

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 2 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 April 1	As of April 2	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	142	149	7
Currently in intensive care	67	68	1
Total deaths in BC	25	31	6
Total recovered in BC	606	641	35
Total Confirmed Cases in BC	1,066	1,121	55

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of March 31	As of April 2	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	497	525	28
Fraser Health	367	386	19
Island Health	72	72	0
Interior Health	114	121	7
Northern Health	16	17	1
Total Confirmed Cases in BC	1,066	1,121	53
Total individuals tested in BC	44,639	45,966	1,327

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 http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/BC_Surveillance_Summary_April_2%20Final.pdf

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

- In her daily briefing Dr. Henry, the Provincial Health Officer, reinforced that all non-essential travel, particularly to smaller communities, where it is more difficult to treat people, should be stopped.⁴
- The Provincial Government has formed a new Economic Recovery Task Force that will bring together leaders from First Nations, business, labour and not-for-profits.⁵ This group will:
 - Help ensure the Province's economic response to COVID-19 is effective and responsive to the needs of British Columbians
 - Help advise the cross-government economic response to the COVID-19 crisis
 - Help ensure the benefits of provincial programs are reaching their intended targets and complement federal programs
 - Discuss ways to ensure the best possible information is available to workers and member organizations
 - Explore issues around:
 - The designation of essential and critical services
 - Childcare and other supports for essential workers
 - Safe workplace operations for businesses operating now, as well as those restarting after the crisis.
 - Begin to discuss long-term economic recovery following COVID-19. It will provide participants the opportunity to advise government on economic impacts in their sectors and solutions for long-term economic recovery.
- The Province is implementing a series of temporary supports and supplements for people on income or disability assistance and low-income seniors.⁶ This will include:
 - A temporary exemption on the federal employment insurance benefits for people currently receiving income assistance or disability assistance.
 - These payments will be fully exempted for the next three months.
 - An automatic \$300-monthly COVID-19 crisis supplement for the next three months for everyone on income assistance or disability assistance who is not eligible for the federal support programs.
 - This will also be provided to:
 - Low-income seniors who receive the B.C. Senior's Supplement
 - Recipients of income assistance or disability assistance who reside in special care facilities
- BC Premier, John Horgan, has announced that the Province is extending the state of emergency until April 14th (earliest).⁷
- BC Hydro will offer new, targeted bill relief to provide immediate help to those most in need.⁸

⁴ Dr. B. Henry via live press conference 03:00pm 4/2/2020

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0046-000618>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020SDPR0012-000620>

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0018-000607>

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0018-000611>

Terrace

- The City of Terrace has established a community economic response team with the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce, Community Futures 16/37, Kermodei Tourism, and the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine, with input from the Terrace Downtown Improvement Association.⁹
- This team is focused on:
 1. Local listening
 - Gathering information from local businesses about the resources and information they need.
 - A local survey was sent out via several social media and digital channels.
 - Other provincial-level surveys inform the group of the provincial scale of effects.
 2. Information sharing
 - Sharing the newly available federal and provincial resources through various channels as they are announced.
 - Using the information from the local survey to share how customers can continue to support their local businesses through modified means of purchasing goods and services.
 - Gathering local experts to be a familiar face for explaining available supports with the business community.
 3. Advocacy
 - team members are connected to provincial- and federal-level bodies, including a direct link to the Provincial government.
 - The challenges and concerns from the local business community are communicated up these channels to help advocate for the local business needs.

Smithers

- No updates from Smithers since March 26th when a [FAQ](#) was released.¹⁰

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No updates since April 1, when Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley, shared the following.¹¹
 - 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.

⁹ <https://www.terrace.ca/sites/default/files/docs/discover-terrace/news/20-04-02-news-release-ecdev-covid19.pdf>

¹⁰ <http://www.smithers.ca/news/detail/news-releases-covid-19-updates>

¹¹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/april-1-2020-yukons-chief-medical-officer-health-provides-update-covid-19>

Whitehorse

- To reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, the City of Whitehorse is asking residents to use either debit or credit cards at the Waste Management Facility until further notice. Existing account holders can use their accounts.¹²

Watson Lake

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

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- This morning the Prime Minister announced that he would be meeting with the provincial Premiers this evening in a First Ministers meeting to further coordinate national response measures to COVID-19.¹³ No other substantial updates were provided.
- The Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness has released information to assist various jurisdictions and businesses in their decision-making around the types of employees considered essential.¹⁴ The core document in this initiative can be found here:
 - <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scrtr/crtcl-nfrstrctr/esf-sfe-en.aspx>
- On April 1st the Prime Minister Trudeau announced an update regarding the *Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy* including support to lost wages of up to 75%.¹⁵

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

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

¹³ J. Trudeau via live press conference 08:00 4/2/2020

¹⁴ <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scrtr/crtcl-nfrstrctr/esf-sfe-en.aspx>

¹⁵ <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html>