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# NEW PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a rapidly evolving concern. Omicron is a highly transmissible variant and its numbers are expected to rise around the world and here in British Columbia. New public health orders have been issued, which will take effect Monday, Dec. 20, 2021 and last through to the end of January 2022.

Public health continues to monitor the impacts of the Omicron variant, including severity of illness and hospitalizations, and is taking a prudent approach at this time. These measures are needed until we understand the full impact of the new variant here in B.C. and it's important that people take care during this holiday season.

We know that this news will be disappointing. We were all looking forward to returning to winter holiday gatherings and events that more closely resembled those of the past. With everything that's happened so

far this year alone we can understand why these new pandemic restrictions would feel like another blow in a long year of blows. However, we also believe in the strength of our communities.

B.C.'s booster dose campaign is well underway and a third shot will be available to people 18 and older once six months have passed since their last dose. This added protection will help protect you and the people around you from COVID-19. Getting vaccinated continues to be the best layer of protection against this virus, especially against serious illness.

Our communities have come together through thick and thin. When times were tough, people across the North Shore pulled together, looked out for one another, and made it work. We are so proud to serve as your MLAs and we will get through this together.

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December 20 - January 31



Gatherings limited to your household plus one other household or 10 guests. All guests 12+ must be vaccinated.



No New Year's Eve parties. Restrictions on gatherings & events



All organized events required to scan the BC Vaccine Card



Large events of 1,000+ people have 50% capacity limits



No sports tournaments



No moving between tables at restaurants & pubs

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