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Possible COVID-19 exposure at Hotel Zed in Kelowna

KELOWNA – Interior Health is advising several individuals who attended a private party at Hotel Zed in the early hours of Sept. 7 that they may have been exposed to COVID-19.

A number of people gathered in a common area and/or balcony of the hotel at 1627 Abbott St., Kelowna, and may have been exposed to COVID-19. Interior Health is working closely with the Hotel Zed, but individuals who attended this party may not have been registered guests. The party is reported to have taken place between midnight and 3:30 a.m.

Public health officials are asking people who attended this party to **self-monitor** closely for symptoms of COVID-19 and to get tested if they begin to exhibit symptoms.

Public health contact tracing is underway and, where possible, IH is reaching out directly to individuals who have been exposed. This potential exposure is a reminder of how important it is to keep gatherings small and to people you know as we head into the fall.

Individuals seeking a test should call their primary care provider (family physician or nurse practitioner) or the closest [Interior Health community testing and assessment centre](#).

COVID-19 testing

Testing is recommended for anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, including:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Other milder symptoms may include: runny nose, fatigue, body aches (muscles and joints aching), diarrhea, headache, sore throat, vomiting and red eyes.

IH reminds everyone of the importance of following 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.

Information on public exposures to COVID-19 within the Interior Health region is available here: <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/public-exposures/>.

Take the COVID-19 self-assessment test at <https://bc.thrive.health/>.

Answers to frequently asked questions are available on the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control website, available here: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/common-questions>.