

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 15 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

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of April 14</b>	<b>As of April 15</b>	<b>Change</b>
Currently hospitalized in BC	134	131	-3
Currently in intensive care	58	59	1
Total deaths in BC	72	75	3
Total recovered in BC	942	955	13
<b>Total Confirmed Cases in BC</b>	<b>1,517</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>44</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of April 14</b>	<b>As of April 15</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	658	670	12
Fraser Health	601	623	22
Island Health	89	92	3
Interior Health	141	146	5
Northern Health	28	30	2
<b>Total Confirmed Cases in BC</b>	<b>1,517</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total individuals tested in BC</b>	<b>58,626</b>	<b>57,997</b>	<b>688*</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of April 14</b>	<b>As of April 15</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total individuals tested</b>	832	<b>841</b>	9
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	8	<b>8</b>	0
Recovered cases	6	6	0
Negative results	806	823	17
Pending results	18	10	-8

\*on April 14 the BCCDC announced 58,626 individuals had been tested. On April 15 they have stated 57,997 have been tested with 688 new tests completed.

<sup>1</sup> <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

<sup>2</sup> <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

<sup>3</sup> <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The BC government has announced today that:<sup>4</sup>

- The provincial state of emergency has been formally extended, allowing Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, to continue to use extraordinary powers under the Emergency Program Act to support the Province’s COVID-19 pandemic response.
  - The state of emergency is extended through the end of the day on April 28, 2020.
- To improve travel for commercial truck drivers, the Government of B.C. is funding the installation of portable toilets at several commercial vehicle pull-outs, inspection stations and chain-up locations throughout the province.<sup>5</sup>
  - The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is also keeping all rest areas open during the outbreak to continue to support the trucking industry.
  - Maintenance contractors are working to keep these facilities clean, sanitary and well supplied.

### Terrace

- In response to the needs of the business community, the Terrace and District Economic Response Team is hosting a series of free web events
  - The first event, a business roundtable with Taylor Bachrach, MP, was held on Tuesday, April 14.
  - The next event, to be held Friday, April 17, focuses on financial support— which the Economic Response Team identified as the largest and most pressing need in the local business community.
  - This webinar will give a local, boots-on-the-ground perspective to the financial supports made available by the Federal government and other support organizations.
  - Participants will get the perspective from a local credit union, the Bank of Montreal business banking, MNP, and Northern Development Initiative Trust on what they’re currently doing to assist businesses during this time and what supports are available.

### Smithers

- No significant updates from the Town of Smithers

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<sup>4</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMBC0020-000697>

<sup>5</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TRAN0056-000690>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory.

### Whitehorse

- No significant updates from the city of Whitehorse.

### Watson Lake

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

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- This morning Prime Minister Trudeau announced the federal government:<sup>6</sup>
  - Will be meeting with premiers tomorrow to discuss vulnerability of long-term care facilities.
  - Will work with provinces and territories to boost wages for essential workers earning less than \$2500 per month, such as those working in long-term care facilities.
  - Is ramping up production of testing supplies to meet weekly demand for each province.
  - Is expanding the Canada Emergency Response Benefit to those who are partially working.<sup>7</sup>
    - Those who earn \$1000 per month or less, seasonal workers, and those whose EI has run out are now eligible.
- Parks Canada has announced that all camping, group activities and events across the country are cancelled until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.<sup>8</sup>
- Finance Minister Bill Morneau today announced that the government will provide immediate, temporary relief to sponsors of federally regulated, defined benefit pension plans.
  - This relief will be in the form of a moratorium, through the remainder of 2020, on solvency payment requirements for defined benefit plans.
  - This relief will help ensure that employers have the financial resources they need to maintain their operations and their pension plans, and to protect the retirement security of their workers and retirees.
  - The government also recognizes that impacts on pension plan assets and liabilities could also significantly affect solvency funding obligations in 2021.
    - The government will consult with stakeholders over the coming months on options to provide relief from 2021 funding obligations, as necessary.

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<sup>6</sup> J. Trudeau via live press conference 08:00 4/15/2020

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/expanding-access-to-the-canada-emergency-response-benefit-and-proposing-a-new-wage-boost-for-essential-workers.html>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/parks-canada/news/2020/04/to-help-limit-the-spread-of-covid-19-parks-canada-suspends-camping-group-activities-and-events-across-the-country-until-at-least-may-31-2020.html>

- The Minister of Labour and leaders from labour and industry issued a joint statement today after a teleconference with stakeholders on challenges workers and employers in federally regulated industries are facing.<sup>9</sup>
  - This meeting included representatives from government, labour and employers who act for federally regulated workers and employers in sectors like aviation, trucking, rail, banking, telecommunications and broadcasting, as well as the courier industry.
  - It has been noted the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety is currently offering a number of online courses and resources related to COVID-19, free of charge, and is working on additional sector-specific best practices.
- Yesterday Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Perry Bellegarde spoke with the AFN Executive to discuss how the Government of Canada can continue to support First Nations' needs and priorities during the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>10</sup>
- Yesterday morning Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced \$130 million to help northern communities fight the onset of the pandemic.<sup>11</sup>

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

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<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/04/joint-statement-by-the-honourable-filomena-tassi-minister-of-labour-and-leaders-from-labour-and-industry-regarding-support-for-workers-and-employer.html>

<sup>10</sup> <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2020/04/14/prime-minister-and-national-chief-joint-readout>

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