

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 20 April 2020

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE YUKON

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of April 18⁺	As of April 20	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	115	104	-11
Currently in intensive care	54	49	-5
Total deaths in BC	81	86	5
Total recovered in BC	987	1,039	52
Total Confirmed Cases in BC	1,647	1,699	52⁺

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of April 18	As of April 20	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	686	700	14
Fraser Health	680	705	25
Island Health	97	102	5
Interior Health	150	153	3
Northern Health	34	39	5
Total Confirmed Cases in BC	1,647	1,699	52
Total individuals tested in BC	60,668*	64,375	3,707**

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of April 17	As of April 20	Change
Total individuals tested	852	878	26
Total confirmed cases	9	11	2
Recovered cases	7	8	1
Negative results	839	865	26
Pending results	4	2	-2

⁺ Case reporting from April 18-20 includes new cases for both April 18-19 (29 new confirmed cases and 3 deaths reported) and April 19-20 (23 new confirmed cases and 2 deaths reported)

* This statistic was last reported on April 17th, not the 18th

** The BCCDC has reported '930 new tests' but this does not align with the difference between statistics released for April 17th and 20th which are the two most recent dates for which statistics have been released.

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

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

³ <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, the Provincial government has announced a new collaborative framework to help ensure people living in rural, remote and Indigenous communities in B.C. have access to critical health care.⁴
 - This includes:
 - A commitment to moving patients to the critical care they need at a moment's notice.
 - Improved medical transportation options to larger centres, including flight and ambulance;
 - Housing options for people looking to self-isolate near their families while remaining in their home communities;
 - New and faster COVID-19 testing technology;
 - Culturally safe contact tracing that respects privacy in small communities;
 - Access to Virtual Doctor of the Day, a program that connects First Nations members and their families in remote communities to a doctor or nurse practitioner using videoconferencing;
 - Options for accommodation near larger centres with more medical services; and
 - Increased mental health supports in communities.
 - The framework was developed through a partnership between the First Nations Health Authority, Northern Health and Provincial Health Services Authority.
 - The framework provides flexibility so local leaders in rural, remote and Indigenous communities can adapt it to meet their unique needs.
 - It will be implemented through full engagement with each of the communities' local leaders.

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

- Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley has provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic situation in the Territory:⁵
 - As of today, April 20, at 3 p.m. there are two new cases of COVID-19 in the territory, bringing the total number of cases to 11. The new cases relate to a cluster in Whitehorse that is associated with international travel. Contact tracing and investigation continue.
 - Eight of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon, including all people not involved in the present cluster, have recovered and all are doing well.
 - Each case in Yukon so far can be traced to its origin and there continues to be no known community transmission in the territory.

⁴ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0020-000725>

⁵ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/april-17-2020-yukons-chief-medical-officer-health-provides-update-covid-19>

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 Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) has provided an online space, *Pandemic Info Share*, to enable businesses and organizations to share their pandemic-related good practices and resources.⁶
 - Good practices and resources can be submitted for consideration to Pandemic Info Share at <http://pandemic.ccohs.ca>.
- On April 18th the Prime Minister's Office announced financial support for Indigenous businesses.⁷ This includes:
 - \$306.8 million in funding to help small and medium-sized Indigenous businesses, and to support Aboriginal Financial Institutions that offer financing to these businesses.
 - The funding will allow for short-term, interest-free loans and non-repayable contributions through Aboriginal Financial Institutions.
 - The funding will be provided through Aboriginal Financial Institutions and administered by the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association and the Métis capital corporations in partnership with Indigenous Services Canada.
 - Additional funding will help Aboriginal Financial Institutions cover operational expenses, and help the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association increase its operational capacity.
 - The National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association is a network of 59 Aboriginal Financial Institutions providing a full range of financial services, loans, and grants to Indigenous entrepreneurs to start new and expand existing businesses.
 - These measures will help 6,000 Indigenous-owned businesses get through these difficult times.

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

⁶ <https://www.canada.ca/en/centre-occupational-health-safety/news/2020/04/website-enables-sharing-of-pandemic-resources-and-good-practices.html>

⁷ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/18/prime-minister-announces-support-indigenous-businesses>