

Daily Report - October 26

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Hi Dom and Bonny,

Attached is the daily report for October 26.

Luke – nothing from ISC yet tonight.

Bullets

- AstraZeneca said on October 26 trials of its coronavirus vaccine pioneered with Oxford University had shown "encouraging" responses among elderly, as well as younger participants. The potential vaccine, one of 10 around the world in the most advanced phase III of trials, showed "strong immune responses" in all adult groups during the previous stage, according to an update from Oxford. An AstraZeneca spokesman said the initial results "further build the body of evidence for the safety and immunogenicity" of its experimental vaccine.
- BC provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced a new order October 26 barring people from having more than six guests over at once. The announcement came after officials revealed 817 cases of COVID-19 were identified across B.C. over the weekend, including 317 cases in a single day, which broke the previous daily record of 274 that was set just days earlier. The province is also dealing with a record 2,335 active cases.
- A surprise strike by hundreds of health-care and support workers has prompted the Alberta government to cancel all non-urgent surgeries, less than a week after scaling back procedures due to an increase in COVID-19 infections. The strike on the morning of October 26, which involves health-care aides and support staff, represents a major escalation in tensions between the government and workers across the health sector, from doctors and nurses to cleaning and laundry staff.
- An Ontario dog from the Niagara Region living with four human COVID-19 patients is the first dog in Canada to test positive for the virus. Research in other countries shows that dogs are particularly susceptible to COVID-19 in the animal kingdom, but researchers say the discovery doesn't mean pet owners need to worry. While dogs can be infected with COVID-19, the majority of them don't get sick and seem to get over the disease relatively quickly. There is some risk of animal-to-human transmission when it comes to mink, and experiments have shown infected cats can pass the virus to other cats, but that has not been shown in dogs.

Have a great night,

Sarah