shelves, computer and Wi-Fi access, holds pick-up, takeout service and technology/information assistance.

In Step 3 of the BC Restart Plan, more individual seating will be gradually introduced at branches in response to community demand for study space. Occupancy levels will also be increased slightly (still well within Worksafe BC guidelines), to accommodate families and children as they visit their local library to join the annual provincial summer reading club.

Virtual programming continues to be popular with 13,075 participants in 712 programs offered since reopening (Sept 9-June 14). Recent programs included English Conversation Circles, Babytime Meetup, Facebook Live Storytimes, Literature Club for Seniors by phone, Code Mobile,

Online Book Club, and virtual outreach to Options, SUCCESS, the Centre for Child Development, SD36 and Work BC. In-person outreach continues at the Surrey Food Bank and the Fleetwood Villa Book Club.

Surrey Fire Service (“SFS”) Response

The SFS responded to a similar number of calls in the first three months of 2020 (pre-pandemic) as compared to the same period in 2019 (pre-pandemic) but from April through to September 15, 2020, the SFS responded to a significantly lower number of calls due to changes in dispatch protocols established by BC Emergency Health Services. After September 15, 2020, and resumption of pre-pandemic dispatch protocols, response was slightly lower for the rest of the year as compared to 2019.

The SFS has responded to approximately 650 or 5.2% more calls in the first five months of 2021 as compared to the same period in 2019 (pre-pandemic). Based on the number of calls from the beginning of the year to June 22, 2021 it is expected that the SFS will respond to approximately 1,000 or 6.6% more calls in the first six months of 2021 as compared to the same period in 2019 (pre-pandemic).

Appendix “IV” provides a comparison of incident responses by the SFS each month in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Surrey RCMP Response

The Surrey RCMP received more calls for service in the first four months of 2020 as compared to the same period in 2019 (pre-pandemic) and that as the pandemic continued, calls for service were slightly below the monthly totals for the rest of the year resulting in 2020 experiencing 0.2% (433) fewer calls than 2019. Based on the number of calls from the beginning of the year to June 22, 2021 it is expected that by the end of June, the Surrey RCMP will have received approximately 2,200 fewer calls as compared to the same period in 2020 and approximately 50 fewer calls as compared to the same period in 2019 (pre-pandemic).

Appendix “V” provides a comparison of calls for service to the RCMP each month in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Logistics

From the start, to ensure that the City, including the SFS, has adequate cleaning equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (“PPE”) for staff, the EOC has centralized its inventory of these supplies and is monitoring daily consumption rates. A copy of the City’s inventory of critical supplies as of June 23, 2021, and how this inventory has changed since June 9, 2021, is attached as Appendix “VI”.

Return to Office Plan

The EOC has enacted a Return of Office (“RTO”) plan that ensures the City can continue the process of reintegrating staff back into the workplace in a safe and responsible manner.

The RTO plan was developed based on the following key principles:

- Compliance with all PHOs;
- Health and Safety;
- Work efficiency;
- Promoting a gradual return to normal business operations; and
- Flexibility to make alternate work arrangements, as needed.

Following the directions announced by the Provincial Health Officer on November 7, 2020 the EOC introduced screening of all staff using a COVID-19 symptom check list. Staff are required to complete a short online self-screening form prior to entering their workplace each day. Staff that answer yes to any of the questions on the self-screening form are advised that they are not to enter their workplace and that they will be contacted by their manager with further directions.

As noted above, the RTO Plan has been updated as part of the Surrey Restart Plan so that its aligns with the BC Restart Plan.

Step	% of staff working at their respective facility
Step 2 – current	60%
Step 3 – July 1- earliest date	80%
Step 4 – After September 7 – earliest date	80% gradually increasing to 100%

Current Staffing Levels

The EOC continues to monitor staffing levels at all civic facilities and is prepared to adjust staffing levels (i.e., the number of staff working at facility) if the need arises due to a COVID-19 outbreak in a facility or in the event of a PHO impacting civic facility operation. As of June 22, 2021, there are currently 3 active cases amongst staff. Since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total 114 confirmed cases amongst the approximately 2,200 active City staff and 900 active Surrey RCMP staff since the start of the pandemic for a total infection rate of 3.7% which is lower than the infection rate of 4.8% in the Fraser Health Authority as of June 22, 2021. The RTO plan and safe work protocols in place have been effective to date in preventing COVID-19 transmission between staff.

Support for Priority Populations (experiencing housing instability)

The EOC has worked with BC Housing and the Fraser Health Authority to open one arena at North Surrey Recreation Centre (“NSRC”) as an Emergency Response Centre (“ERC”) to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among people experiencing housing instability during the pandemic. Currently there are a total of 48 guests in the ERC in the first arena. The EOC has also worked with BC Housing to open the second arena at the NSRC as an emergency winter shelter with COVID-19 prevention services. Currently there are a total of 47 guests in the emergency shelter in the second area.

The services provided by Fraser Health at the ERC including COVID-19 testing and wrap-around health care services, opioid agonist treatment and a managed alcohol program. BC Housing will continue to fund Surrey Urban Mission to ensure the ERC and the emergency shelter can serve Surrey’s priority population.

To reduce the number of people in some existing BC Housing funded shelters in Surrey, BC Housing has moved people from shelters to individual motel rooms at The Linda Vista Motel at 6498 King George Boulevard, the Canadian Inn at 6528 King George Boulevard. Over the past week, approximately 44 individuals are being accommodated in the two motels.

It is expected that as the risk for COVID-19 subsides, BC Housing will seek to relocate those sheltered at the Linda Vista Motel and the Canadian Inn to available housing where available, or back to an existing shelter as capacity in these facilities is increased to pre-pandemic occupancy rates. In addition, staff are commencing work with BC Housing and the Province to identify alternate housing options for the guests at the NSRC ERC.

COVID-19 Compliance and Enforcement Team

On March 26, 2020 the Surrey RCMP and the City of Surrey Bylaw Services Division established a joint COVID-19 Compliance & Enforcement Team ("CCET"). The CCET's mandate is to conduct proactive checks to ensure local residents and businesses understand their personal obligations regarding social distancing and self-isolation requirements to stop the spread of COVID-19. The Team's primary mandate is proactive education and gaining voluntary compliance with the directions of the Provincial Health Officer.

CCET continues to proactively reach out to Surrey businesses, faith-based locations, banquet halls, and recovery homes to inform, educate, and prevent contraventions of the public health safety orders. They have also conducted patrols in areas where people continue to congregate, such as parks and playgrounds. To complement the proactive activities carried out by CCET, the Surrey RCMP Frontline (E Watch) has been conducting proactive patrols in key business complex locations to mitigate any potential criminal activity associated to the pandemic (e.g., due to business closures, reduced hours, et cetera).

While compliance rates were beyond 90% during Phase II, when the BC government advanced to Phase III this past summer, compliance rates initially dropped to 74% in August. Through education and working with the community to gain voluntary compliance, there was a significant increase in compliance in September climbing back to 91%. However, compliance dropped down to 80% in October. In November compliance increased to 85%. Through the increased safety protocols imposed by the Public Health Officer in November and December and through continuous inspection and education provided by the CCET, compliance rates increased to 90% for the month of December. While compliance remained at 90% in January 2021, it increased to 93% in February, to 94% in March and April, and further increased to 95% in May. So far during the month of June, compliance has increased to 96%.

It is important to note that compliance inspections as reflected above relate to both the provincial PHO requirements as well as WorkSafe BC and Fraser Health requirements. Only contraventions to the PHO may result in fines and, as per the province, only municipal police officers or health officers are permitted to issue fines. Municipal bylaw enforcement officers across the province are precluded from issuing fines.

When a business is found to be non-compliant, CCET members discuss the educational information and requirements (previously provided to these businesses) directly with the establishment owners and/or management to ensure the information is well understood. All

businesses, residences and persons not complying to the PHOs may be subject to fines. The CCET has issued no fines since the last update. The CCET has issued a total of 166 fines since late August 2020 including 34 fines issued to businesses, 44 fines issued to private residences; and 88 fines issued to individuals.

As compliance remains high, and with the starting of Step 2 of BC Restart Plan and Surrey Restart Plan, the CCET is now prioritizing resources with expected demands for each step of the BC Restart Plan.

Supporting and Informing Residents

The City's COVID-19 webpage, www.surrey.ca/COVID-19, has been a valued source of information for residents and businesses with approximately 260,500 pageviews as of June 21, 2021, with 3,000 pageviews occurring over the last two weeks. The information on these webpages is updated frequently, and includes important news & updates, COVID-19 community safety tips, services status updates, facility closure and opening notices, online service opportunities, business resources and community resources.

The City's social media accounts including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram are also a valued source of information for residents and businesses. Over the past week, the City has used these platforms as part of a renewed effort to encourage residents to follow current regulations and restrictions, information on vaccination registration information and advise on recreation safety and cleaning protocols. Through these platforms, the City reached approximately 220,000 users over the last week.

As of October 6, 2020 a website page (<https://www.surrey.ca/about-surrey/coronavirus-covid-19-information/covid-19-exposures-civic-facilities>) has been added to advise the community of exposures events within Surrey's civic facilities which includes City Hall, arenas, recreation facilities, cultural facilities, aquatic centres and libraries. This information ensures transparency so that residents may take appropriate and timely action if necessary. While this information is being provided, Fraser Health will continue to contact residents that have tested positive or have been in close contact with a confirmed case. Residents are not required to take any action unless they have been contacted by Fraser Health or have developed symptoms of COVID-19. Notifications are removed after the 14-day incubation period has passed from date of exposure and the risk of transmission has passed.

