

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 31 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 30	As of March 31	Change
Total Confirmed Cases in BC	970	1013	43
Currently hospitalized in BC	106	128	22
Currently in intensive care	60	61	1
Total deaths in BC	19	24	5
Total recovered in BC	469	507	38
Total individuals tested in BC	42,028	43,229	1,201

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of March 30	As of March 31	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	472	476	4
Fraser Health	323	348	25
Island Health	67	67	0
Interior Health	94	107	13
Northern Health	14	15	1
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STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of March 27 ⁴	As of March 30	Change
Total individuals tested	603	688	85
Total confirmed cases	4	5	1
Negative results	556	593	37
Pending results	43	90	47

¹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMBC0018-000604>

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

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

⁴ Last update provided at March 27, 2020 – 11:50

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
 - Interior Health is investigating a large community outbreak in West Kelowna amongst temporary foreign workers in the agriculture sector.
 - The business is being quarantined and all workers are being housed on the property; the investigation is ongoing.
 - The Province is announcing a first responder protocol to protect non-paramedic responders, such as firefighters and police officers from exposure to COVID-19.
 - This allows for paramedics to be dispatched to calls without fire or police being dispatched unless those service branches are required.
 - This will reduce the likelihood of exposure for police and fire members.
 - Dr. Henry has reiterated public protection guidance, including:
 - The need for the public to avoid unnecessary travel to smaller communities.
 - For elderly community members to stay at home if possible.
 - Guidance for municipal bylaw officers on how they can protect themselves while working will be forthcoming this evening or tomorrow.
- The Province has created a new guideline for industrial work camps to support their response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to keep workers safe.⁶ The guide can be found here: <http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19-guidelines-industrial-camps.pdf>
- 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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMB0018-000604>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMB0018-000598>

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>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley has provided the following update:¹⁰
 - As of March 30th, there are five cases of COVID-19 in Yukon. All five people are doing well at home.
 - Whitehorse General Hospital continues to prepare for the pandemic:
 - Planning on how to potentially accommodate a high volume of COVID-19 patients.
 - Identifying other facilities where care could be provided.
 - Putting physical distancing measures in place.
 - Planning for the effective management of resources such as staff, equipment and supplies.
 - Yukoners are reminded that other powerful ways to help stop the spread of COVID-19 are keeping two meters apart from other people, frequent handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and avoiding face touching.

Whitehorse

- No updates from Whitehorse since March 26th when transit ridership in the city was limited to 12 people to align with physical distancing guidelines.¹¹

Watson Lake

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

¹⁰ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/march-30-2020-yukons-chief-medical-officer-health-provides-update-covid-19>

¹¹ <https://www.whitehorse.ca/residents/covid-19>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, announced progress under Canada's Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19 today.¹² This includes:
 - Investing \$2 billion to support diagnostic testing and to purchase ventilators and personal protective equipment, including for bulk purchases with provinces and territories.
 - New procurement agreements with Canadian companies Thornhill Medical, Medicom, and Spartan Bioscience to purchase and boost capacity to manufacture equipment and supplies including portable ventilators, surgical masks, and rapid testing kits.
 - Signed letters of intent with five companies – Precision Biomonitoring, Fluid Energy Group Ltd., Irving Oil, Calco Group, and Stanfield's – to produce additional test kits, hand sanitizer, and protective apparel including masks and gowns.
 - \$50 million has been made available in funding for members of the Next Generation Manufacturing Supercluster to develop and scale-up new, in-demand technologies, equipment, and medical products. This includes:
 - Novel virus detection tests
 - Vaccines
 - Therapeutics
 - Symptom management treatments
 - Ventilators
 - Personal protective equipment
 - Cleaning and sterilization chemicals and equipment
- On Monday, March 30th, Prime Minister Trudeau provided details regarding the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy including support to lost wages of up to 75%¹³

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

¹² <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/31/prime-minister-announces-new-partnerships-canadian-industries-fight>

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