

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 7 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 BC¹	As of April 6	As of April 7	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	140	138	-2
Currently in intensive care	72	66	-6
Total deaths in BC	39	43	4
Total recovered in BC	783	805	22
Total Confirmed Cases in BC	1,266	1,291	25

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of April 6	As of April 7	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	586	603	17
Fraser Health	450	458	8
Island Health	79	79	0
Interior Health	128	128	0
Northern Health	23	23	0
Total Confirmed Cases in BC	1,266	1,291	25
Total individuals tested in BC	50,350	51,423	1,073

NOTE: No updates were released by Yukon government since April 3 – the numbers below represent the change over three (3) days

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of April 3	As of April 6	Change
Total individuals tested	753	775	22
Total confirmed cases	6	7	1
Recovered cases	4	4	0
Negative results	694	740	46
Pending results	53	28	-25

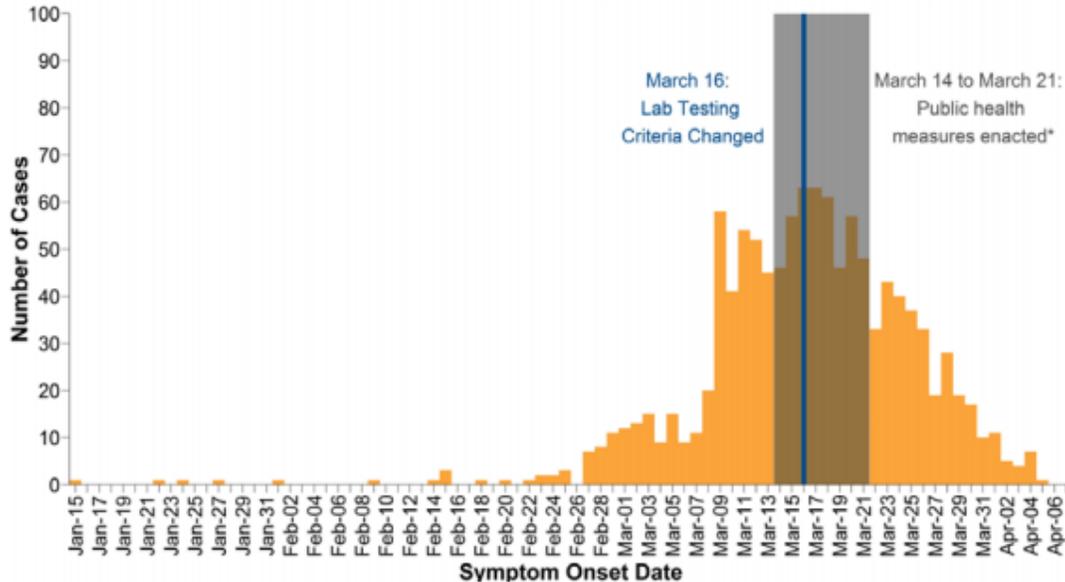
¹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0019-000649>

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

³ <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>

EPIDEMIC CURVE, CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN BC BY SYMPTOM ONSET DATE AS OF APRIL 7, 2020⁴

Figure 2: Epidemic curve, confirmed COVID-19 cases in BC by symptom onset date January 1-April 7, 2020 (N=1,148†)



† Only cases with symptom onset dates reported are included.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Given the upcoming long weekend, Dr. Henry has stated that now is not the time for people to travel to smaller BC communities and for all people to avoid unnecessary travel.⁵
- The province has received two major shipments of PPE and is working on testing new equipment sources to ensure viability of these potential supplies.⁶
- The provincial government has announced they are partnering with local governments, non-profits and the hotel industry to provide spaces for vulnerable people to self-isolate.⁷
 - To date, 900 spaces have been secured at 23 sites including hotels, motels and community centres throughout B.C.
 - These new rooms and community centre beds are assisting:
 - people experiencing homelessness
 - people without safe spaces to self-isolate and youth
 - people who have COVID-19 and need a place to self-isolate while they recover
 - patients being discharged from hospitals who do not have COVID-19 and who do not need emergency care, but still require ongoing health care.

⁴ http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/BC_Surveillance_Summary_April_7.pdf

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0019-000649>

⁶ Minister A. Dix via live press conference 03:00pm 4/7/2020

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0019-000644>

- Yesterday, the Province provided clarification on safety measures for the inland ferry system following guidelines set by Transport Canada on reducing COVID-19 hazard on ferries, including the Usk ferry on the Skeena River Northeast of Terrace.⁸

Terrace

- No significant updates from the City of Terrace.