Supporting and Informing Businesses

In addition to the information provided on the City's COVID-19 webpage, staff have been participating in regular calls with the various business associations in Surrey to provide them updates and answer any questions that they may have. To date, 20 calls have taken place. The next scheduled call is Friday, September 24, 2021. While there are no scheduled calls in July and August, staff will continue to share information and respond inquiries.

The associations in this call have included staff representatives from the Surrey Board of Trade, the South Asian Business Association of BC, the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association, the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce, the Cloverdale Business Improvement Association, the Fleetwood Business Improvement Association, the Newton Business Improvement Association, the South Surrey and White Rock Chamber of Commerce, the New Westminster & District Labour Council, and the White Rock Business Improvement Association.

Observations on the Effectiveness of Social Isolation and Distancing Measures

The City is continuing to actively monitor traffic volumes and traffic speed through its inventory of 350 signalized intersections equipped with vehicle counting technology, six mobile traffic data collection sensors, and 50 Bluetooth sensors, as well as through additional data sources on the Port Mann and Pattullo Bridges and at each border crossing.

Using this data, staff have determined that the travel restrictions, school closures, businesses closures, and the rise in telecommuting has resulted in an average weekday reduction in traffic volumes on Surrey's major corridors (King George Boulevard, 120 Street, 128 Street, 168 Street, 152 Street, 32 Avenue, 64 Avenue, 72 Avenue, 88 Avenue, and 104 Avenue) in 2020 and 2021 as compared to traffic volumes over the same period in 2019 (pre-pandemic), as illustrated in Appendix "VII". However, while traffic in 2021 is generally below the same period in 2019, the level of traffic along Surrey's major corridors is at times nearing pre-pandemic levels, and for two weeks (weeks 11 and 12 which coincided with spring break from March 16th through 29th) exceeded pre-pandemic levels.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The City of Surrey Emergency Program, the EOC, and the level of service provisions supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter 2.0. This work relates to Sustainability Charter 2.0 themes of Public Safety. Specifically, the following Desired Outcome ("DO"):

- Emergency Preparedness and Prevention DO6: Surrey has proactive and coordinated emergency prevention measures in place and can effectively deal with emergencies that arise.

CONCLUSION

The COVID-19 pandemic is experiencing a global fall in cases including in British Columbia.

On May 25, 2021, following a continued reduction in the number of new cases combined with an increased number of British Columbians being vaccinated, the Province outlined their four-step reopening plan. In response to the four-step BC Restart Plan, the EOC prepared the Surrey Restart Plan which outlines what changes will be made to facilities and services with each step of the BC Restart Plan. This plan will ensure that the City stays as safe as possible from COVID-19 while reopening its facilities and reintroducing services in alignment with each step of the Provincial reopening.

The City as of June 15, 2021 is currently offering its services in line with Step 2 of the BC Restart Plan. As the Province enacts Steps 3 and 4 of the BC Restart Plan, the City will enact Steps 3 and 4 of the Surrey Restart Plan accordingly.

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Appendix "I" – Corporate Report R113; 2021 – COVID-19: Emergency Operations Centre Update
Appendix "II" – Confirmed Cases in the Lower Mainland
Appendix "III" – New Cases Per Week in the Local Health Authorities
Appendix "IV" – Surrey Fire Service – Incident Responses
Appendix "V" – Surrey RCMP – Calls for Service
Appendix "VI" – EOC Critical Supplies Inventory
Appendix "VII" – Traffic volumes along major corridors



CORPORATE REPORT

NO: R113

COUNCIL DATE: June 14, 2021

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council

DATE: June 10, 2021

FROM: City Manager

FILE: 7130-16

SUBJECT: COVID-19: Emergency Operations Centre Update

RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends that Council receive this report for information.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to provide Council a status update of various actions taken in response to COVID-19 since the last Corporate Report which was provided to Council at the May 31, 2021 Regular Council Public Hearing meeting (a copy of Corporate Report No. R110; 2021 is attached as Appendix "I").

BACKGROUND

The City's Emergency Operations Centre ("EOC") is the command and communications hub for any large emergency or disaster including the current global COVID-19 pandemic. The EOC was activated by the City on February 17, 2020, prior to the World Health Organization ("WHO") declaring a global pandemic.

Since the last update provided to Council the EOC has completed the following actions:

- Worked with the Fraser Health Authority to host three Neighbourhood Vaccination Clinics for Surrey residents to receive their first dose:
 - May 28, 2021 at the Newton Recreation Centre
 - May 31, 2021 at the Newton Recreation Centre
 - June 1, 2021 at the Newton Recreation Centre
- Continued to support the Fraser Health Authority with their operation of mass vaccination centres at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre, Guildford Recreation Centre, South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre and the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre, including the deployment of Surrey Fire Service members to help administer vaccines;
- Realigned reopening plans with each step of the recently announced BC Restart Plan (and as described in greater detail in the Surrey Restart Plan section of this report);
- Continued outreach by the COVID Compliance & Enforcement Team to ensure that businesses across the City have the required operational safety measures in place that meet the directions of the Provincial Health Officer;

- Continued the suspension of some programming at some facilities following the orders announced by the Provincial Health Officer;
- Continued screening of staff entering the workplace with a daily health check that they must complete remotely before arriving at the workplace, following the directions announced by the Provincial Health Officer on November 7, 2020 that requires all businesses and worksites to conduct active daily in-person screening of all onsite workers using a COVID-19 symptom check list; and
- Continued social media efforts to remind residents and business for the need adhere to public health measures and good practices and to advise residents of vaccine eligibility and opportunities.

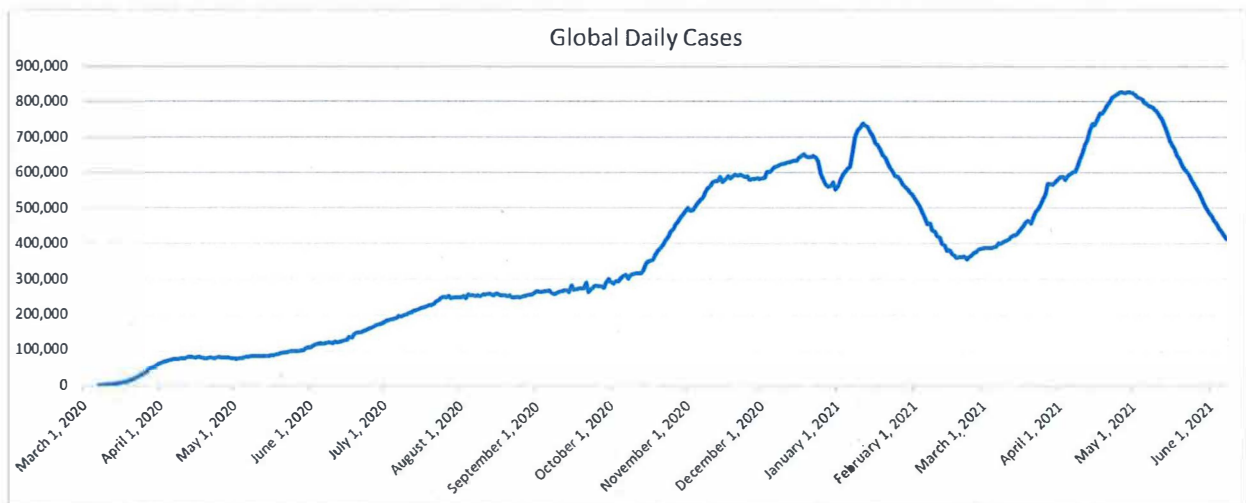
DISCUSSION

The EOC has clear responsibilities outlined and actions underway to respond to the immediate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The EOC is continuing to utilize Surrey's Proactive 10-Point Action Plan to mitigate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic that moves the EOC beyond immediate response to consider the medium- and longer-term impacts of the pandemic on City operations and enables tracking of key data indicators that will assist with forecasting and preparing for recovery and return to business-as-usual operations over time.

Key insights since the last COVID-19: Emergency Operations Centre Update include:

Global

- Global COVID-19 cases continue to rise, with 167.9 million cases as of June 8, 2021. This represents a somber 3.66% increase (6.2 million cases) in infections reported. The total number of new cases is continuing its steady decline as illustrated below;



- There is one country with over 30 million infections reported (United States), one country with over 20 million infections reported (India), one country with over 10 million infections reported (Brazil), and 25 countries with over 1 million infections reported (France, Turkey, Russia, United Kingdom, Italy, Argentina, Germany, Spain, Columbia, Iran, Poland, Mexico, Ukraine, Peru, Indonesia, South Africa, Netherlands, Czechia, Chile,

Canada, Philippines, Iraq, Sweden, Romania, and Belgium). The infections in these 28 countries account for 84.8% of total infections reported;

