

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 4 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 3	As of April 4	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	146	<b>149</b>	3
Currently in intensive care	64	<b>68</b>	4
Total deaths in BC	35	<b>38</b>	3
Total recovered in BC	673	<b>704</b>	31
<b>Total Confirmed Cases in BC</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>1,203</b>	<b>29</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	As of April 3	As of April 4	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	541	<b>554</b>	13
Fraser Health	412	<b>424</b>	12
Island Health	74	<b>76</b>	2
Interior Health	126	<b>128</b>	2
Northern Health	21	<b>21</b>	0
<b>Total Confirmed Cases in BC</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>1,203</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Total individuals tested in BC</b>	<b>47,352</b>	<b>48,508</b>	<b>1,156</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> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0019-000634>

<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

- Dr. Henry, BC's Provincial Health Officer, announced the formation of a new COVID-19 Strategic Research Advisory Committee today.<sup>4</sup> This committee is led by Dr. David Patrick and is supported by former provincial health officer Dr. Perry Kendall and other notable public health experts. The work of this committee includes:
  - Facilitating research efforts across the province.
  - Advising the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research, which has received \$2 million to fund research in several important public health areas.
    - This research will focus on B.C.-specific epidemiology and public health countermeasures to address some of the challenges faced by Indigenous people, rural communities, long-term care homes, inner city populations, and health-care workers.
- 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>5</sup>
- 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>6</sup>

### 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>7</sup>

### Smithers

- No significant updates from Smithers since March 26<sup>th</sup> when a [FAQ](#) was released.<sup>8</sup>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No updates have been provided since April 3<sup>rd</sup>, when Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley, shared the following:<sup>9</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.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0019-000634>

<sup>5</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AEST0022-000623>

<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0046-000618>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.terrace.ca/sites/default/files/docs/discover-terrace/news/20-04-02-news-release-ecdev-covid19.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.smithers.ca/news/detail/news-releases-covid-19-updates>

<sup>9</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/coronavirus-updates>

- Not travelling to rural communities or outside the territory unless it's essential.
- 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.

## Whitehorse

- No substantial 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

- This morning, the Prime Minister made the following announcements:<sup>10</sup>
  - Addressing COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies:
    - A charter shipment of “millions” of masks is due to arrive in the country in the next 48 hrs.
    - A warehouse has been leased in China for the federal government to collect and distribute supplies faster.
    - The government has arranged two domestic air carriers to transport these supplies.
  - He clarified where previously announced funding for vulnerable Canadians would go:
    - \$157.5 million to address the needs of Canadians experiencing homelessness
    - \$40 million to be given to Women and Gender Equality Canada (WAGE), up to \$30 million of which will address immediate needs of shelters and sexual assault centres
    - \$10 million to be provided to Indigenous Services Canada's (ISC) existing network of 46 emergency shelters on reserve and in Yukon to support Indigenous women and children fleeing violence.
- The federal government has announced an agreement with Amazon Canada to manage the distribution of medical supplies across the country.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> J. Trudeau via live press conference 08:15am 4/4/2020

<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>

- 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>12</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.

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<sup>12</sup> <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scr/crtcl-nfrstrctr/esf-sfe-en.aspx>