

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 1 April 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 31	As of April 1	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	128	142	14
Currently in intensive care	61	67	6
Total deaths in BC	24	25	1
Total recovered in BC	507	606	99
Total Confirmed Cases in BC	1013	1066	53

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of March 31	As of April 1	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	476	497	21
Fraser Health	348	367	19
Island Health	67	72	5
Interior Health	107	114	7
Northern Health	15	16	1
Total Confirmed Cases in BC	1013	1066	53
Total individuals tested in BC	43,229	44,639	1,410

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of March 30	As of April 1	Change
Total individuals tested	688	722	34
Total confirmed cases	5	6	1
Negative results	593	690	97
Pending results	90	26	64

¹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0018-000614>

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

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

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- BC Premier, John Horgan, has announced that the Province is extending the state of emergency until April 14th (earliest).⁴ The following measures have been taken, or are planned, by the Province:
 - Taken an active role in co-ordinating the supply chain for essential goods and services.
 - Supported the enforcement of the Provincial Health Officer's orders.
 - Prohibited the secondary selling of essential goods and supplies.
 - Providing \$5 billion in income supports, tax relief and direct funding for people, businesses and services.
 - Halting evictions, freezing rents and introducing a \$500 temporary rental supplement.
 - Amended the *Employment Standards Act* to protect jobs for those unable to work for reasons relating to COVID-19.
 - Launched a process to match essential service workers with childcare in their communities and supporting childcare providers with temporary emergency funding.
 - Bolstering seniors' supports at community service agencies with \$50 million and expanding bc211, a provincewide information and referral service to match seniors whose support network has been affected by the COVID-19 outbreak with volunteers.
 - Supporting families who rely on food banks with a \$3-million emergency grant to Food Banks British Columbia.
- BC Hydro will offer new, targeted bill relief to provide immediate help to those most in need.⁵
 - Residential customers who have lost their jobs or are unable to work as a result of COVID-19 will receive a credit to help cover the cost of their electricity bills.
 - The credit will be three times their average monthly bill over the past year at their home and does not have to be repaid.
 - Small businesses that have been forced to close due to COVID-19 will have their power bills forgiven for three months. BC Hydro is waiving bills for these customers from April to June 2020.
 - Major industries, like pulp and paper mills and mines, will have the opportunity to defer 50% of their bill payments for three months.
- Dr. Henry, BC's Provincial Health Officer and Adrian Dix, the Minister for Health have announced that:⁶
 - The Province is implementing a first responder protocol to protect non-paramedic responders, such as firefighters and police officers from exposure to COVID-19.
 - 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.
- The First Nations Health Authority has an [application form](#) for communities to request Personal Protective Equipment such as hand sanitizer, masks and gloves.⁷

⁴ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0018-000607>

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0018-000611>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMB0018-000604>

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

Terrace

- No updates from the City of Terrace since March 27th

Smithers

- No updates from Smithers since March 26th when a [FAQ](#) was released.⁸

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley, has provided the following update:⁹
 - As of April 1st there are six cases of COVID-19 in Yukon.
 - The new case is linked to international travel. The individual followed all proper protocols, self-isolated and is recovering at home.
 - Three of the six people who contracted COVID-19 have now recovered and all others are doing well in home isolation.
 - Air North staff are greeting all travelers arriving at Erik Neilson Whitehorse International Airport to give them guidance and instruct them that they must self-isolate for 14 days and monitor themselves for symptoms. All people arriving in Yukon are ordered to go straight home and into self-isolation for 14 days.

Whitehorse

- No updates from Whitehorse since March 26th

Watson Lake

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

⁸ <http://www.smithers.ca/news/detail/news-releases-covid-19-updates>

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/april-1-2020-yukons-chief-medical-officer-health-provides-update-covid-19>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- This morning, Prime Minister Trudeau announced an update regarding the *Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy* including support to lost wages of up to 75%.¹⁰
 - On April 6th, online application for the subsidy will open to those who have not already begun receiving Employment Insurance.
 - Applicants will have to attest to their employment status each month.
 - Employers will be responsible to try to pay the remaining 25% of wages and there will be stiff penalties for businesses who take illegal advantage of the benefit.
- On March 31st, the Prime Minister announced progress under *Canada's Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19*.¹¹ This includes:
 - Investing \$2 billion to support diagnostic testing and to purchase ventilators and personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Procurement agreements with three medical equipment manufacturing companies to purchase and boost capacity to manufacture equipment and supplies
 - Signed letters of intent with five other companies 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 summary was compiled by [CCEM Strategies Ltd.](#) at the request of the 3 Nations Society.

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/04/the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html>

¹¹ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/31/prime-minister-announces-new-partnerships-canadian-industries-fight>