United States

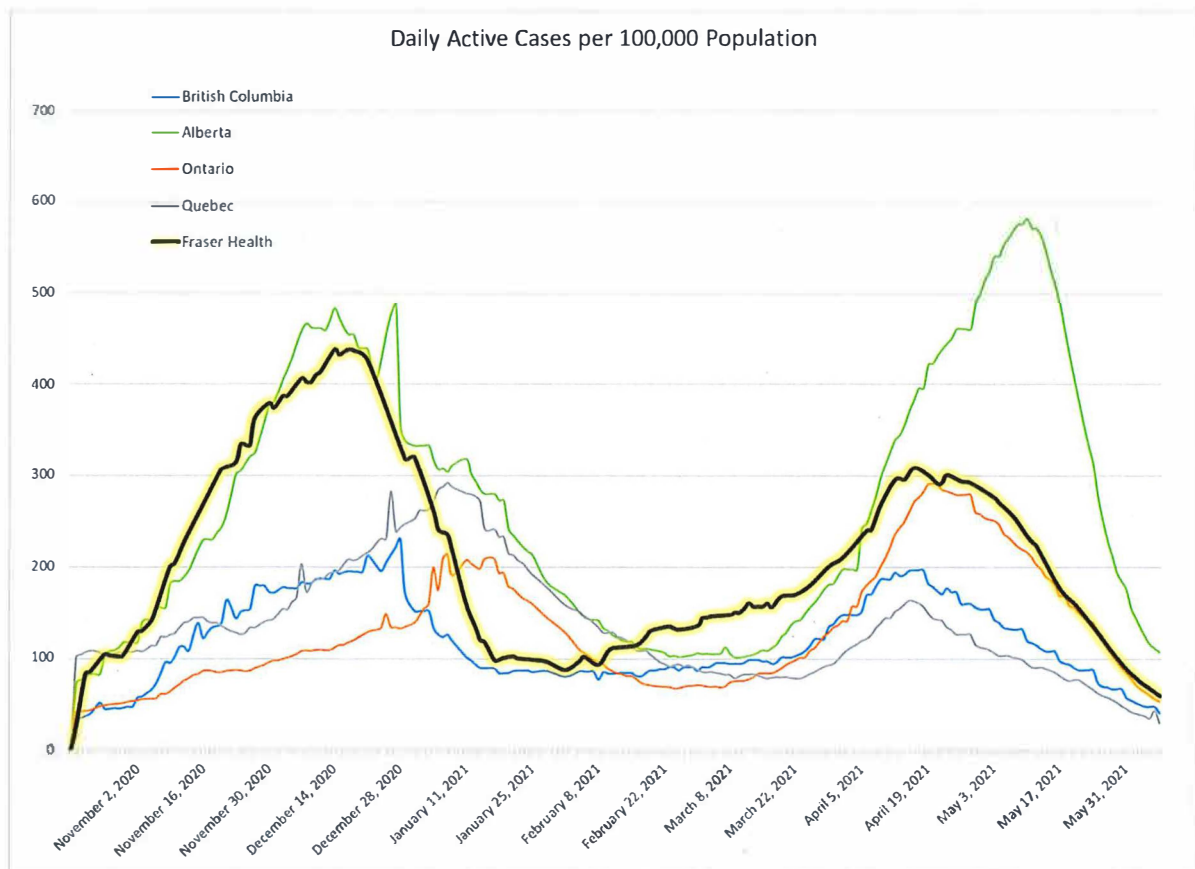
- The United States has reported from 6,000 to 23,000 infections each day. One state (California) is reporting over 3 million infections, three states (Texas, Florida and New York) are reporting over 2 million infections, and six states (Illinois, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Ohio, New Jersey and North Carolina) are reporting over 1 million infections. Washington state has reported over 441,000 infections;

Canada

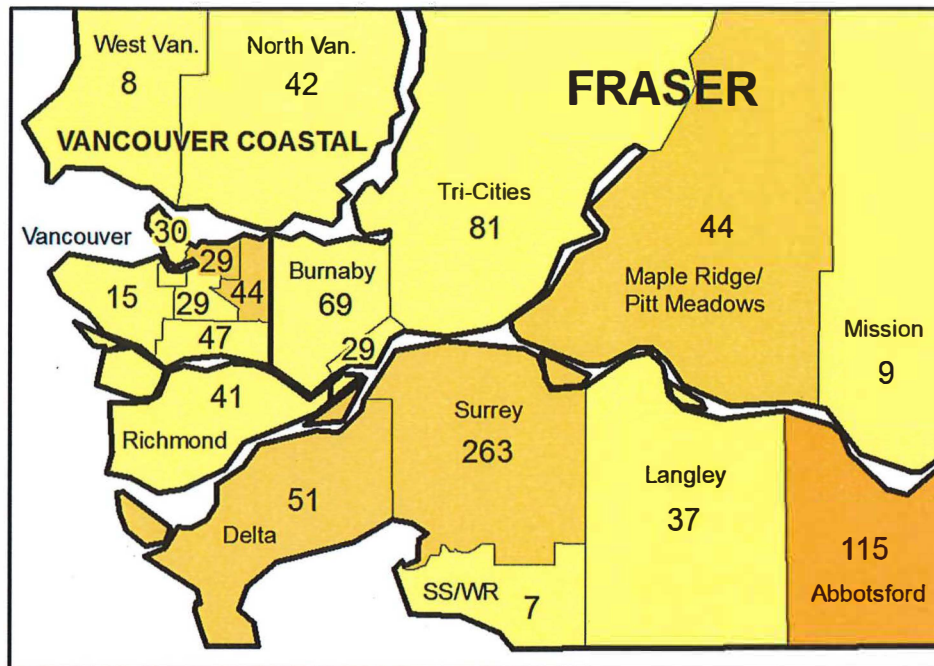
- As of June 8, 2021, Canada has had approximately 1,402,000 cases. This represents a 2.3% increase (31,000 cases) in infections reported;

British Columbia, Fraser Health Authority and Surrey

- As of June 8, 2021, BC has had 145,695 confirmed cases. This represents a 2.1% increase (3,059 cases) in infections reported;
- Of the 145,695 confirmed cases in BC, the Fraser Health Authority continues to account for the majority of confirmed cases (84,868 or 58.2%). Of the cases in the Fraser Health region 82,930 have recovered, 102 are currently hospitalized (32 in critical care) and 907 have died;



- From May 30, 2021 to June 5, 2021, the latest date of infection information by community, there were 990 confirmed cases in the lower mainland, and of those 270 (27.2%) confirmed cases were in Surrey and White Rock.



Source: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/PublishingImages/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/case-counts-press-statements/covid19_lha_20210530_20210605.png

- From January 3 to June 5, 2021, there were 22,415 cases reported in Surrey and White Rock. A summary of the number of confirmed cases each week in Surrey and White Rock, as well as the Fraser Health Authority and Vancouver Coastal Health is provided in Appendix "II". A comparison of the number of confirmed cases per capita in communities of the Fraser Health Authority and Vancouver Coastal Health is provided in Appendix "III". As illustrated, the number of new cases per week in Surrey and White Rock has decreased significantly over the past six weeks, and Surrey's and White Rock's number of new cases per capita is now comparable to that of most communities in the Fraser Health Authority and is currently the lowest it has been in 2021;
- As of June 8, 2021, 22 schools in the Surrey School District and 2 independent schools in Surrey are reporting a recent COVID-19 exposure event, this is reduction of 23 schools in the Surrey School District and 3 independent schools in Surrey;
- The Province started vaccinations on December 15, 2020. As of June 8, 2021, 3,339,832 first doses have been administered, which is an increase of 560,925 doses being administered. In addition, 345,508 second doses have also been administered, which is an increase of 196,928 second doses being administered.

Resurgence and Vaccination Efforts

A resurgence of COVID-19 cases (third wave) was experienced in the Fraser Health Authority over the past two months, throughout British Columbia, across Canada and in many countries in the world. Possible reasons for this resurgence were more infectious COVID-19 variants of concern, COVID-19 "fatigue" (i.e., individuals not consistently following physical and social distancing

measures, washing hands, et cetera due to the prolonged duration of the pandemic), increasing one's social interactions with others (i.e., increasing their "bubble"), more discretionary trips and expanding tourism opportunities.

On December 15, 2020 the Provincial Health Officer extended the order through to January 8, 2021. On January 7, 2021 the Provincial Health Officer extended the order through to February 5, 2021. On February 5, 2021 the Provincial Health Officer has further extended the order for a then unspecified period of time. On March 29, 2021, the Provincial Health Officer released updates for the Gatherings and Events Order, being referred to as a "circuit breaker" in response to increasing COVID numbers across the Province. These new restrictions included the suspension of indoor dining, the pausing of indoor, adult group fitness activities, the closing of the Whistler-Blackcomb ski resort and the suspension of planned limited indoor worship services.

The Provincial Health Officer also issued a specific order for the Surrey School District to mandate face coverings for all Grade 4-12 students while indoors and with their learning groups.

On March 29, 2021, the Provincial Health Officer:

- extended the suspension of indoor dining and the pausing of indoor group fitness activities through to May 24, 2021;
- indicated that new orders will be put in place later this week under the *Emergency Program Act* to restrict vacation and recreation travel outside of any persons' health authority; and
- advised that the Province in conjunction local health authorities will be establishing specific AstraZeneca vaccine clinics in the 13 communities in British Columbia with the highest identified transmission. People 40 and older who reside in these communities will be eligible for vaccination. Targeted communities in Surrey include East Newton, West Newton, Fleetwood, North Surrey, Panorama, and Whalley. Other communities in the Fraser Health Authority include North Delta, Port Coquitlam, South Langley Township and West Abbotsford, those in Vancouver Coastal Health include Kensington and Squamish and Dawson Creek in the Northern Health.

As existing restrictions were extended, further restrictions were also introduced to limit travel and as vaccinations British Columbians are increasing including a targeted focus on several communities in Surrey.

Vaccination Efforts

Fraser Health continues to distribute vaccinations at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre, the South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre and the Guildford Recreation Centre as part of the province's immunization program.

The Indigenous Immunization Clinic at Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre closed on May 22, 2021. The Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre will re-open to immunizations as a low-barrier community access immunization clinic on June 15, 2021. This clinic will operate three days a week through the month of June.

