

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 27 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 BC	As of April 25¹	As of April 27²	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	96	97	1
Currently in intensive care	41	36	-5
Total deaths in BC	100	103	3
Total recovered in BC	1,137	1,190	53
Total confirmed cases in BC	1,948	1,998	50

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION³	As of April 25	As of April 27	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	778	795	17
Fraser Health	853	879	26
Island Health	115	117	2
Interior Health	160	164	4
Northern Health	42	43	1
Total confirmed cases in BC	1,948	1,998	50
Total individuals tested in BC	71,415*	78,665	7,250**

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON⁴	As of April 24	As of April 27	Change
Total individuals tested	881	919	38
Total confirmed cases	11	11	0
Recovered cases	8	8	0
Negative results	860	875	15
Pending results	17	33	16

*The last report on testing numbers in BC was for April 24th not the 25th.

** The BCCDC has reported '2,102 tests' but this does not align with the difference between statistics released for April 24th and April 27th, the last two dates for which stats were reported.

¹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0020-000761>

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

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⁴ <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- On April 26th the First Nations Health Authority has announced the first recorded COVID-19 fatality in a BC First Nations community.⁵
 - The First Nations Health Authority and the First Nations Health Council offer their deepest condolences to the family and community for the loss of a beloved family member.
 - Now more than ever, families and communities are encouraged to uphold public health measures so that, when it is safe to do so, we can once again gather to support one another.
 - This includes limiting gatherings to a maximum of 5 people and maintaining the recommended physical distancing from each other of 2 meters (6 feet).
- On April 26th the Province of BC announced several items to support youth during the COVID-19 pandemic, including:⁶
 - Virtual opportunities for students from the LGBTQ2S+ community, who may be feeling vulnerable and disconnected from their peers and schools, to connect with each other during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - B.C.'s Gay-Straight or Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) meet-ups will be held virtually rather than in-person, where students can join their friends online or over the phone.
 - To provide additional support for youth who are experiencing anxiety and social isolation, a free, virtual WE Well-being program was launched on April 17, 2020, for grades K-12 in English and French.
 - It places a special emphasis on social-emotional learning and resiliency.
 - Also available to parents and caregivers is the new EASE (Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators) at Home program with tips and strategies to create calming routines, help kids talk about difficult emotions and manage their anxiety.
- On April 26th the Province announced it is doubling this year's funding for Family Caregivers of British Columbia to \$1 million, helping support both caregivers and seniors.⁷
 - This funding will allow Family Caregivers of B.C. to enhance services during the COVID-19 pandemic, so caregivers get the increased support they need to help seniors remain at home, such as expanded toll-free support line hours, emotional supports and health-care navigation.

Terrace

- No significant updates from the City of Terrace.

Smithers

- No significant updates from the Town of Smithers.

⁵ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/first-recorded-bc-first-nations-community-covid-19-fatality>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EDUC0020-000755>

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0141-000763>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today the Government of Yukon has announced the following:
 - Yukon has received six ventilators from the Public Health Agency of Canada's emergency response services, significantly increasing the territory's capacity to provide acute care in response to COVID-19.⁸
 - Yukon now has a total of 15 ventilators distributed between the Yukon Hospital Corporation and Emergency Medical Services.
 - Yukoners receiving Social Assistance benefits will not experience a reduction if they receive the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).⁹

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 Honourable Diane LeBouthillier, Minister of National Revenue, launched the application process for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS).¹⁰
 - This economic measure provides a subsidy of 75% of an eligible employee's weekly earnings, to a maximum of \$847 per employee per week, to eligible employers, for up to 12 weeks.
 - All claims that are approved through the CRA's automated verification process will be sent for payment on May 5, so that payments being made through direct deposit should begin to appear in employers' accounts as of May 7.

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

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/yukon-receives-ventilators-federal-emergency-response-services>

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/canada-emergency-response-benefit-be-exempted-yukon-social-assistance>

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-launches-applications-for-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html>