

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 30 MARCH 2020

The information contained in this report is based on recent updates and current information available at the time the report was finalized. It is not inclusive of all actions or measures taken to date by health officials provincially or locally.

COVID-19 CASE COUNTS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE YUKON

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of March 28	As of March 30	Change
Total Confirmed Cases in BC	884	970	86
Currently hospitalized in BC	81	106	25
Currently in intensive care	52	60	8
Total deaths in BC	17	19	2
Total recovered in BC	396	469	73
Total individuals tested in BC	38,697	42,028	3,331

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of March 28	As of March 30	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	444	472	28
Fraser Health	291	323	32
Island Health	60	67	7
Interior Health	77	94	17
Northern Health	12	14	2
Total Confirmed Cases in BC	884	970	86

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of March 30
Total individuals tested	688
Total confirmed cases	5
Negative results	593
Pending results	90

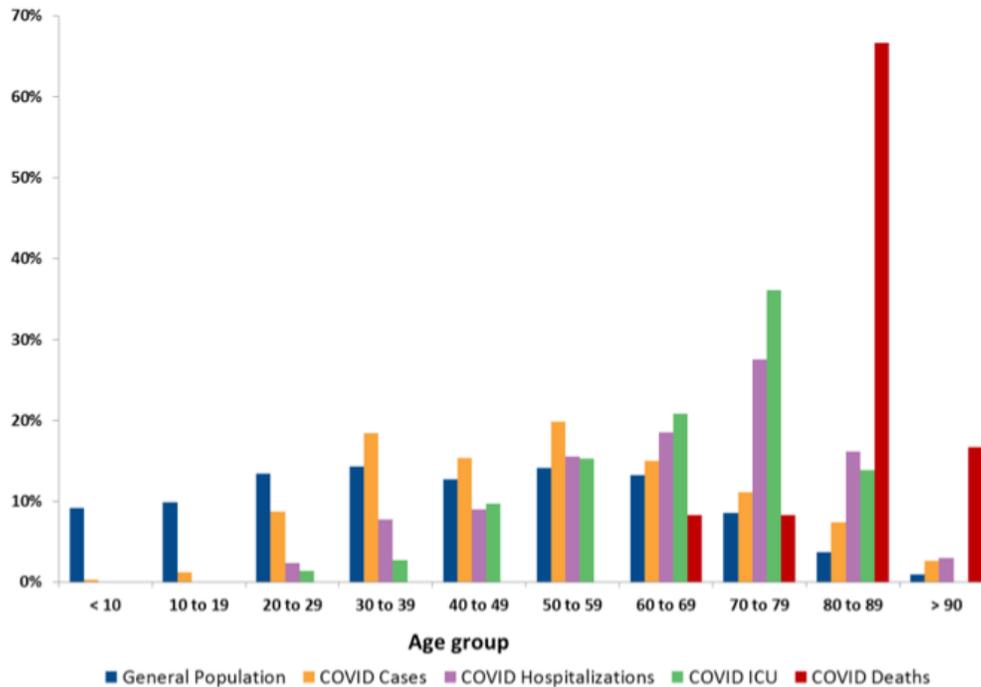
¹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0115-000594>

² <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/case-counts-press-statements>

³ <https://yukon.ca/en/novel-coronavirus>

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATION, ICU ADMISSIONS AND DEATHS BY AGE

The following chart illustrates the percentage distribution of COVID-19 cases, hospitalization, ICU admissions and deaths by age, compared to the general population of BC during the period of January 1-March 30, 2020⁴



*Includes 893 cases, 167 hospitalizations, 72 ICU admissions, and 12 deceased with age information available.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Dr. Henry, BC's Provincial Health Officer and Adrian Dix, the Minister for Health have announced the following:⁵
 - BC has continued to receive shipments of vital personal protective equipment (PPE), including 1 million surgical masks on Monday, March 30th.
 - Suspension of pay parking for the patients, staff and visitors at all health authority owned and operated sites, effective April 1 until further notice.
 - Dr. Henry explicitly stated: BC has not yet reached the peak of the COVID-19 curve, so everyone needs to continue doing their part to flatten the curve – the next two weeks are critical to accomplishing this.
- The Provincial Health Officer and the BC government provided grocery and retail food stores with the following guidelines.⁶ Enhance sanitation plans, place hand sanitizer near doors, pay stations and other

⁴ http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/BC_Surveillance_Summary_March_30_final.pdf

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0115-000594>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMBC0015-000587>

high-touch locations, ensure washrooms are always well stocked, provide clean carry-out bags, support physical distancing at checkout and do not sell bulk items.