As mentioned earlier in this report, to further support these efforts, the City worked with the Fraser Health Authority to provide alternative pathways in addition to fixed mass immunization centres for Surrey residents to receive a COVID-19 immunization in the high-risk Community Health Service Areas. Three Neighbourhood Vaccination Clinics for Surrey residents who had yet to receive their first dose were hosted as follows:

- May 28, 2021 at Newton Recreation Centre (1,050 vaccines doses administered)
- May 31, 2021 at Newton Recreation Centre (1,121 vaccines doses administered)
- June 1, 2021 at Newton Recreation Centre (950 vaccines doses administered)

These clinics were effective in helping to provide 3,121 vaccines to Surrey residents, including youth (715 or 22.9% of those vaccinated) and those that had yet to register with the Provincial vaccination registration system (818 or 26.2% of those vaccinated).

The PHOs and vaccination efforts have helped to reduce the number of new infections in Surrey and the other communities in the Fraser Health Authority and Vancouver Coastal Health as Appendix “II” and “III”.

BC’s Restart Plan

On May 25, 2021, following a continued reduction in the number of new cases combined with an increased number of British Columbians being vaccinated, the Province outlined their four-step reopening plan.

Step 1: May 25 (Eligibility Requirements: 60% of adult population with Dose 1, COVID-19 cases stable and hospitalizations stable)

- Maximum of five visitors or one household allowed for indoor personal gatherings
- Maximum of 10 people for outdoor personal gatherings
- Maximum of 10 people for seated indoor organized gatherings with safety protocols
- Maximum of 50 people for seated outdoor organized gatherings with safety protocols
- Recreational travel only within travel region (current travel restrictions extended)
- Indoor and outdoor dining for up to six people with safety protocols
- Resume outdoor sports (games) with no spectators, low-intensity fitness with safety protocols
- Start gradual return to workplace
- Provincewide mask mandate, business safety protocols and physical distancing measures remain in place
- Return of indoor in-person faith-based gatherings (reduced capacity) based on consultation with public health

Step 2: Mid-June (June 15 – earliest date; Eligibility Requirements: 65% of adult population with Dose 1, cases declining and hospitalizations declining)

- Maximum of 50 people for outdoor social gatherings
- Maximum of 50 people for seated indoor organized gatherings (banquet halls, movie theatres, live theatre) with safety protocols
- Consultation process to prepare for larger indoor and outdoor gatherings with safety protocols
- No B.C. travel restrictions

- Indoor sports (games) and high-intensity fitness with safety protocols
- Spectators for outdoor sports (50 maximum)
- Provinciewide mask mandate, business safety protocols and physical distancing measures remain in place

Step 3: Early July (July 1 – earliest date; Eligibility Requirements: 70% of adult population with Dose 1, cases low and hospitalizations declining)

- Provincial state of emergency and public health emergency lifted
- Returning to usual for indoor and outdoor personal gatherings
- Increased capacity for indoor and outdoor organized gatherings, with safety plans
- Nightclubs and casinos reopened with capacity limits and safety plans
- New public health and workplace guidance around personal protective equipment, physical distancing and business protocols

Step 4: Early September (September 7 – earliest date; Eligibility Requirements: more than 70% of adult population with Dose 1, cases low and stable (contained clusters) and hospitalizations low)

- Returning to normal social contact
- Increased capacity at larger organized gatherings
- No limits on indoor and outdoor spectators at sports
- Businesses operating with new safety plans

Surrey Restart Plan

The City is currently offering its services in line with Step 1 of the BC Restart Plan. The EOC's opening decision matrix, which is used to determine when each of the City's functional business areas are able to adjust their level of service and resume some form of operation, is based on the premise that all of the following four criteria are met:

1. Ability to comply with new Provincial Health Order(s) ("PHOs");
2. Reasonable public demand for services;
3. Financial viability; and
4. Public and employee safety measures are in place.

In response to the four-step BC Restart Plan, the EOC has used the opening decision matrix to prepare the Surrey Restart Plan which outlines what changes will be made to facilities and services with Step 2, 3 and 4 of the BC Restart Plan. A summary of the major components of the Surrey Restart Plan for Step 2, 3 and 4 is summarized below:

Step 2: Mid-June (June 15 – earliest date; Eligibility Requirements: 65% of adult population with Dose 1, cases declining and hospitalizations declining)

Workplace	Organized Gathering	Sports and Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to 60% occupancy • Closed & Regular Council Meetings are conducted virtually for Council and staff. • City Hall open by appointment. • Property tax drop-off services available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider FEST applications for gatherings and events indoor up to 50 people and some outdoor events in line with PHO restrictions. • City continues to provide access to virtual events and festivals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reintroduce high intensity indoor fitness with distancing. • Reintroduce indoor sport: family gym use, doubles badminton and pickleball. • Reintroduce arena private ice rentals and practices and games for all ages. • Increase capacity of indoor aquatic users per single lane and reopen waterslides. • Reopen the Surrey Nature Centre and re-introduce pre-registered small group nature walks. • Reopen outdoor sport facility fieldhouse for low-capacity use by user groups. • Reopen Christopherson Steps, 1001 Steps, 13 Avenue lookout and Surrey Archives. • Reopen remaining outdoor pools. • Reopen BC Vintage Truck Museum and Beecher Place (3rd party operator). • Permit outdoor spectators up to 50 people. • Continue with pre-registered bookings and advance to target 40% overall increase in capacity of attendees in civic facilities in line with PHO restrictions and OHS review. • Continue active screening at all civic facilities.

Step 3: Early July (July 1 – earliest date; Eligibility Requirements: 70% of adult population with Dose 1, cases low and hospitalizations declining)

Workplace	Organized Gathering	Sports and Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to 80% occupancy. • Closed & Regular Council Meetings are conducted virtually for Council and staff. • City Hall open by appointment and drop-in. • Property tax drop-off services available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider FEST applications for large gatherings and events indoor and outdoor including fairs and festivals with roving participation. • Introduce outdoor live summer programming series with audience capacity in line with PHO guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start to reduce Park Ambassador Program. • Continue with pre-registered bookings and reintroduce some drop-in opportunities. • Advance to target 60% overall increase in capacity of attendees in civic facilities in line with PHO restrictions and OHS review. • Reintroduce indoor sport: Basketball, Volleyball and Soccer. • Further increase capacity of indoor aquatic users per single lane and open passive spray water features. • Reintroduce in-person aquatic leadership, training and first aid courses.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reopen Guildford Aquatics Centre. • Reopen arena and pool showers. • Park Changerooms available for team use. • Consider applications to host provincial sporting events in line with viaSport Guidelines. • Increase occupancy limits and visit lengths in Libraries. • Increase time limits on computer access in Libraries. • Introduce seating for individual and group study in Libraries.
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Step 4: Early September (September 7 – earliest date; Eligibility Requirements: more than 70% of adult population with Dose 1, cases low and stable (contained clusters) and hospitalizations low)

Workplace	Organized Gathering	Sports and Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing levels remain at 80% with gradual increase to 100%. • Council chambers modified reopening with Council, SMT and support staff participating in person while socially distanced in Closed (1E) and in Council Chambers. Limited public participation in Atrium and through phone-in with gradual increase to 100% in public participation in Atrium and in Council Chambers. • City Hall open by appointment and drop-in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider hosting City Signature Events in person (modified event and capacity). • FEST receives and reviews event requests and makes recommendation to EOC. • Reopen Library meetings rooms for public bookings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase capacity of indoor aquatic users per single lane. • Reintroduce limited spectators for indoor sport. • Return of adult sport programs and adult group bookings. • Reintroduce recreational hockey. • Reopen Newton Arena, Newton Wave Pool and Community Rooms with modified capacity. • Conclude the Park Ambassador Program. • Reopen aquatic sauna and stream rooms. • Resume food services and concessions at civic facilities. • Reopen drinking fountains in parks. • Resume volunteer opportunities. • Resume school participation programs, birthday parties and facility rentals. • Accept bookings at Civic Theatre. • 80-100% of regular program offering at opened facilities. • Transition to passive screening for visitors. • Reduce pre-registration requirements for drop-in activities. • Revert to pre-pandemic service hours in Libraries. • Resume in-person programming with Safety Plan in Libraries. • Increase Library deliveries to seniors home and homebound patrons.

A communications plan is being prepared to advise the community of the changes to facilities and services with each step of the Surrey Restart Plan.

Parks, Recreation & Culture Facilities

The City initiated a phased reopening of parks, recreation and culture facilities across the City for pre-registered programs starting in May of 2020. The following chart reflects the status of facilities reopened to date:

Facility Type	Number of Facilities Opened	Number of Facilities Closed	% of Regular Program Offering at Opened Facilities
<i>Recreation Centre</i>	12	2	20%
<i>Arena</i>	4	1	20%
<i>Indoor Pool</i>	2	3	20%
<i>Cultural Centre</i>	3	2	50%

Program spaces and capacities are based on the required two-metre physical distancing for static activities and three to four metre distancing for more active programming. Schedules also consider enhanced cleaning and disinfecting requirements to ensure adequate cleaning between each session. Staff are working closely with Fraser Health and other authorities on additional approval processes to continue to resume services and reopen facilities in a safe manner. At this time, masks are required in all Civic facilities.

The City continues to monitor changes in demand and facility usage to inform its decision on how to adjust level and type of services offered and to align with Public Health Orders (“PHO”). This continues the well-founded nature of the City’s reopening strategy and highlights the need to closely monitor actual demand once facilities reopen.

