

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 9 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 8	As of April 9	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	135	<b>132</b>	<b>-3</b>
Currently in intensive care	61	<b>68</b>	<b>7</b>
Total deaths in BC	48	<b>50</b>	<b>2</b>
Total recovered in BC	838	<b>858</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Total Confirmed Cases in BC</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>34</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	As of April 8	As of April 9	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	615	<b>626</b>	<b>11</b>
Fraser Health	487	<b>508</b>	<b>21</b>
Island Health	81	<b>82</b>	<b>1</b>
Interior Health	130	<b>130</b>	<b>0</b>
Northern Health	23	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Confirmed Cases in BC</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Total individuals tested in BC</b>	<b>52,412</b>	<b>53,505</b>	<b>1,093</b>

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

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	As of April 6	As of April 8	Change
<b>Total individuals tested</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>
Recovered cases	4	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
Negative results	740	<b>767</b>	<b>27</b>
Pending results	28	<b>19</b>	<b>-9</b>

<sup>1</sup> A. Dix via live press conference 03:00pm 4/9/2020

<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

- Adrian Dix, Minister of Health for British Columbia, and Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health for Alberta, have issued a joint statement asking residents of both provinces to stay home this weekend.<sup>4</sup>
- Minister Dix also announced today a few items regarding procurement of personal protective equipment (PPE):<sup>5</sup>
  - PPE is being sourced from a variety of new providers and suppliers, including China. Any and all PPE is being inspected before being released into the health care system.
  - This last week BC received:
    - Donations of 100,000 surgical masks, 83,000 N95 masks, 10,000 goggles, 20,000 gloves.
    - Purchased 800,000 surgical masks, 157,000 isolation gowns, 85,000 pairs of gloves, 54,000 N95 masks.
    - 900,000 surgical masks and 36,000 N95 masks from the Government of Canada.
- The Provincial Government has announced that renters who are experiencing a loss of income during the COVID-19 pandemic can now apply for the Province's new temporary rental supplement.<sup>6</sup>
- The Province announced on April 8<sup>th</sup> that they are 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.<sup>7</sup>
  - 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.
  - 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.

### Terrace

- No significant updates from the City of Terrace.

### Smithers

- No significant updates from the Town of Smithers

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<sup>4</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0127-000665>

<sup>5</sup> A. Dix via live press conference 03:00pm 4/9/2020

<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0050-000669>

<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0019-000657>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Yukon businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic will receive funding from the Government of Yukon to cover fixed business costs, including rent, utilities and business insurance.<sup>8</sup>
  - The Yukon Business Relief Program will help Yukon businesses that have experienced a 30 per cent reduction in revenue and require immediate relief.
  - Eligible businesses can apply for a grant of up to \$30,000 per month to cover fixed costs from March 23 to May 22, 2020.
  - The program is in line with the recommendation from the recently established Business Advisory Council.
- On April 8<sup>th</sup> Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley provided the following updates:<sup>9</sup>
  - As of 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.

### Whitehorse

- No significant updates from the city of Whitehorse.

### Watson Lake

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

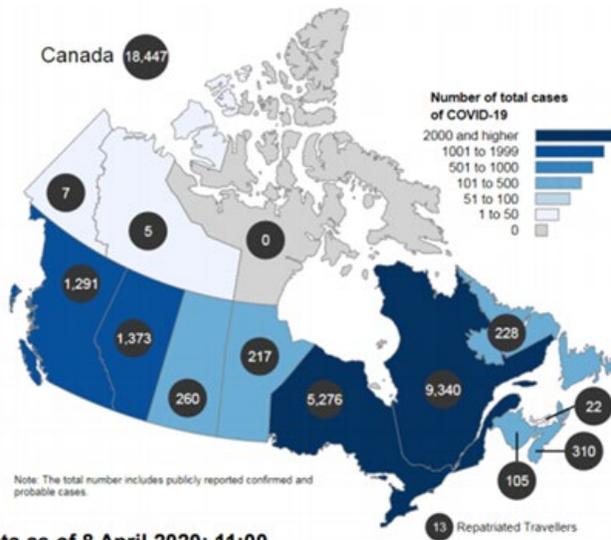
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<sup>8</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/yukon-businesses-receive-relief-funding>

