

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 7 May 2020

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE YUKON

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of May 6	As of May 7	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	74	76	2
Currently in intensive care	19	20	1
Total deaths in BC	124	126	2
Total recovered in BC	1,494	1,512	18
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,255	2,288	33

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of May 6	As of May 7	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	852	865	13
Fraser Health	1,046	1,064	18
Island Health	124	126	2
Interior Health	179	179	0
Northern Health	54	54	0
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,255	2,288	33
Total individuals tested in BC	100,093	102,710	2,617*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of May 6	As of May 7	Change
Total individuals tested	1,054	1,065	11
Total confirmed cases	11	11	0
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,010	1,040	30
Pending results	33	14	-19

* The BCCDC has reported 2,470 new tests but this does not align with the difference in reported tests for May 6th and May 7th.

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

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

³ <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today the Province of BC announced that surgeries that were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic are starting back up as part of a massive surgical renewal plan.⁴
 - This plan will include calling patients, adding new capacity, and hiring and training staff.
 - By May 18, 2020, an estimated 30,000 non-urgent scheduled surgeries will have either been postponed or left on a waitlist due to COVID-19.
 - A further 24,000 patients could also be without a referral to a waitlist.
 - The actions taken under the plan will ensure the health system can keep up with demand for new surgeries and clear the existing COVID-19 backlog in the next 17 to 24 months.
- The details of the BC Restart Plan were published today.⁵ The Plan highlights how the Protective measures we've taken in BC have made a difference – we have the lowest mortality of any jurisdiction in North America or Europe with a population of more than five million.
 - The Restart Plan has Four Phases toward a “new normal”, which will be advised by the PHO and will be spaced out by intervals of 2-4 weeks. Phase 2 will likely begin May 19th.
 - Currently, we are in Phase 1.
 - In the weeks ahead BC will move in to Phase 2 of the Restart Plan with these 5 Principles:
 - **Personal Hygiene**
 - **Stay Home If You Are Sick**
 - **Environmental Hygiene**
 - **Safe Social Interactions**
 - **Physical Modifications**
 - Phase 3 will include reopening: parks, camping; film and TV production; Movie theatres; Hotels, resorts and spas.
 - Phase 4 is conditional on one of: A vaccine becoming available; Community immunity achieved; Other broad, successful treatment.
- The First Nations Health Authority today shared some information regarding youth mental health support options during the COVID-19 pandemic:⁶
 - Recently, FNHA's youth advisory committee, Life Promotion for All My Relations, gathered over a video-call to discuss challenges and to share how they are maintaining their mental wellness during these unusual times.
 - One of the youth on the advisory committee is a supporter of Foundry, which is a provincial initiative that provides counselling and wellness services for youth.
 - Foundry has recently expanded its online services to offer counselling sessions via video, online chat and phone to ensure youth get the support they need when they need it.
 - Each session lasts anywhere from 15 – 45 minutes.

⁴ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0026-000830>

⁵ <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan>

⁶ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/young-wisdom-on-mental-health-and-wellness>

- Foundry also offers virtual peer support, primary care and family support.
- You don't need a referral or an assessment, and services are completely free and confidential.
- It's quick and easy to book an appointment, just call 1-833-FØUNDRY (FØUNDRY with a zero!) or 1-833-308-6379.
- To find out about hours of operation and services, visit <https://buff.ly/2z1wBki>

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

- The Yukon Premier Sandy Silver has stated:⁷
 - The government is cognizant that pandemic measures have had a severe impact on Yukon businesses and individuals.
 - Several businesses across the territory have begun reopening in the last week with safety precautions in place.
 - Official guidelines for safe management of customer traffic are being developed and will be available soon.
 - The Yukon's food trucks and farmers' markets have been provided with guidelines for reopening and can be expected to be operational this summer.
 - Golf courses and recycling facilities are also beginning to tentatively open their doors.
 - Good lines of communication are pivotal between business owners and staff, to ensure that all employees feel safe and ready to return to work
 - That means ensuring physical distancing rules are set up for staff within the workplace and that people who are sick stay home.
 - Provisions for workers who might need to remain at home, while their workplace reopens, is on the mind of government.
 - The Yukon is not yet in the clear, and a second wave of the virus is still a potential threat to the territory.
 - Yukoners will see a slow and incremental lift on restrictions and a timeline for relaxation is not yet available.
 - The Yukon has been modelling the effects of public health restrictions on the potential spread of the virus.
 - However, modelling is made difficult because of the Yukon's unique position, with not yet enough cases to fall on the curve.

⁷ <https://www.whitehorsestar.com/News/modelling-charted-up-to-7-000-virus-cases>

Whitehorse

- A respiratory assessment centre is open in Whitehorse to support people with acute respiratory illness who need medical assessment.⁸

Watson Lake

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

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today announced that all provinces and territories have confirmed, or are in the process of confirming, plans to cost share wage top-ups for their essential workers.⁹
 - The Government of Canada will provide up to \$3 billion in support to increase the wages of low-income essential workers.
 - Each province or territory will determine which workers would be eligible for support, and how much support they will receive.

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

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/covid-19-public-update-may-7-2020-0>

⁹ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/07/prime-minister-announces-agreements-boost-wages-essential-workers>