Recreation Programs & Services

The program utilization for the period of May 23, 2021 through June 5, 2021 is summarized below:

	Drop-In Programs (single event bookings)								
	Aquatics			Arenas			Indoor Fitness		
	Total Reg	Max Reg	Fill %	Total Reg	Max Reg	Fill %	Total Reg	Max Reg	Fill %
May 30 – June 5, 2021	2,485	2,888	86%	489	544	90%	6,415	9,100	70%
May 23 – May 29, 2021	2,517	2,872	88%	462	486	95%	6,089	8,283	74%
Since Reopening	50,408	58,166	87%	7,899	9,021	88%	194,372	296,881	65%

	Registered Programs								
	Aquatics			Arenas			Indoor Fitness		
	Total Reg	Max Reg	Fill %	Total Reg	Max Reg	Fill %	Total Reg	Max Reg	Fill %
May 30 – June 5, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
May 23 – May 29, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Since Reopening	680	816	83%	1,130	1,320	86%	47	104	45%

* No new registered programs were introduced during this period.

	Outdoor and Virtual Fitness				
	Outdoor Fitness			Virtual Fitness	
	Total Reg	Max Reg	Fill %	Total Reg	# of programs
May 30 – June 5, 2021	161	216	75%	20	5
May 23 – May 29, 2021	102	153	67%	21	3
Since Reopening	1,276	1,828	70%	346	47

Aquatics

Two of the City's aquatic facilities are open, the Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex and the Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre. Both facilities are operating with COVID-19 safety protocols in place to protect staff and users. Safety planning has been completed with guidance from the BC & Yukon Lifesaving Society, Fraser Health and the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association. The facilities are serving a broad range of users including lane swimming, public swimming, learn to swim lessons and aquatic sport rentals. Since opening, the facilities have safely served more than 45,000 public users and provide homes for the City's aquatic sport teams to continue with athlete development. Sport User Group utilization for the period of May 23, 2021 through June 5, 2021 is summarized below:

Surrey Sport & Leisure Complex			
Period	Hours Booked	Total Hours Available	Fill %
May 30 – June 5, 2021	486.50	695.75	70.0%
May 23 – May 29, 2021	498.00	695.75	71.6%
Since Reopening	18,583.75	24,689.75	75.2%

Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre			
Period	Hours Booked	Total Hours Available	Fill %
May 30 – June 5, 2021	267	602.5	44%
May 23 – May 29, 2021	393.5	602.5	65%
Since Reopening	6,413	9,963.5	64%

As the Provincial Restart Plan progresses, the City plans to open the Guildford Aquatic Facility on July 13, 2021.

Outdoor Pools

Surrey opened three of its outdoor pools, Bear Creek, Greenaway and Sunnyside on May 17, 2021. Hjorth Road Pool opened June 5, 2021 and the remaining outdoor pools will open on June 26, 2021. The pools have served 3,076 public swimmers and 2,257 club swimmers in its outdoor pools since May 17, 2021.

Arenas

The City has reopened the following facilities: North Surrey Sport & Ice Complex, South Surrey Arena, Cloverdale Arena and Surrey Sport & Ice Complex. Four sheets of ice have transitioned to dry floor and are hosting registered ball hockey and lacrosse sport user groups. Four sheets of ice remain and continue to host minor sport groups such as hockey (including Junior A), figure skating and public programming.

Arena Sport User Group utilization for the period of May 23, 2021 through June 5, 2021 is summarized below:

	Arena User Groups					
	Ice			Dry Floor		
	Total Booked Hours	Total Hours Available	Fill %	Total Booked Hours	Total Hours Available	Fill %
May 30 – June 5, 2021	142	190	75%	120	132	91%
May 23 – May 29, 2021	114	161	71%	89	121	74%
Total Usage	7,031.50*	8,138.60*	86.5%*	706**	882**	80%**

* Since September 7, 2020

**Since April 1, 2021

Park Ambassador Program

The Park Ambassador Program was first introduced in March of 2020 to help keep Surrey's parks safe. Park Ambassadors are the friendly faces in Surrey's destination and sport parks, working closely with Surrey Bylaws to act as liaison for delivering key messaging to park visitors.

The program is focused on the City's busiest destination and sport parks where Park Ambassadors can remind park visitors and sporting groups of current restrictions in place to ensure safe activities and gatherings. The Park Ambassador Program will expand as the weather warms up, ramping up the number of staff present in Surrey parks. Park Ambassador's visit Surrey's busiest parks including the following:

- Crescent Beach;
- Blackie Spit Park;
- Bear Creek Park;

- Newton Athletic Park;
- Elgin Heritage Park;
- South Surrey Athletic Park;
- Cloverdale Athletic Park;
- Holland Park;
- Mud Bay Park;
- Goldstone Park;
- Green Timbers Urban Forest; and
- Many other community parks.

Surrey Fire Service (“SFS”) Response

The SFS responded to a similar number of calls in the first three months of 2020 (pre-pandemic) as compared to the same period in 2019 (pre-pandemic) but from April through to September 15, 2020, the SFS responded to a significantly lower number of calls due to changes in dispatch protocols established by BC Emergency Health Services. After September 15, 2020, and resumption of pre-pandemic dispatch protocols, response was slightly lower for the rest of the year as compared to 2019.

The SFS has responded to approximately 650 or 5.2% more calls in the first five months of 2021 as compared to the same period in 2019 (pre-pandemic).

Appendix “IV” provides a comparison of incident responses by the SFS each month in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Surrey RCMP Response

The Surrey RCMP received more calls for service in the first four months of 2020 as compared to the same period in 2019 (pre-pandemic) and that as the pandemic continued, calls for service were slightly below the monthly totals for the rest of the year resulting in 2020 experiencing 0.2% (433) fewer calls than 2019 but approximately 1,800 fewer calls as compared to the same period in 2020.

Appendix “V” provides a comparison of calls for service to the RCMP each month in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Logistics

From the start, to ensure that the City, including the SFS, has adequate cleaning equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (“PPE”) for staff, the EOC has centralized its inventory of these supplies and is monitoring daily consumption rates. A copy of the City’s inventory of critical supplies as of June 9, 2021, and how this inventory has changed since May 26, 2021, is attached as Appendix “VI”.

Return to Office Plan

The EOC has enacted a Return of Office (“RTO”) plan that ensures the City can continue the process of reintegrating staff back into the workplace in a safe and responsible manner.

The RTO plan was developed based on the following key principles:

- Compliance with all PHOs;
- Health and Safety;
- Work efficiency;
- Promoting a gradual return to normal business operations; and
- Flexibility to make alternate work arrangements, as needed.

Following the directions announced by the Provincial Health Officer on November 7, 2020 the EOC introduced screening of all staff using a COVID-19 symptom check list. Staff are required to complete a short online self-screening form prior to entering their workplace each day. Staff that answer yes to any of the questions on the self-screening form are advised that they are not to enter their workplace and that they will be contacted by their manager with further directions.

As noted above, the RTO Plan has been updated as part of the Surrey Restart Plan so that its aligns with the BC Restart Plan.

Step	% of staff working at their respective facility
Step 1 – current	40%
Step 2 – June 15 – earliest date	60%
Step 3 – July 1- earliest date	80%
Step 4 – September 7 – earliest date	80% gradually increasing to 100%

Current Staffing Levels

The EOC continues to monitor staffing levels at all civic facilities and is prepared to adjust staffing levels (i.e., the number of staff working at facility) if the need arises due to a COVID-19 outbreak in a facility or in the event of a PHO impacting civic facility operation. As of June 7, 2021, there are currently 3 active cases amongst staff. Since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total 112 confirmed cases amongst the approximately 2,200 active City staff and 900 active Surrey RCMP staff since the start of the pandemic for a total infection rate of 3.6% which is lower than the infection rate of 4.7% in the Fraser Health Authority as of June 8, 2021. The RTO plan and safe work protocols in place have been effective to date in preventing COVID-19 transmission between staff.

Support for Priority Populations (experiencing housing instability)

The EOC has worked with BC Housing and the Fraser Health Authority to open one arena at North Surrey Recreation Centre (“NSRC”) as an Emergency Response Centre (“ERC”) to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among people experiencing housing instability during the pandemic. Currently there are a total of 48 guests in the ERC in the first arena. The EOC has also worked with BC Housing to open the second arena at the NSRC as an emergency winter shelter with

COVID-19 prevention services. Currently there are a total of 47 guests in the emergency shelter in the second area.

The services provided by Fraser Health at the ERC including COVID-19 testing and wrap-around health care services, opioid agonist treatment and a managed alcohol program. BC Housing will continue to fund Surrey Urban Mission to ensure the ERC and the emergency shelter can serve Surrey's priority population.

To reduce the number of people in some existing BC Housing funded shelters in Surrey, BC Housing has moved people from shelters to individual motel rooms at The Linda Vista Motel at 6498 King George Boulevard, the Canadian Inn at 6528 King George Boulevard. Over the past week, approximately 43 individuals are being accommodated in the two motels.

It is expected that as the risk for COVID-19 subsides, BC Housing will seek to relocate those sheltered at the Linda Vista Motel and the Canadian Inn to available housing where available, or back to an existing shelter as capacity in these facilities is increased to pre-pandemic occupancy rates. In addition, staff are preparing to commence work with BC Housing and the Province to identify alternate housing options for the guests at the NSRC ERC.

COVID-19 Compliance and Enforcement Team

On March 26, 2020 the Surrey RCMP and the City of Surrey Bylaw Services Division established a joint COVID-19 Compliance & Enforcement Team ("CCET"). The CCET's mandate is to conduct proactive checks to ensure local residents and businesses understand their personal obligations regarding social distancing and self-isolation requirements to stop the spread of COVID-19. The Team's primary mandate is proactive education and gaining voluntary compliance with the directions of the Provincial Health Officer.

