

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 21 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 20	As of April 21	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	104	109	5
Currently in intensive care	49	51	2
Total deaths in BC	86	87	1
Total recovered in BC	1,039	1,041	2
Total Confirmed Cases in BC	1,699	1,724	25

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of April 20	As of April 21	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	700	707	7
Fraser Health	705	715	10
Island Health	102	109	7
Interior Health	153	153	0
Northern Health	39	40	1
Total Confirmed Cases in BC	1,699	1,724	25
Total individuals tested in BC	64,375	65,545	1,170*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of April 20	As of April 21	Change
Total individuals tested	878	872	-6**
Total confirmed cases	11	11	0
Recovered cases	8	8	0
Negative results	865	852	-13
Pending results	2	9	7

* The BCCDC has reported '1,127 new tests' but this does not align with the difference between statistics released for April 20th and 21st.

** No explanation for the discrepancy in testing numbers has been provided by the Yukon government.

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 announced that funding will be distributed through Community Living BC (CLBC) to ensure people with developmental disabilities stay supported and safe during the pandemic.⁴
 - \$35.6 million will be available over three months from CLBC to support service providers to continue delivering residential services, including group homes, home sharing and supported independent living.
- On April 20th the Provincial government 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.⁵
 - This 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

- The Town of Smithers updated their *COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions* document available on the town website.⁶

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territorial government.

Whitehorse

- No significant updates from the city of Whitehorse.

Watson Lake

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

⁴ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020SDPR0013-000730>

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0020-000725>

⁶ [http://www.smithers.ca/uploads/2020-08_COVID-19_UPDATE_FREQUENTLY_ASKED_QUESTIONS_\(Updated_April_21,_2020\).pdf](http://www.smithers.ca/uploads/2020-08_COVID-19_UPDATE_FREQUENTLY_ASKED_QUESTIONS_(Updated_April_21,_2020).pdf)

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today the Prime Minister announced an investment of \$350 million to support vulnerable Canadians through charities and non-profit organizations that deliver essential services to those in need.⁷ It will support a variety of activities, such as:
 - Increasing volunteer-based home deliveries of groceries and medications.
 - Providing transportation services, like accompanying or driving seniors or persons with disabilities to appointments.
 - Scaling up help-lines that provide information and support.
 - Helping vulnerable Canadians access government benefits.
 - Providing training, supplies, and other required supports to volunteers.
 - Replacing in-person, one-on-one contact and social gatherings with virtual contact through phone calls, texts, teleconferences, ect.
 - The Emergency Community Support Fund will provide funding to national intermediaries with networks across the country, including United Way Canada, the Canadian Red Cross, and the Community Foundations of Canada.
- Today, the Honourable Diane Lebovillier, Minister of National Revenue, launched the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy calculator to support employers as they prepare to apply for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS).⁸
 - The CEWS calculator can be found on CRA's Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy Web page: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy.html>
 - This Web page incorporates feedback received during user testing with stakeholders, including the Canadian Federation of Independent Business and the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.
 - It includes detailed information and instructions about who can apply for the subsidy, how eligibility is assessed, and how the subsidy is calculated.
- On April 18th the Prime Minister's Office announced financial support for Indigenous businesses.⁹ 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.

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

⁷ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/21/prime-minister-announces-further-support-help-canadians-need>

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-launches-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy-calculator-for-employers.html>

⁹ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/18/prime-minister-announces-support-indigenous-businesses>