

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 8 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 7	As of April 8	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	138	135	-3
Currently in intensive care	66	61	-5
Total deaths in BC	43	48	5
Total recovered in BC	805	838	33
Total Confirmed Cases in BC	1,291	1,336	45

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of April 7	As of April 8	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	603	615	12
Fraser Health	458	487	29
Island Health	79	81	2
Interior Health	128	130	2
Northern Health	23	23	0
Total Confirmed Cases in BC	1,291	1,336	45
Total individuals tested in BC	51,423	52,412	989

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 6	As of April 8	Change
Total individuals tested	775	794	22
Total confirmed cases	7	8	1
Recovered cases	4	4	0
Negative results	740	767	27
Pending results	28	19	-9

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>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- The Province is introducing new measures to make sure British Columbians returning home from international destinations have the support they need to self-isolate and keep their communities safe from COVID-19.⁴
 - Effective immediately, international travellers (including from the United States) coming to the province are required to provide a self-isolation plan before or upon arrival to B.C., regardless of their point of entry to Canada.
 - This document, which can be submitted online or completed in person on arrival, must show that returning travellers have supports in place to safely self-isolate for 14 days.
 - Beginning Friday, April 10, 2020, provincial officials will be on hand at the Vancouver International Airport and major land border crossings to make sure self-isolation plans are complete and to assist those who need it.
 - If a traveller does not have a self-isolation plan or is unable to safely carry one out as determined by officials, they may be transported or sent to an accommodation provided by government where they can safely complete their 14-day self-isolation.
- Given the upcoming long weekend, Dr. Henry has reiterated that now is not the time for people to travel to smaller BC communities and for all people to avoid unnecessary travel.⁵
- BC Parks is immediately closing all provincial parks in response to the widespread call for increased action to address COVID-19.⁶
 - The decision to close the park system is informed by continued feedback from RCMP, local government, First Nations, local search-and-rescue organizations and the general public.
 - BC Parks is also extending the ban on all camping in provincial parks until May 31, 2020.
- The province has received two major shipments of PPE and is working on testing new equipment sources to ensure viability of these potential supplies.⁷
- 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.⁸

Terrace

- No updates from the City of Terrace.

Smithers

- No significant updates from the Town of Smithers since April 6th when it was announced that Bylaw Enforcement Officers will also be conducting regular, pro-active patrols during the week and engaging with the public in an effort to educate them on proper social distancing requirements.⁹

⁴ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0019-000657>

⁵ Dr. B. Henry via live press conference 03:00pm 4/8/2020

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020ENV0019-000645>

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

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0019-000644>

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

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley has provided the following updates:¹⁰
 - As of today, April 8, at 3 p.m. the number of cases of COVID-19 in Yukon is eight.
 - Four of the eight people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have now recovered and no one has had to go to a hospital.
 - When a case is diagnosed in a rural community, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health will not publicly identify the community.
 - This commitment is made for several reasons including the need to protect the personal health information and privacy of the individual and anyone affected.
 - Yukoners are reminded to do what they can to help stop the spread of COVID-19 over the Easter weekend so the territory remains free of known community transmission.
- 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:¹¹
 - At the weigh scales south of Watson Lake.
 - Fraser, BC border crossing.
 - Pleasant Camp, BC border crossing.

Whitehorse

- No 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 announced:¹²
 - He will be asking the Opposition to reconvene Parliament to pass legislation.
 - Cabinet will be meeting this afternoon to discuss next steps.
 - The Canada Student Jobs grant will be offering a 100% subsidy to hiring students and extend the season into the winter. This will include part-time work.
 - 500,000 masks from 3M arrived over night as promised.
- Finance Minister Bill Morneau provided further details on the eligibility criteria for businesses to access the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS).¹³
 - The proposed CEWS would provide a strong incentive for employers to pay employees who have been sent home for health and safety reasons or due to lack of work.
 - The proposed CEWS would apply at a rate of 75 per cent of the first \$58,700 normally earned by employees – representing a benefit of up to \$847 per week, per employee.

¹⁰ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/april-8-2020-yukons-chief-medical-officer-health-provides-update-covid-19>

¹¹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/april-6-2020-yukons-chief-medical-officer-health-provides-update-covid-19>

¹² J. Trudeau via live press conference 08:20 am 4/8/2020

¹³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/government-provides-further-flexibility-for-employers-to-access-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html>

- The program would be in place for a 12-week period, from March 15 to June 6, 2020.
- Employers of all sizes and across all sectors of the economy would be eligible, with certain exceptions including public sector entities.
- An eligible employer's entitlement to this wage subsidy will be based entirely on the salary or wages actually paid to employees.
- All employers would be expected to make best efforts to bring employees' wages to their pre-crisis levels.
- The Government is proposing that employers eligible for the CEWS be entitled to receive a 100-per-cent refund for certain employer-paid contributions to Employment Insurance, the Canada Pension Plan, and plans in Quebec.
- It is proposed that all employers have the flexibility to compare their revenue of March, April and May 2020 to that of the same month of 2019, or to an average of their revenue earned in January and February 2020.
- For March, the Government proposes to make the CEWS more accessible than originally announced by reducing the 30-per-cent benchmark to 15 per cent, in recognition of the fact that many businesses did not begin to be affected by the crisis until partway through the month.
- Further details available at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/additional-details-on-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html>
- The Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health has released the following information regarding non-medical masks:¹⁴
 - 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.

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

¹⁴ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/04/ccmoh-communication-use-of-non-medical-masks-or-facial-coverings-by-the-public.html>