CCET continues to proactively reach out to Surrey businesses, faith-based locations, banquet halls, and recovery homes to inform, educate, and prevent contraventions of the public health safety orders. They have also conducted patrols in areas where people continue to congregate, such as parks and playgrounds. To complement the proactive activities carried out by CCET, the Surrey RCMP Frontline (E Watch) has been conducting proactive patrols in key business complex locations to mitigate any potential criminal activity associated to the pandemic (e.g., due to business closures, reduced hours, et cetera).

While compliance rates were beyond 90% during Phase II, when the BC government advanced to Phase III this past summer, compliance rates initially dropped to 74% in August. Through education and working with the community to gain voluntary compliance, there was a significant increase in compliance in September climbing back to 91%. However, compliance dropped down to 80% in October. In November compliance increased to 85%. Through the increased safety protocols imposed by the Public Health Officer in November and December and through continuous inspection and education provided by the CCET, compliance rates increased to 90% for the month of December. While compliance remained at 90% in January 2021, it increased to 93% in February, to 94% in March and April, and further increased to 95% in May. So far during the month of June, compliance has further increased to 96%.

It is important to note that compliance inspections as reflected above relate to both the provincial PHO requirements as well as WorkSafe BC and Fraser Health requirements. Only contraventions

to the PHO may result in fines and, as per the province, only municipal police officers or health officers are permitted to issue fines. Municipal bylaw enforcement officers across the province are precluded from issuing fines.

When a business is found to be non-compliant, CCET members discuss the educational information and requirements (previously provided to these businesses) directly with the establishment owners and/or management to ensure the information is well understood. All businesses, residences and persons not complying to the PHOs may be subject to fines. The CCET has issued no fines since the last update. The CCET has issued a total of 166 fines since late August 2020 including 34 fines issued to businesses, 44 fines issued to private residences; and 88 fines issued to individuals.

As compliance remains high, and with the introduction of the four-step BC Restart Plan, the CCET is now working to prioritize resources with expected demands for each step of the BC Restart Plan.

Supporting and Informing Residents

The City's COVID-19 webpage, www.surrey.ca/COVID-19, has been a valued source of information for residents and businesses with approximately 257,500 pageviews as of June 7, 2021, with 3,000 pageviews occurring over the last week. The information on these webpages is updated frequently, and includes important news & updates, COVID-19 community safety tips, services status updates, facility closure and opening notices, online service opportunities, business resources and community resources.

The City's social media accounts including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram are also a valued source of information for residents and businesses. Over the past week, the City has used these platforms as part of a renewed effort to encourage residents to follow current regulations and restrictions, information on vaccination registration information and advise on recreation safety and cleaning protocols. Through these platforms, the City reached approximately 323,000 users over the last week.

As of October 6, 2020 a website page (<https://www.surrey.ca/about-surrey/coronavirus-covid-19-information/covid-19-exposures-civic-facilities>) has been added to advise the community of exposures events within Surrey's civic facilities which includes City Hall, arenas, recreation facilities, cultural facilities, aquatic centres and libraries. This information ensures transparency so that residents may take appropriate and timely action if necessary. While this information is being provided, Fraser Health will continue to contact residents that have tested positive or have been in close contact with a confirmed case. Residents are not required to take any action unless they have been contacted by Fraser Health or have developed symptoms of COVID-19. Notifications are removed after the 14-day incubation period has passed from date of exposure and the risk of transmission has passed.

Supporting and Informing Businesses

In addition to the information provided on the City's COVID-19 webpage, staff have been participating in regular calls with the various business associations in Surrey to provide them updates and answer any questions that they may have. To date, 19 calls have taken place. The next scheduled call is Friday, June 25, 2021. The associations in this call have included staff

representatives from the Surrey Board of Trade, the South Asian Business Association of BC, the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association, the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce, the Cloverdale Business Improvement Association, the Fleetwood Business Improvement Association, the Newton Business Improvement Association, the South Surrey and White Rock Chamber of Commerce, the New Westminster & District Labour Council, and the White Rock Business Improvement Association.

Observations on the Effectiveness of Social Isolation and Distancing Measures

The City is continuing to actively monitor traffic volumes and traffic speed through its inventory of 350 signalized intersections equipped with vehicle counting technology, six mobile traffic data collection sensors, and 50 Bluetooth sensors, as well as through additional data sources on the Port Mann and Pattullo Bridges and at each border crossing.

Using this data, staff have determined that the travel restrictions, school closures, businesses closures, and the rise in telecommuting has resulted in an average weekday reduction in traffic volumes on Surrey's major corridors (King George Boulevard, 120 Street, 128 Street, 168 Street, 152 Street, 32 Avenue, 64 Avenue, 72 Avenue, 88 Avenue, and 104 Avenue) in 2020 and 2021 as compared to traffic volumes over the same period in 2019 (pre-pandemic), as illustrated in Appendix "VII". However, while traffic in 2021 is generally below the same period in 2019, the level of traffic along Surrey's major corridors is nearing pre-pandemic levels, and for two weeks (weeks 11 and 12 which coincided with spring break from March 16th through 29th) exceeded pre-pandemic levels.

Fraser River Freshet

The Fraser River freshet refers to the spring thaw resulting from melting snowpack and subsequent rainfall impacting the river volume with the possibility of flooding in the Province.

The EOC has established a sub-EOC to monitor the Fraser River Freshet. The Fraser River freshet flood risk for Surrey continues to remain low. The sub-EOC will continue to monitor rainfall and snow pack levels until the risk of flooding on the Fraser River has completed its seasonal decline over the next month.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The City of Surrey Emergency Program, the EOC, and the level of service provisions supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter 2.0. This work relates to Sustainability Charter 2.0 themes of Public Safety. Specifically, the following Desired Outcome ("DO"):

- Emergency Preparedness and Prevention DO6: Surrey has proactive and coordinated emergency prevention measures in place and can effectively deal with emergencies that arise.

CONCLUSION

The COVID-19 pandemic is experiencing a global fall in cases including in British Columbia.

On May 25, 2021, following a continued reduction in the number of new cases combined with an increased number of British Columbians being vaccinated, the Province outlined their four-step reopening plan.

In response to the four-step BC Restart Plan, the EOC has prepared the Surrey Restart Plan which outlines what changes will be made to facilities and services with each step of the BC Restart Plan. This plan will ensure that the City stays as safe as possible from COVID-19 while reopening its facilities and reintroducing services in alignment with each step of the Provincial reopening.



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Appendix "I" – Corporate Report R110; 2021 – COVID-19: Emergency Operations Centre Update

Appendix "II" – Confirmed Cases in the Lower Mainland

Appendix "III" – New Cases Per Week in the Local Health Authorities

Appendix "IV" – Surrey Fire Service – Incident Responses

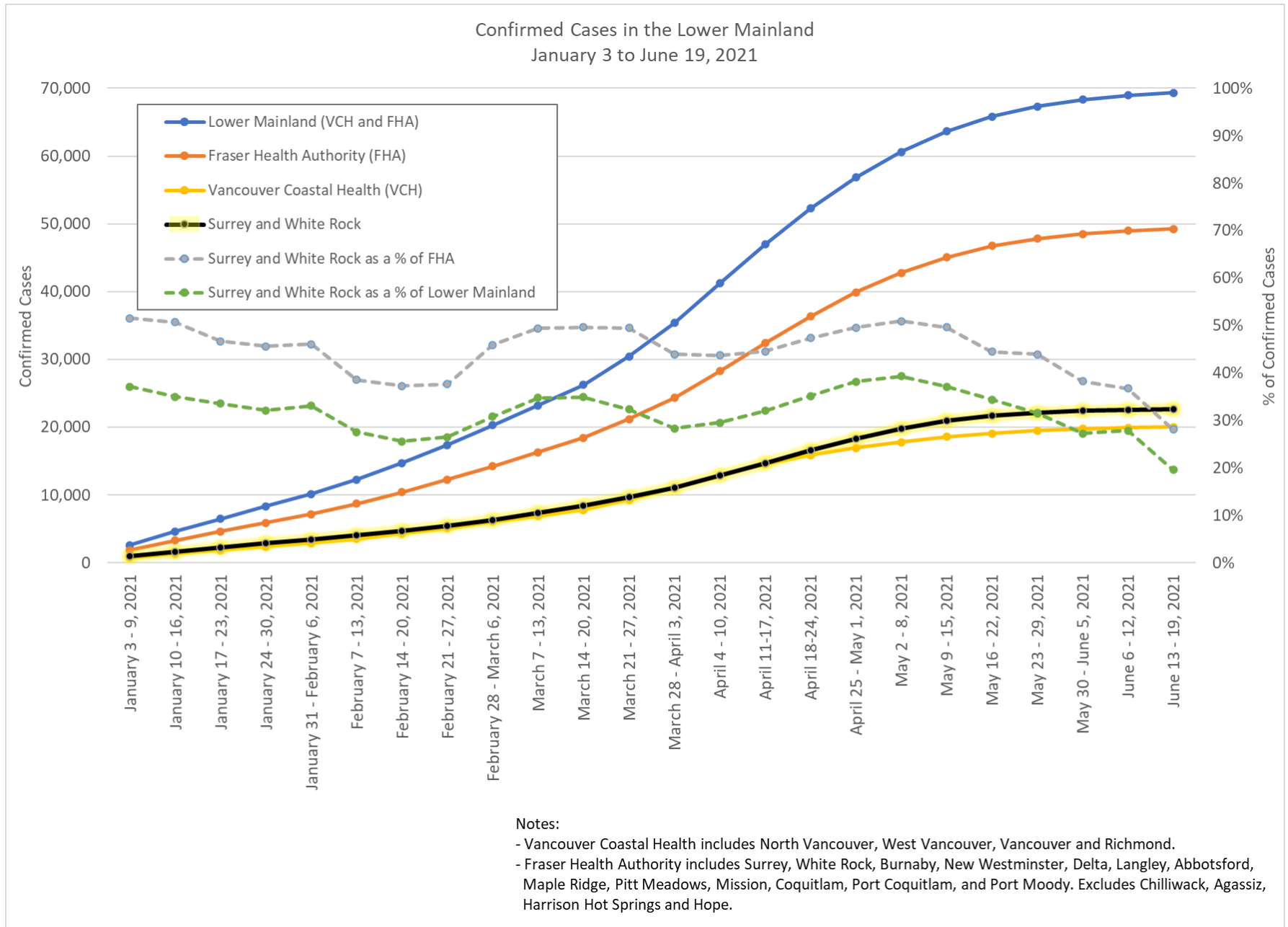
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Appendix "VI" – EOC Critical Supplies Inventory

