

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 5 May 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 federally, provincially or locally.*

### COVID-19 CASE COUNTS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE YUKON

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of May 4</b>	<b>As of May 5</b>	<b>Change</b>
Currently hospitalized in BC	77	78	1
Currently in intensive care	20	21	1
Total deaths in BC	117	121	4
Total recovered in BC	1,417	1,472	55
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>2,224</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>8</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of May 4</b>	<b>As of May 5</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	845	849	4
Fraser Health	1,027	1,031	4
Island Health	124	124	0
Interior Health	177	177	0
Northern Health	51	51	0
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>2,224</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total individuals tested in BC</b>	<b>96,517</b>	<b>98,199</b>	<b>1,682*</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of May 4</b>	<b>As of May 5</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total individuals tested</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,010	1,012	2
Pending results	7	18	11

\* The BCCDC has reported 1,661 new tests but this does not align with the difference in reported tests for May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

<sup>2</sup> <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- The Province is launching a digital registration system for Emergency Support Services (ESS).<sup>4</sup>
  - The new platform will be available for communities to provide evacuee self-registration, digital registration and referrals, and basic reporting.
- The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) has announced today that it has shipped over 150,000 pieces of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) across the province.<sup>5</sup>
  - Corporate Services has shipped PPE to regional offices in Prince George, Oyster Bay, Kamloops, West Vancouver and Chilliwack, where regional team members redistribute to first responders and health care professionals in the communities.
  - The items are supplied by the Government of Canada, Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) and include some donations from local business such as retailer, Lush Cosmetics.
- Yesterday, on May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Provincial Government and Dr. Henry announced new modelling data for the pandemic in BC.<sup>6</sup> In addition to this data, Dr. Henry added the following comments at her daily briefing:<sup>7</sup>
  - “Our dynamic modelling shows us that we have been able to put the brakes on COVID-19, but we haven't stopped the car. It also highlights that we must maintain safe physical distancing to keep our curve flat.”
  - “In the 30-60 year age range, more women than men have been impacted by COVID-19.”
  - “When looking at the percentage of population hospitalized, there is a greater number hospitalized in the older population, and more men than women.”
  - “Men are more likely to have more severe illness, require hospitalization or die as a result of COVID-19.”
- The Key Principles for Going Forward are:<sup>8</sup>
  - Staying informed, being prepared and following public health advice.
  - Practicing good hygiene.
  - Staying at home and away from others if feeling ill.
  - Maintaining physical distancing outside the household.
  - When physical distancing is not possible, make situations safer (increased spacing indoors or on transit, use of plexiglass in stores).
  - When physical distancing is not possible, considering the use of non-medical masks.
  - Increasing cleaning at home and work.
  - Reducing personal non-essential travel.

<sup>4</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0025-000813>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/fnha-ships-over-150-000-pieces-of-personal-protective-equipment-across-the-province>

<sup>6</sup> [https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Covid-19\\_May4\\_PPP.pdf](https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Covid-19_May4_PPP.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0025-000816>

<sup>8</sup> [https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Covid-19\\_May4\\_PPP.pdf](https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Covid-19_May4_PPP.pdf)

## Terrace

- No significant updates from the City of Terrace.

## Smithers

- No significant updates from the Town of Smithers.

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley, has provided the following update:<sup>9</sup>
  - Modelling shows that because Yukoners have followed the six steps to staying safe, the spread of COVID-19 in the territory has successfully been reduced.
  - If restrictions had not been put in place, modelling shows an expected 2,500 cases of COVID-19 by May 1. Instead there have only been only 11 cases.
  - Modelling also anticipated approximately 150 people to be in a hospital by May 1.
  - No one in Yukon infected by COVID-19 has had to go to a hospital and, on average, there are 28 unoccupied hospital beds every day.
  - A gradual and evidence-based approach, specific to Yukon circumstances will be taken, for easing restrictions.
  - Due to performance problems, the expected receipt of the Spartan Cube machines (portable, rapid COVID-19 testing machines) ordered from the federal government, Health Canada will no longer be supplying the machines.
  - Yukoners are encouraged to continue to practice the six steps to staying safe:
    1. Physical distancing.
    2. Regular hand washing.
    3. Staying home when sick.
    4. Not gathering in groups of more than 10.
    5. Avoiding travel to communities.
    6. Self-isolating when required.

## 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>9</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/may-5-2020-yukons-chief-medical-officer-health-provides-update-covid-19>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Prime Minister Trudeau announced an investment of more than \$252 million to support farmers, food businesses, and food processors.<sup>10</sup> The government intends to propose an additional \$200 million in borrowing capacity for the sector.
- On May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Prime Minister joined other global leaders to launch the Coronavirus Global Response.<sup>11</sup>
  - This online pledging event aims to raise more than \$8 billion (USD) to help researchers and innovators develop solutions to test, treat, and protect people, and to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.
  - To date, the Government of Canada has announced investments of over \$850 million (CAD) that support this fundraising target.

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

<sup>10</sup> <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/05/supporting-canadas-farmers-food-businesses-and-food-supply>

<sup>11</sup> <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/04/canada-and-international-partners-launch-coronavirus-global-response>