Smithers

- The people of Smithers are advised to report any complaints of social distancing and self-isolation to the Ministry of Health at 1-888-COVID19 (1-888-268-4319).⁹
- Smithers Bylaw Enforcement Officer will also be conducting regular, pro-active patrols during the week, engaging with the public in an effort to educate them on proper social distancing requirements.¹⁰

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- The Government of Yukon’s Minister of Education, Tracy-Anne McPhee, has suspended face-to-face classes for the remainder of the 2019–20 school year.¹¹
- As of 8 a.m. on Monday, April 6, Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA) Enforcement Officers have been placed at Yukon borders and at the Whitehorse airport, including:¹²
 - At the weigh scales south of Watson Lake.
 - Fraser, BC border crossing.
 - Pleasant Camp, BC border crossing.

This is a measure to ensure that all travelers have the information they need to keep themselves and Yukoners safe from the spread of COVID-19.

Whitehorse

- No substantial updates from the city of Whitehorse.

Watson Lake

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

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TRAN0053-000640>

⁹ <http://www.smithers.ca/news/detail/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-situation-summary>

¹⁰ <http://www.smithers.ca/news/detail/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-situation-summary>

¹¹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/face-face-classes-suspended-remainder-2019-20-school-year>

¹² <https://yukon.ca/en/news/april-6-2020-yukons-chief-medical-officer-health-provides-update-covid-19>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- This morning the Prime Minister announced:¹³
 - The federal government is working with several domestic companies to produce 30,000 ventilators.
 - One of Canada's Nobel Prize-winning researchers, Dr. Art McDonald, is leading a team of scientists to develop an easy-to-produce ventilator using off-the-shelf, easily accessible parts. The goal is to develop a ventilator model to meet current needs that can be constructed quickly and reliably in Canada.
 - The Government of Canada has signed letters of intent with a total of 22 apparel manufacturers, including Arc'teryx and Canada Goose, to produce needed medical gowns for Canadian health care workers using newly-sourced Canadian material.
 - The Government of Canada has placed orders for millions of surgical masks from various companies, and is supporting work to increase capacity to produce tens of millions more surgical and N95 masks per year in Canada.
 - Canada is expecting 500,000 masks to arrive from 3M tomorrow.
 - The government has shared proposed legislation on the economic approach with opposition parties to expediate the process of passing legislation in the House of Commons.¹⁴
- The Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health has released the following information regarding non-medical masks:¹⁵
 - Wearing a non-medical mask (e.g., homemade cloth mask) in the community has not been proven to protect the person wearing it.
 - However, the use of a non-medical mask or facial covering can be an additional measure you can take to protect others around you and to prevent your respiratory droplets from contaminating others or landing on surfaces.
 - Non-medical masks or facial coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
 - Wearing a non-medical mask when in public or other settings is not a replacement for following proven measures such as hand washing and physical distancing.
 - Masks can become contaminated on the outside or when touched by hands.
 - Avoid moving the mask around or adjusting it often.
 - Masks should not be shared with others.
- The Minister of Canadian Heritage, announced today that the Government of Canada is investing \$3 million in several organizations through the Digital Citizen Initiative's Digital Citizen Contribution Program.¹⁶

¹³ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/07/prime-minister-announces-production-more-medical-supplies-and>

¹⁴ J. Trudeau via live press conference 08:15 am 4/7/2020

¹⁵ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/04/ccmoh-communication-use-of-non-medical-masks-or-facial-coverings-by-the-public.html>

¹⁶ <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2020/04/supporting-canadians-to-think-critically-about-online-health-information.html>

- This funding will help combat false and misleading COVID-19 information as well as the racism and stigmatization that are often the result.
- Yesterday morning the Prime Minister announced the following:¹⁷
 - The Canada Emergency Response Benefit has opened to applicants.
 - The Minister of Finance has worked with Canadian banks and credit unions to reduce interest rates on credit cards by nearly 50%.
 - The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the federal government have formed the Canadian Business Resilience Network.
 - This organization will help businesses of all size to get through the crisis and recover afterward.

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¹⁷ J. Trudeau via live press conference 08:15 am 4/6/2020