Appendix "VII" – Traffic volumes along major corridors

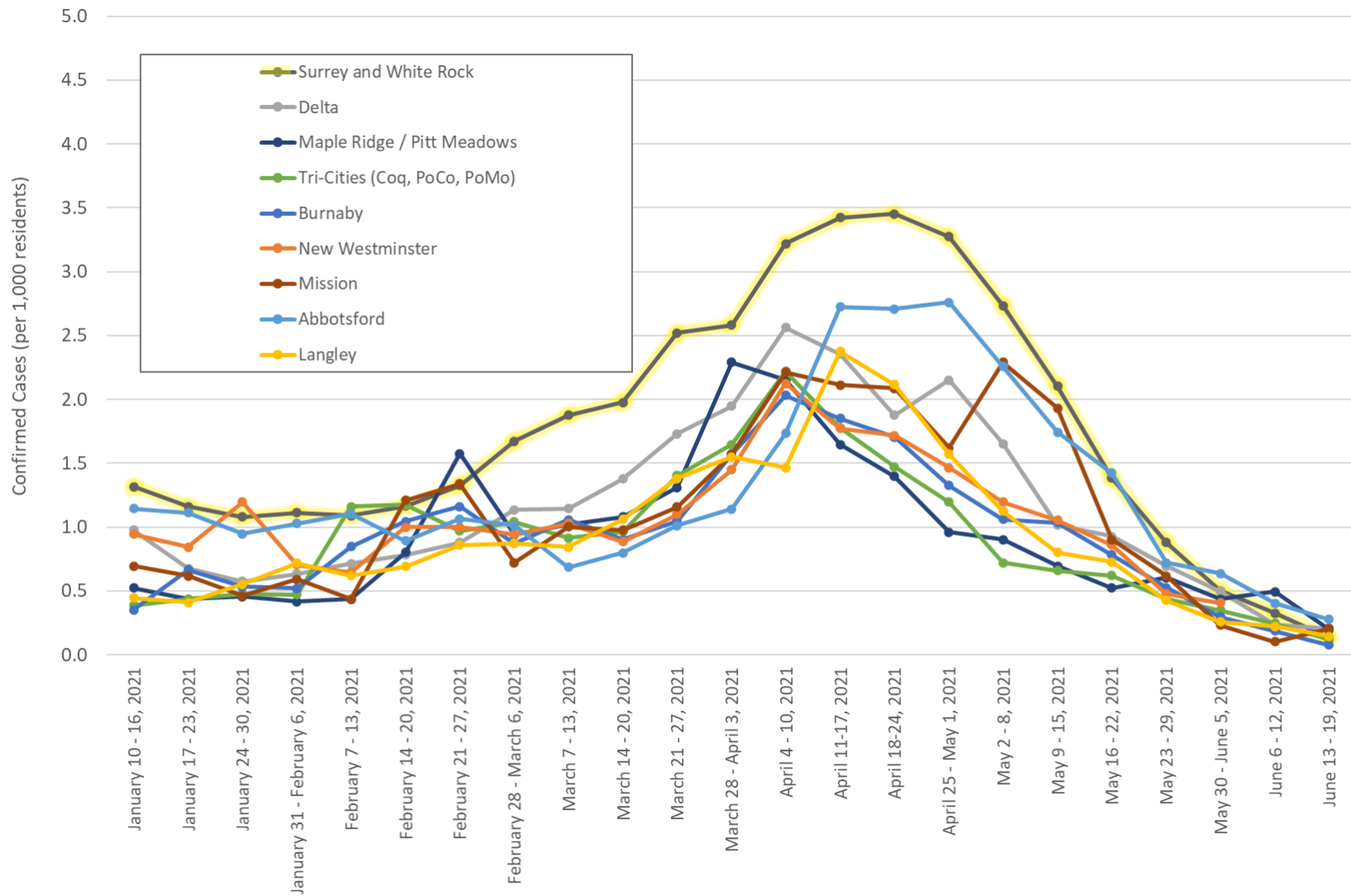
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Appendix "II"
Confirmed Cases in the Lower Mainland



New Cases Per Week in the Local Health Authorities

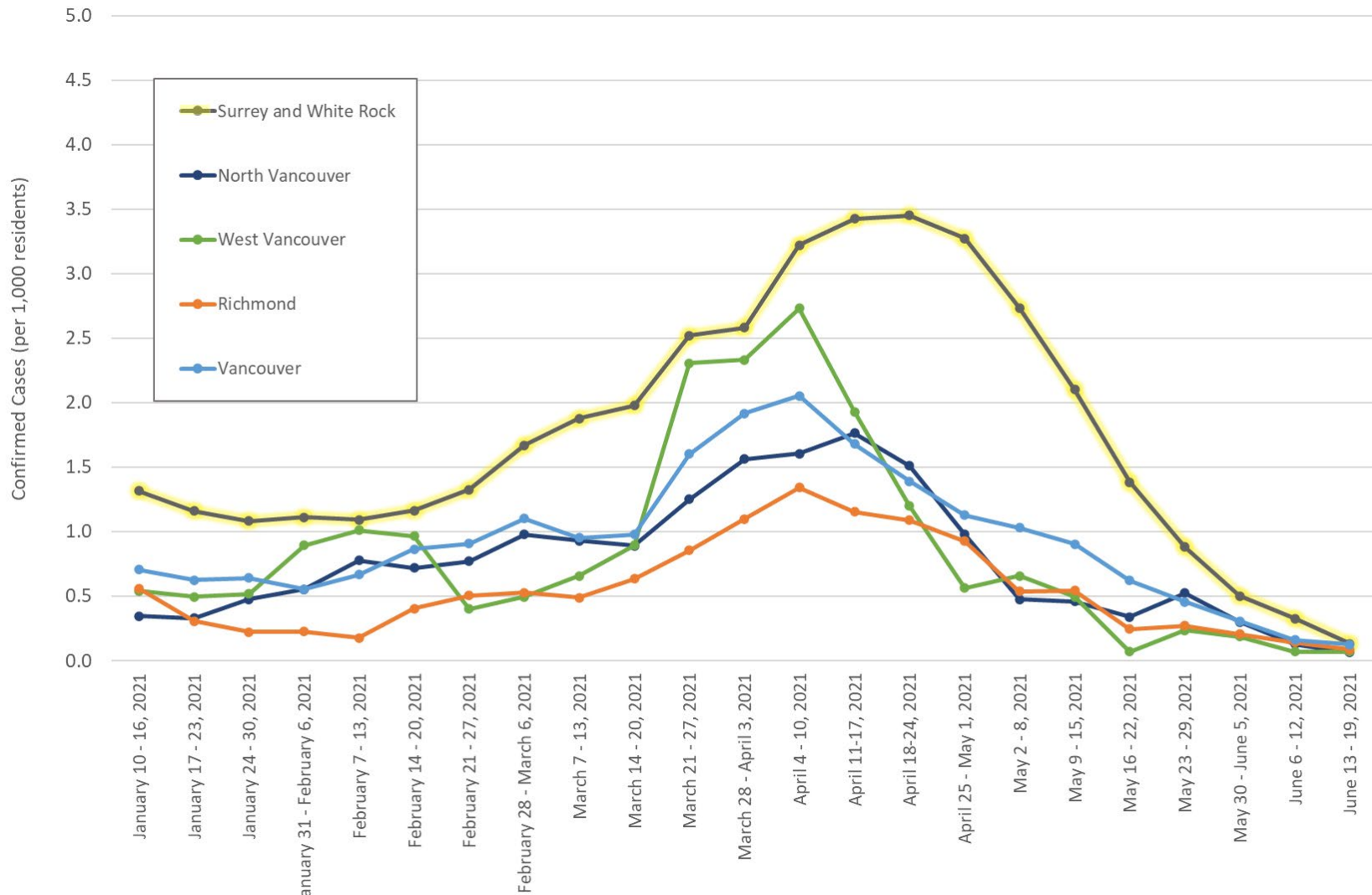
New Cases per Week per Capita in Communities in the Fraser Health Authority
January 10 to June 19, 2021



Notes:

- Based on 2016 census population.