- The First Nations Health Authority has an [application form](#) for communities to request Personal Protective Equipment such as hand sanitizer, masks and gloves.⁷

Terrace

- No updates from the City of Terrace since March 27th
- The City of Terrace activated their Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) on March 12th where city staff have been in constant contact with the province.⁸

Smithers

- No updates from Smithers since March 26th when a [FAQ](#) was released.⁹

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No update since March 27th when the Government of Yukon declared a state of emergency under the *Civil Emergency Measures Act*.¹⁰
 - Several orders were implemented to ensure adherence to the federal regulations under the *Quarantine Act* regarding travel back to Canada and back to the Yukon.¹¹ The orders require self-isolation for 14 days upon arrival for those individuals who **do not have symptoms of COVID-19**, and a 14-day quarantine for arriving travelers **with COVID-19 symptoms**.
 - Information on how to self-isolate is available here: <https://yukon.ca/en/information-self-isolation>

Whitehorse

- No updates from Whitehorse since March 26th when transit ridership in the city was limited to 12 people to align with social distancing guidelines.¹²

Watson Lake

- No COVID-19 information for this community is currently available.

⁷ <https://www.fnha.ca/Documents/FNHA-Accessing-Personal-Protective-Equipment-for-First-Nations-Communities.pdf>

⁸ <https://www.terrace.ca/discover-terrace/news/2020-03-27-covid-19-update-city-terrace>

⁹ <http://www.smithers.ca/news/detail/news-releases-covid-19-updates>

¹⁰ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/yukon-declares-state-emergency-response-covid-19>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/03/new-order-makes-self-isolation-mandatory-for-individuals-entering-canada.html>

¹² <https://www.whitehorse.ca/residents/covid-19>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN THE REST OF CANADA

- The Prime Minister announced this morning further details regarding the previously announced Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy to support lost wages up to 75%.¹³
 - Eligible businesses are those who have seen revenues decrease by 30%.
 - The program could mean payments of up to \$847 per week for employees.
 - The number of employees supported by an eligible business is not relevant.
 - All companies, big and small, non-profits and, charities are included.
- The Prime Minister announced new financial measures to support vulnerable Canadians:¹⁴
 - \$157.5 million to address the needs of Canadians experiencing homelessness.
 - \$50 million to women's shelters and sexual assault centres.
 - \$7.5 million in funding to Kids Help Phone to provide young people with mental health support.
 - \$9 million through United Way Canada for local organizations to support practical services to Canadian seniors.
- As of 9am, Monday March 30th, travel will be restricted for anyone with COVID-19 symptoms on domestic flights and inter-city trains.¹⁵
- Under the COVID-19 Economic Response Plan the following initiatives are being provided by the federal government:¹⁶
 - For BC First Nations \$41.1 million through the Indigenous Community Support Fund. This fund may be used to support: Elders and vulnerable community members; food insecurity; education and support for children; mental health assistance and emergency response services; preparedness measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
 - For individuals and families: Increasing the Canada Child Benefit; Special Goods and Services Tax credit payment; Extra time to file income tax returns; Mortgage support.
 - For people facing unemployment the new Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) for those with low incomes available to those who have lost their job, are sick, quarantined, taking care of someone who is sick, parents, and workers who are still employed, but are not receiving income.
 - For people who are sick, quarantined, in directed self-isolation or are unable to work the CERB and improved access to Employment Insurance sickness benefits.
 - Regional, urban and off-reserve Indigenous organizations will receive access to a separate \$15 million through an upcoming call for proposals on the Indigenous Community Support Fund webpage.

This summary was compiled by [CCEM Strategies Ltd.](#) at the request of the 3 Nations Society.

¹³ J. Trudeau via live Press Conference 08:20am 3/30/2020

¹⁴ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/29/prime-minister-announces-support-vulnerable-canadians-affected-covid>

¹⁵ <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/03/government-of-canada-announces-new-domestic-transportation-measures.html>

¹⁶ <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>