<sup>9</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/april-8-2020-yukons-chief-medical-officer-health-provides-update-covid-19>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

### The situation today – a snapshot



Severity indicator	Total number	%
Deaths	401	2.2% of 18,447 (all cases)
Hospitalizations	1,118	19% of 5,823 (case reports)
Admissions to ICU	326	6% of 5,823 (case reports)

- **94% of cases are in four provinces:** Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta
- **98% of deaths are in four provinces:** Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, Alberta
- **At least 198 deaths** among residents of long-term care homes

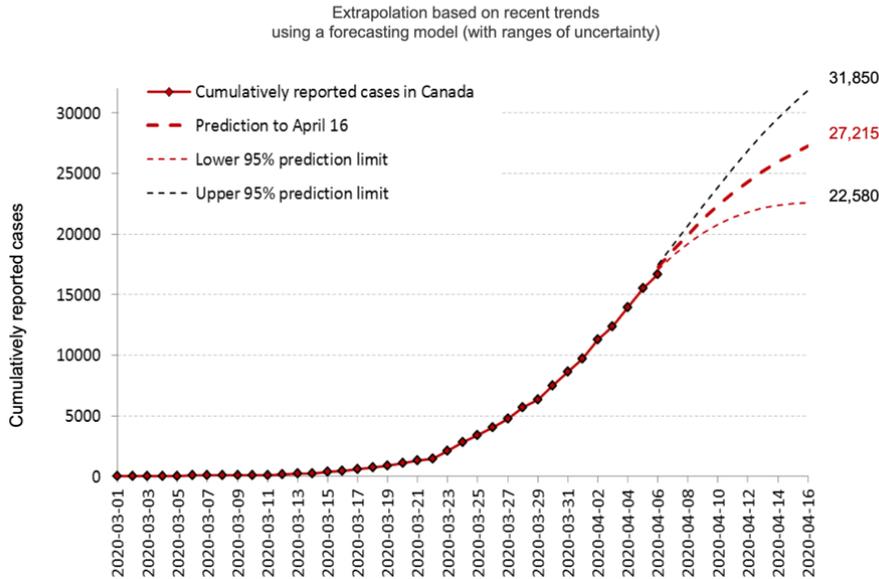
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- This morning the Federal Government released new modelling data on the COVID-19 epidemic.<sup>10</sup> The modelling attempts to show how the epidemic might unfold over the coming months based on knowledge of how the virus behaves and the potential impact of public health measures.<sup>11</sup>
  - The data tell us that the measures we are taking now—physical (social) distancing, self-isolation of cases, quarantine of contacts, and preventing importation of infection from other countries—remain essential to controlling Canada’s COVID-19 epidemic.
  - It is important to recognize that models have inherent limitations (e.g., simulate controlled scenarios, not real world).
  - The full report can be viewed [here](#).
- Two modelling approaches are utilized:
  - Forecasting models use data to estimate how many new cases we might expect to see in the coming week.
  - Dynamic models show how the epidemic might unfold over the coming months, using knowledge of how the virus behaves and of the potential impact of public health measures.

