

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 16 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 15</b>	<b>As of April 16</b>	<b>Change</b>
Currently hospitalized in BC	131	120	-11
Currently in intensive care	59	56	-3
Total deaths in BC	75	77	2
Total recovered in BC	955	983	28
<b>Total Confirmed Cases in BC</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>14</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of April 15</b>	<b>As of April 16</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	670	670	0
Fraser Health	623	630	7
Island Health	92	94	2
Interior Health	146	149	3
Northern Health	30	32	2
<b>Total Confirmed Cases in BC</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total individuals tested in BC</b>	<b>57,997</b>	<b>59,185</b>	<b>1,132*</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	841	9
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	8	8	0
Recovered cases	6	6	0
Negative results	806	823	17
Pending results	18	10	-8

\*The number presented by BCCDC of new individuals tested (1,132) is different than the variance between the reported number of total tests completed for the past two days (1,188).

<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 Province is providing enhanced relief for businesses by reducing most commercial property tax bills by an average of 25%.<sup>4</sup>
  - Postponing the date that late payment penalties apply for commercial properties in classes 4,5,6,7 and 8 to Oct. 1, 2020.

### Terrace

- No significant updates from the City of Terrace.

### Smithers

- No significant updates from the Town of Smithers.

## 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

- The Minister of Indigenous Services, Marc Miller, issued a statement today to announce that the Ministry:<sup>5</sup>
  - Recognizes the public health risks of holding an election during a pandemic and are working to ensure there are no gaps in governance.
  - Recommends that First Nations with upcoming elections not proceed with elections at this time, due to the current public health risks associated with large gatherings.
  - Have introduced a temporary regulatory option, the First Nations Election Cancellation and Postponement Regulations, that will allow First Nations leaders to continue exercising their roles and duties within their communities for up to six months, with a potential extension for an additional six months.
  - Recognizes that the final decision to hold or postpone their election ultimately lies with community leadership.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020FIN0020-000703>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/04/statement-by-the-minister-of-indigenous-services-on-the-first-nations-election-cancellation-and-postponement-regulations-prevention-of-diseases-com.html>

- This morning Prime Minister Trudeau announced the federal government is:<sup>6</sup>
  - Expanding the Canada Emergency Business Account
    - Businesses that spent between \$20,000 and \$1.5 million on total payroll in 2019 will be eligible for loans through the CEBA.
  - Introducing the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance
    - Help small businesses with their rent for April May and June
- The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) has developed a series of pandemic guidance tip sheets and made them available for free on their website.<sup>7</sup>
  - These pandemic (COVID-19) tip sheets offer guidance and good practices for specific occupations, industries and services, for both employers and workers. They include:
    - Construction
    - Correctional Services
    - Daycares
    - Healthcare
    - Mining
    - Retail
    - Transportation
    - Others
  - The sheets are intended to be used and customized by businesses and organizations to help protect workers from illness as well as prevent the spread of infection.

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

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<sup>6</sup> J. Trudeau via live press conference 08:00 4/16/2020

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/centre-occupational-health-safety/news/2020/04/covid-19-guidance-for-high-risk-and-essential-workplaces.html>