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### **UPDATE on IH numbers:**

- **Six** additional COVID-19 cases were reported in IH since Friday, bringing the total numbers of cases in IH to **405** since the start of the pandemic. (Five from Fri-Sat; one Sat-Sun; zero from Sun-Mon.)
- Fourteen cases are active and on isolation.
- Two people are in hospital. No one is in ICU with COVID-19.
- Within IH, there are \*164 cases linked to Kelowna since June 26. Five are active and in isolation.
  \*This is a corrected number due to a data entry change.

### **UPDATE** on Okanagan Correctional Centre (OCC):

- · Over the weekend, three additional cases related to the OCC were lab confirmed.
- A total of six positive COVID-19 cases (all staff) are reported at OCC today. **IH statement** located here: COVID-19 Outbreak at Okanagan Correctional Centre

### **UPDATE from BC Day long weekend:**

## The following can be attributed to Susan Brown, president and CEO, Interior Health:

On behalf of Interior Health, I commend everyone living the region for their efforts in the fight against COVID-19. As we know, the maximum COVID-19 incubation period is 14 days and today marks a milestone following the BC Day long weekend. During the past two weeks we have seen low case counts, proving all of our hard work and dedication can make a difference. Now, as we approach the fall, I urge everyone to redouble their commitment to fighting this pandemic. We must all follow the public health direction offered by Dr. Bonnie Henry and stay familiar with ways to protect ourselves and loved ones from COVID-19.

# **COVID-19 precautions:**

- Stay home and avoid travel if you have symptoms, even mild ones.
- · Maintain physical distancing (two metres apart) and use masks when distancing is not possible.
- Wash your hands regularly and do not touch your face.
- Do not plan or attend gatherings of more than 50 people. Limit gatherings to out of doors whenever possible.