

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 3 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>	As of April 2	As of April 3	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	149	<b>146</b>	-3
Currently in intensive care	68	<b>64</b>	-4
Total deaths in BC	31	<b>35</b>	4
Total recovered in BC	641	<b>673</b>	32
<b>Total Confirmed Cases in BC</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>53</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	As of April 2	As of April 3	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	525	<b>541</b>	16
Fraser Health	386	<b>412</b>	26
Island Health	72	<b>74</b>	2
Interior Health	121	<b>126</b>	5
Northern Health	17	<b>21</b>	4
<b>Total Confirmed Cases in BC</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Total individuals tested in BC</b>	<b>45,966</b>	<b>47,352</b>	<b>1,386</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	As of April 1	As of April 3	Change
<b>Total individuals tested</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
Recovered cases	-	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Negative results	690	<b>694</b>	4
Pending results	26	<b>53</b>	64

<sup>1</sup> Dr. B Henry via live press conference 3:00pm 4/3/2020

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/case-counts-press-statements>

<sup>3</sup> <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- The Provincial Government has announced emergency funding for Indigenous students in the form of \$1.5 million to supplement the Indigenous Emergency Assistance Fund.<sup>4</sup> This funding is to support students with:
  - Living expenses such as groceries, cell phone bills and childcare.
  - Unanticipated expenses like medical, dental and optical costs.
  - Travel costs for family crisis or community obligations.
- The Provincial Government has formed a new Economic Recovery Task Force that will bring together leaders from First Nations, business, labour and not-for-profits.<sup>5</sup> This group will:
  - Help ensure the Province's economic response is effective and responsive to the needs of British Columbians.
  - Advise cross-government economic response.
  - Ensure the benefits of provincial programs are reaching their intended targets.
  - Ensure information is available to workers and member organizations.
  - Begin to discuss long-term economic recovery following COVID-19.

### Terrace

- On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the City of Terrace established a community economic response team with the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce, Community Futures 16/37, Kermodei Tourism, and the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine, with input from the Terrace Downtown Improvement Association.<sup>6</sup>

### Smithers

- No updates from Smithers since March 26<sup>th</sup> when a [FAQ](#) was released.<sup>7</sup>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley, shared the following:<sup>8</sup>
  - As of April 3<sup>rd</sup> there remain six cases of COVID-19 in Yukon.
  - Four of the six people who contracted COVID-19 have now recovered and all others are doing well in home-isolation.
  - Yukon continues to have no documented cases of community transmission.
  - Dr. Hanley also made the following recommendations:
    - All service providers engage with local or municipal and First Nations governments before they enter any communities
      - A Government of Yukon team is being established to support this engagement.
    - Not travelling to rural communities or outside the territory unless it's essential.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AEST0022-000623>

<sup>5</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0046-000618>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.terrace.ca/sites/default/files/docs/discover-terrace/news/20-04-02-news-release-ecdev-covid19.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.smithers.ca/news/detail/news-releases-covid-19-updates>

<sup>8</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/coronavirus-updates>

- Practicing greater hygiene and always keeping at least two meters apart from others unless they're part of the same household.
- Working from home when possible.
- Avoiding non-essential treatment at hospitals.
- Yukoners are reminded that hospitals are still very safe places to seek care. If people need to see a doctor for their illness, medical condition or injury, they should call 811 first.
- Be aware that no hospital visitors are allowed, except in limited circumstances, and that active screening is in place at the entrances to all hospital.
- On April 2, the Government of Yukon announced emergency measures and guidance to protect Yukoners from the spread of COVID-19 by introducing Civil Emergency Measures Health Protection (COVID-19) Orders.<sup>9</sup> This now ensures that orders given by the Chief Medical Officer of Health are enforceable under the *Civil Emergency Measures Act*.
  - To date, the Chief Medical Officer of Health has given several orders, including orders to:
    - Self-isolate upon return to Yukon from travel
    - Close bars
    - Define gathering size limit to 10 persons<sup>10</sup>
    - Limit restaurants to take-out service only
  - Travelers who enter Yukon by land or air are required to stop upon entry and complete a travel declaration and check in with an enforcement officer before entering the territory.
  - Non-residents who must transit through Yukon to Alaska or Northwest Territories or another part of Canada may do so but may only remain in Yukon for no more than 24 hours.
  - The requirement for self-isolation applies to all essential services workers, with a limited number of exemptions for residents of specified BC-Yukon border communities and critical service workers who must cross the border:
    - People in Atlin, Lower Post, Fraser, Jade City, Fireside or Pleasant Camp are exempt from the 14-day self-isolation period when entering Yukon, provided they have not traveled outside of Yukon or their home community in the past 14 days.
  - Everyone is advised to limit their visits to Whitehorse if possible, and to work together with neighbours to coordinate picking up groceries or supplies.
  - Violations of the orders under the *Civil Emergency Measures Act* are an offence and are punishable by a fine or imprisonment.

## Whitehorse

- No substantial updates from the city of Whitehorse.

## Watson Lake

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

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<sup>9</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/emergency-measures-and-guidance-protect-yukoners-spread-covid-19-announced-today>

<sup>10</sup> [http://www.gov.yk.ca/legislation/regs/mo2020\\_014.pdf](http://www.gov.yk.ca/legislation/regs/mo2020_014.pdf)

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- This morning, the Prime Minister announced an agreement with Amazon Canada to manage the distribution of medical supplies across the country.<sup>11</sup>
- The Prime Minister has also announced new funding support for food banks and local food organizations, to assist people and communities most vulnerable to economic uncertainty. This includes an investment of \$100 million.<sup>12</sup>
- Bill Blair, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, has released the “Guidance on Essential Services and Functions in Canada During the COVID-19 Pandemic”.<sup>13</sup> This will assist various jurisdictions and businesses in their decision-making around the types of employees considered essential to maintain the health, safety, security and economic well-being of Canadians throughout this health crisis.
  - The guidance document provides a list of services and functions across Canada’s 10 critical infrastructure sectors.
  - The guidance will support critical infrastructure employers in identifying and managing their workforce, while fostering alignment and harmonization across sectors.
  - The guidance is non-binding and advisory in nature and should not be considered to be a federal directive or standard.

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

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<sup>11</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-partners-with-amazon-to-help-get-personal-protective-equipment-to-frontline-healthcare-workers.html>

<sup>12</sup> <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/03/prime-minister-announces-support-food-banks-and-local-food>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scrtr/crtcl-nfrstrctr/esf-sfe-en.aspx>