

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 6 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 5</b>	<b>As of May 6</b>	<b>Change</b>
Currently hospitalized in BC	78	74	-4
Currently in intensive care	21	19	-2
Total deaths in BC	121	124	3
Total recovered in BC	1,472	1,494	22
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>2,255</b>	<b>23</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of May 5</b>	<b>As of May 6</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	849	852	3
Fraser Health	1,031	1,046	15
Island Health	124	124	0
Interior Health	177	179	2
Northern Health	51	54	3
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>2,255</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Total individuals tested in BC</b>	<b>98,199</b>	<b>100,093</b>	<b>1,894*</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of May 5</b>	<b>As of May 6</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total individuals tested</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>1,054</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	1,012	1,010	-2
Pending results	18	33	15

\* The BCCDC has reported 1,731 new tests but this does not align with the difference in reported tests for May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 6<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

- Today, BC Premier Horgan, Health Minister Dix and Provincial Health Officer (PHO) Dr. Henry, held a press conference to update the public on the latest efforts to combat COVID-19 in BC and to outline the path for re-opening the province.<sup>4</sup> This conference included the following points about the Restart Plan:
  - Must maintain discipline in order to progress with the Restart Plan.
  - Restart Plan details are informed by health experts, common sense and practical decision making.
  - Will not move ahead unless it is safe to do so.
  - The Restart Plan has Four Phases toward a “new normal”, which will be advised by the PHO.
  - The Phases will be spaced out by intervals of 2-4 weeks.
  - 3 Areas of Action:
    - Personal Care
    - Social Interaction
    - Economic Activity gradually phased in
  - Currently, we are in Phase 1 and have avoided a complete shut-down.
    - We already have safe processes to allow essential work to continue.
  - In the weeks ahead BC will move in to Phase 2 of the Restart Plan.
    - Phase 2 has 5 Principles:
      - **Personal Hygiene** (i.e. handwashing, covering mouth when sneezing/coughing)
      - **Stay Home If You Are Sick** (i.e. staying home even if you have a slight cough or fever)
      - **Environmental Hygiene** (i.e. frequent cleaning, enhanced sanitation for high-touch areas)
      - **Safe Social Interactions** (i.e. maintaining social distancing when meeting others, keeping group numbers less than six)
      - **Physical Modifications** (i.e. spacing in rooms/transit, room design, plexiglass barriers)
    - Small gatherings with physical distancing will be allowed.
      - Social circle decisions should be based on your age, occupation and the health of the people you live with.
      - Keep social circles tight and make safe decisions while maintaining social distancing.
    - Large gatherings are still prohibited.
    - Elective surgery, dentistry, chiropractic, physiotherapy and in-person counselling may resume.
    - Provincial Parks to re-open for day use.
      - Physical distancing and large group limitations will remain in place.

<sup>4</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0026-000826>

- This is not the time for road trips for hikes or holidays, you should only visit parks in your local area.
- Retail businesses to re-open in compliance with guidelines produced by Health Officers and WorkSafeBC.
  - WorkSafeBC is currently developing industry-specific guidance to help employers bring workers and customers back safely.
- Expanded in-person schooling will be available for K-12.
  - Will not force anyone back in the classroom now.
- Classes will resume for Fall 2020.
- Phase 3 will include reopening:
  - More parks, camping
  - Film and TV production
  - Movie theatres
  - Hotels, resorts and spas
- Phase 4 is conditional on one of:
  1. A vaccine becoming available.
  2. Community immunity achieved.
  3. Other broad, successful treatment.
  - Once conditions are met then large gatherings, such as concerts and conventions will be allowed.
- Principles and Values of the Restart Plan:
  - Strong health controls (testing, hygiene, tracing and isolation).
  - Strong border controls (quarantine and limiting non-essential travel).
  - Supportive local businesses (zero tolerance for illness in the workplace).
  - Working together as communities and as a province.
- The Restart Plan (Phase 2) will likely begin May 19<sup>th</sup>
- The First Nations Health Authority today shared a note from Dr. Nel Wieman and Dr. Kelsey Louie, FNHA Office of the Chief Medical Officer.<sup>5</sup> Highlights include:
  - There have been dramatic decreases in emergency room visits over the past weeks which may indicate that BC residents are not going to the hospital when they need to.
  - The physicians want to reassure the public that the provincial health system is doing well and is not overwhelmed by people with COVID-19.
  - The physicians also want to emphasize that if you do require hospital care, whether it is COVID-19-related or not, please go to the hospital.
  - Delays in going to the hospital can contribute to a number of unintended consequences including poorer health outcomes, health issues significantly worsening, and the potential for other complications.
  - The primary health care system has the capacity to serve you due to the great work that we are all doing to “flatten the curve.”
  - Please seek urgent care for physical or mental health issues when you need it.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/your-health-and-wellness-matter>

## 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

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory.

## Whitehorse

- No significant 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

- The Competition Bureau of Canada has announced it is:<sup>6</sup>
  - Warning all businesses against making false or misleading claims that their products and services can prevent, treat or cure COVID-19.
  - Actively monitoring the marketplace and taking action to stop potentially deceptive claims that could give Canadians a false impression that products or services can treat COVID-19 infections or protect against the coronavirus.
  - Issuing direct compliance warnings to a variety of businesses across Canada to stop potentially deceptive claims, including warnings against:
    - Making claims that herbal remedies, bee-related products, vitamins, vegetables or other food and drink products can prevent COVID-19 infections.
    - Making claims—without first conducting the testing required by law—that certain UV and ozone air sterilization systems, as well as certain air filters or air purifiers, will effectively kill or filter out the virus.
    - The businesses included a major national retailer and businesses located in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Québec and New Brunswick.
    - Most of the businesses have taken corrective action, pulling products that raised concerns from their shelves or stopping the claims.
    - The Bureau continues to monitor the situation and will take further action as needed.
  - Businesses could face severe financial penalties and jail time if their marketing practices do not comply with the law.

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/competition-bureau/news/2020/05/competition-bureau-cracking-down-on-deceptive-marketing-claims-about-covid-19-prevention-or-treatment.html>

- The Bureau is coordinating its efforts with Health Canada—which has not yet approved any product to prevent, treat or cure COVID-19—as well as a variety of other Canadian and international law enforcement partners.

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