

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 28 April 2020

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE YUKON

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of April 27	As of April 28	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	97	94	3
Currently in intensive care	36	37	1
Total deaths in BC	103	105	2
Total recovered in BC	1,190	1,231	41
Total confirmed cases in BC	1,998	2,053	55

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of April 27	As of April 28	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	795	803	8
Fraser Health	879	918	39
Island Health	117	119	2
Interior Health	164	168	4
Northern Health	43	45	2
Total confirmed cases in BC	1,998	2,053	55
Total individuals tested in BC	78,665	80,888	2,223*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of April 27	As of April 28	Change
Total individuals tested	919	953	34
Total confirmed cases	11	11	0
Recovered cases	8	8	0
Negative results	875	902	27
Pending results	33	40	7

*The BCCDC has reported '2,087 new tests' but this does not align with the difference between statistics released for April 27th and April 28th

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

- The First Nations Health Authority is promoting National Immunization Week (April 25 – May 2) and has provided a statement in support of this which includes the following:⁴
 - With all the new rules about staying at home because of the pandemic, you may be wondering if you should be continuing with your child's regular immunization schedule. The short answer to this question is, "YES!"
 - The safe, continuous delivery of regular immunization programs is an essential service, even during the pandemic – perhaps even more so.
 - Immunizations are an important part of protecting people, and in particular infants and young children, from infectious, vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles.
 - Be assured that immunization clinics remain open, with some new rules in place to keep you, your children and health care workers safe.
 - These include having only one adult accompany the child, not coming in if you're sick, and practising physical distancing.
 - You can call ahead to your health care provider if you have questions.
 - The full statement can be found at: <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/national-immunization-awareness-week-2020>
- No significant updates from the Province of BC.

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

- Today, Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley, has provided the following updates:⁵
 - The case count remains at 11 cases of COVID-19 in the territory.
 - New testing criteria that was announced April 24th was shared with health care professionals over the weekend.
 - Testing is now increased to include people who have a broader range of symptoms and who have travelled outside Yukon.
 - Testing has been opened to people who have not travelled. This allows for testing of people from vulnerable populations including residents in long-term care homes and marginalized citizens who struggle with housing and day-to-day living.
 - April 25 to May 2 is National Immunization Awareness Week.
 - It is important to keep routine immunizations for children up to date. Delaying or missing scheduled vaccines puts children at risk for common and serious childhood infections.

⁴ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/national-immunization-awareness-week-2020>

⁵ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/april-28-2020-yukons-chief-medical-officer-health-provides-update-covid-19>

- Strategies are in place across all Yukon health care centres to continue to deliver these services safely.
- The Yukon government has launched a new campaign this week to remind residents that if they are ill, they can still call their doctor, visit a health centre or go to the Emergency Department.
 - The numbers of physician, health centre and emergency visits have dropped in recent weeks and there is concern that people who may be really ill or have legitimate health concerns are putting off calls or visits because of COVID-19.
- Regarding lifting of COVID-19 restrictions:
 - Planning for Yukon's opening up strategy is underway led by the Premier's office and following a public health framework developed by the Chief Medical Officer of Health, in coordination with federal and jurisdictional counterparts.
 - Changes will be implemented locally based on local circumstances, recognizing the different situations in each jurisdiction.
 - All closures and operating requirements will be reviewed as part of Yukon's opening plan.

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 released a joint statement by the First Ministers (representing the federal, provincial, and territorial governments) of common principles for restarting the Canadian economy. This includes:⁶
 - The importance of restarting the economy through a gradual approach that protects the health of Canadians, including high-risk groups, as well as the need to ensure public health capacity for future waves of the virus, while at the same time continuing to support a range of economic sectors and Canadian workers.
 - Acknowledgement that provinces and territories will take different steps at different times in order to ease restrictions, reflecting the specific circumstances in each jurisdiction.
 - The statement identifies four main principles, including:
 - Taking a science and evidence-based approach to decision-making.
 - Coordination and collaboration between all jurisdictions.
 - Continued accountability and transparency of all governments.
 - Flexibility and proportionality as information changes over time.
 - The statement also identifies the criteria and measures that need to be in place in order to begin to take steps to restart the economy:

⁶ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/28/prime-minister-releases-joint-statement-first-ministers-restarting>

- COVID-19 transmission is controlled, so new cases are contained at a level that our health care system can manage.
 - Sufficient public health capacity is in place to test, trace, isolate, and control the spread of the virus.
 - Expanded health care capacity exists to support all needs, including COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 patients.
 - Supports are in place for vulnerable groups, communities, and key populations. This includes the protection of seniors, residents of group living facilities, workers in close quarters, homeless people, and Indigenous people and those living in remote locations, health care workers and other essential workers, and inmates.
 - Support and monitoring of workplace protocols are in place to keep Canadians safe at their jobs and prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19.
 - Restrictions on non-essential travel are eased and managed in a coordinated manner.
 - Communities are supported in managing local disease activity, including in childcare, schools, and public transportation, and industry and economic sectors are engaged to support the health of Canadians, reduced viral activity, and protection of the economy as it restarts.
- The top priority is keeping all Canadians safe during this challenging time.

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