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/04/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-the-release-of-national-modelling-on-the-covid-19-epidemic-in-canada.html>

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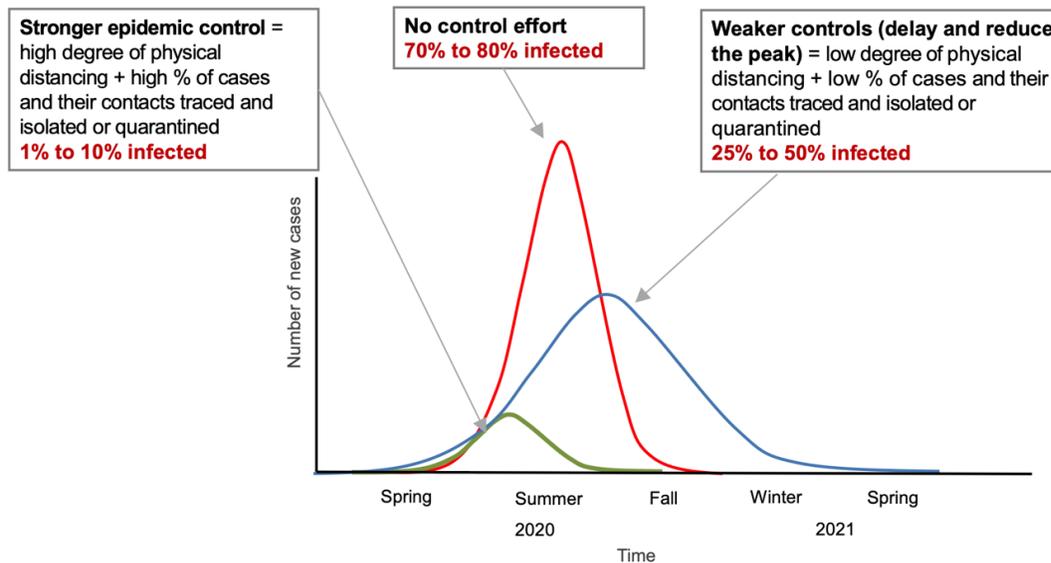
## Forecasting the short-term epidemic trajectory



- 22,580 to 31,850 cases by April 16
- This could result in approximately 500-700 deaths by April 16

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## Modelled scenarios show impact of public health measures



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- Statistics Canada has released a stark report on employment in Canada, as a result of COVID-19.<sup>12</sup>
  - In March, the number of employed people fell by more than one million (-1,011,000 or -5.3%) across the country.
  - The employment rate, or the proportion of people aged 15 and older who were employed, fell 3.3 percentage points to 58.5%.
  - This is the lowest employment rate since April 1997.
  - The employment decline in March was larger than in any of three significant recessions experienced since 1980.
  - In March, the "recent labour underutilization rate" was 23.0%, meaning about one-quarter of the potential labour force was fully or partially underutilized.
    - In comparison, this rate was 12.8% at the peak of the 2008/2009 recession, highlighting the depth of the impact of COVID-19 on the Canadian labour market.
  - In the first quarter of 2020, the number of people employed in Yukon edged down by an estimated 100 people, compared with the final quarter of 2019.
    - Employment as a percentage of the population aged 15 and older fell slightly by 0.6 percentage points to 70.0%.
    - Over the same period, the unemployment rate fell from 4.5% in the final quarter of 2019 to 3.2% in the first quarter of 2020.
- Minister Morneau and Minister Ng have launched the Canada Emergency Business Account.<sup>13</sup>
  - Starting today, small business owners can apply for support from the Canada Emergency Business Account through their banks and credit unions.
  - Eligible small business and non-profit organizations can get interest-free loans of up to \$40,000. If the loan is repaid by December 31, 2022, 25% of it will be forgiven, up to \$10,000. These loans are fully funded by the Government of Canada.
- Other notable updates from earlier in the week.:<sup>14</sup>
  - 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.
  - The proposed Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (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. 15
  - Further details are available at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/04/additional-details-on-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html>

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

<sup>12</sup> <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/200409/dq200409a-eng.htm?HPA=1>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/04/minister-morneau-and-minister-ng-mark-the-launch-of-the-canada-emergency-business-account.html>

<sup>14</sup> J. Trudeau via live press conference 08:20 am 4/8/2020

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/04/government-provides-further-flexibility-for-employers-to-access-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html>