New Cases per Week per Capita in Communities in Vancouver Coastal Health
January 10 to June 19, 2021

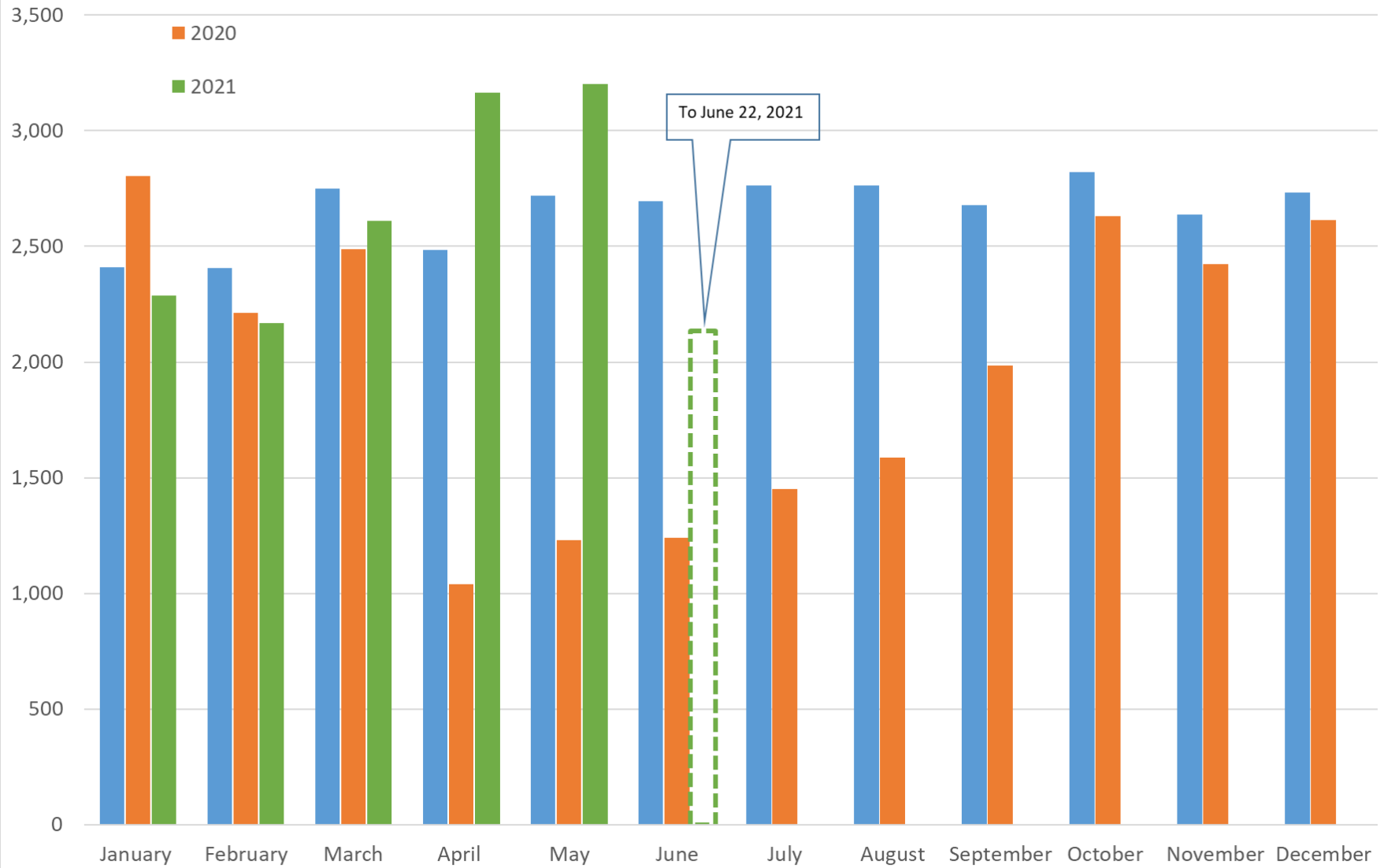


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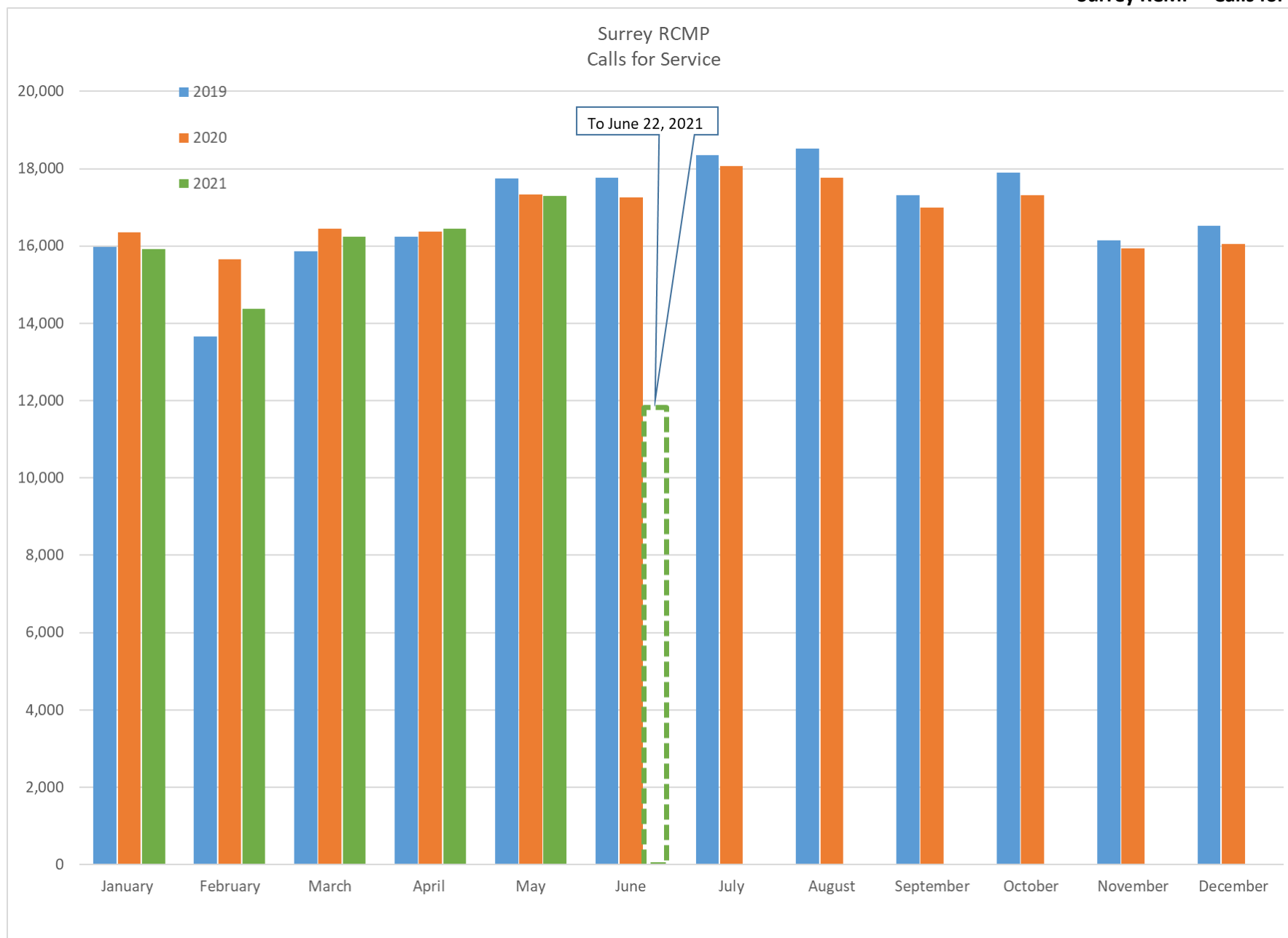
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Surrey Fire Service Incident Responses

■ 2019
■ 2020
■ 2021



Appendix "V"
Surrey RCMP – Calls for Service



Appendix “VI”
EOC Critical Supplies Inventory

Product	Current Inventory June 23, 2021	Inventory as of June 9, 2021	Change in Inventory over 14 past days	Average Usage per day	30 Day Deficit/Surplus	60 Day Deficit/Surplus	90 Day Deficit/Surplus	120 Day Deficit/Surplus	180 Day Deficit/Surplus
Cleaning Products									
Bleach 6%	64.00	64.00	0.00	0.18	59	53	48	42	32
Disinfectant	672.00	961.00	-289.00	0.60	654	636	618	600	564
Disinfectant Wipes	229,412.00	204,602.00	24,810.00	134.90	225,365	221,318	217,271	213,224	205,130
Hand Sanitizer	29,439.00	29,616.00	-177.00	7.58	29,212	28,984	28,757	28,529	28,075
Industrial Cleaner	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00	9	9	9	9	9
PPE									
Booties	2,638.00	2,708.00	-70.00	1.00	2,608	2,578	2,548	2,518	2,458
Cloth Masks	5,562.00	5,790.00	-228.00	4.80	5,418	5,274	5,130	4,986	4,698
Face Shields	1,572.00	1,612.00	-40.00	0.25	1,565	1,557	1,550	1,542	1,527
Gloves (single)	214,200.00	212,300.00	1,900.00	1,460.60	170,382	126,564	82,746	38,928	-48,708
Gowns	4,669.00	7,176.00	-2,507.00	20.00	4,069	3,469	2,869	2,269	1,069
N95 Masks	33,694.00	25,709.00	7,985.00	30.00	32,794	31,894	30,994	30,094	28,294
P100 Cartridges	2,725.00	3,234.00	-509.00	0.00	2,725	2,725	2,725	2,725	2,725
Plexiglass	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
Procedure Masks	14,440.00	18,550.00	-4,110.00	86.50	11,845	9,250	6,655	4,060	-1,130

