

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 22 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 21</b>	<b>As of April 22</b>	<b>Change</b>
Currently hospitalized in BC	109	103	-6
Currently in intensive care	51	46	-5
Total deaths in BC	87	90	3
Total recovered in BC	1,041	1,079	38
<b>Total Confirmed Cases in BC</b>	<b>1,724</b>	<b>1,795</b>	<b>71*</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of April 21</b>	<b>As of April 22</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	707	745	38
Fraser Health	715	747	32
Island Health	109	110	1
Interior Health	153	153	0
Northern Health	40	40	0
<b>Total Confirmed Cases in BC</b>	<b>1,724</b>	<b>1,795</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Total individuals tested in BC</b>	<b>65,545</b>	<b>66,977</b>	<b>1,337**</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of April 21</b>	<b>As of April 22</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total individuals tested</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
Recovered cases	8	8	0
Negative results	852	851	-1
Pending results	9	16	7

\* From the BCCDC “The number of new reported cases today was the highest since March 28, in part due to 4 new reported outbreaks”

\*\*The BCCDC has reported ‘1,337 new tests’ but this does not align with the difference between statistics released for April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> (1,432).

<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

- Today the provincial government announced that B.C. companies, societies, and co-operatives will be allowed to meet electronically during the Province's state of emergency.<sup>4</sup> This order will help corporations hold annual or special general meetings, in accordance with the provincial health officer's order against gatherings of more than 50 people.
- On April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.<sup>5</sup>
  - \$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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.<sup>6</sup>
  - 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

- No significant updates from the Town of Smithers.

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Haley, provided an update on the current cases and measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic:<sup>7</sup>
  - As of today, April 22, at 3 p.m., the case count remains at 11 cases of COVID-19 in the territory.
  - Eight of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered and all others are doing well at home.
  - Each case in Yukon so far can be traced to its origin and there continues to be no known community transmission in the territory.

<sup>4</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020FIN0022-000733>

<sup>5</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020SDPR0013-000730>

<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0020-000725>

<sup>7</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/april-22-2020-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

- Today the Prime Minister announced \$9 billion in financial aid for post-secondary students and recent graduates affected by COVID-19<sup>8</sup>. The measures announced include:
  - the proposed Canada Emergency Student Benefit, which would provide support to students and new graduates who are not eligible for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit. This benefit would provide \$1,250 per month for eligible students or \$1,750 per month for eligible students with dependents or disabilities. The benefit would be available from May to August 2020.
  - the new Canada Student Service Grant, to help students gain work experience and skills while they help their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. For students who choose to do national service and serve their communities, the new Canada Student Service Grant will provide up to \$5,000 for their education in the fall.
  - providing more than \$75 million in additional supports for Indigenous post-secondary students.
  - raising the maximum weekly amount that can be provided through the Canada Student Loans Program in 2020-2021 from \$210 to \$350.
  - doubling Canada Student Grants for eligible students — up to \$6,000 for full-time students and up to \$3,600 for part-time students in 2020-21. The Canada Student Grants for Students with Permanent Disabilities and Students with Dependents would also be doubled.
  - providing another \$291 million for federal granting councils to extend expiring federal graduate research scholarships and post-doctoral fellowships and supplement existing federal research grants.
- The Prime Minister also announced the removal of the restriction that allows international students to work a maximum of 20 hours per week while classes are in session, provided they are working in an essential service or function, such as health care, critical infrastructure, or the supply of food or other critical goods.<sup>9</sup>
- Today the Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade, announced that Canada and 23 World Trade Organization (WTO) members signed onto a joint statement to reinforce international cooperation on trade in agricultural and agri-food products.

<sup>8</sup> <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/22/support-students-and-new-grads-affected-covid-19>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2020/04/removing-barriers-for-international-students-working-in-essential-services-to-fight-covid-19.html>

- On April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.<sup>10</sup> 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, etc.
  - 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.
- On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the Honourable Diane LeBouthillier, 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).<sup>11</sup>
  - 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 18<sup>th</sup> the Prime Minister's Office announced financial support for Indigenous businesses.<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/21/prime-minister-announces-further-support-help-canadians-need>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-launches-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy-calculator-for-employers.html>

<sup>12</sup> <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/18/prime-minister-announces-support-indigenous-businesses>