

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 8 May 2020

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE YUKON

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of May 7	As of May 8	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	76	73	-3
Currently in intensive care	20	20	0
Total deaths in BC	126	127	1
Total recovered in BC	1,512	1,579	67
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,288	2,315	29

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of May 7	As of May 8	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	865	866	1
Fraser Health	1,064	1,089	25
Island Health	126	**125	-1
Interior Health	179	180	1
Northern Health	54	55	1
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,288	2,315	29
Total individuals tested in BC	102,710	104,994	2,284*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of May 7	As of May 8	Change
Total individuals tested	1,065	1,075	10
Total confirmed cases	11	11	0
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,040	1,049	9
Pending results	14	15	1

* The BCCDC has reported 2,283 new tests but this does not align with the difference in reported tests for May 7th and May 8th

**Note: two cases were removed from yesterday's Island Health total due to a data error

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

- David Eby, B.C.'s Attorney General, has accepted an invitation to participate as the provincial representative on the federal government's Action Committee on Court Operations in Response to COVID-19.⁴
 - The committee will focus primarily on the immediate need to restore and stabilize court operations, including the resumption of in-person judicial processes and hearings.
 - It will also facilitate information sharing and identification of common principles and best practices.
- The First Nations Health Authority today shared some information regarding health options for parents and children during the COVID-19 pandemic.⁵
 - It can be hard to know if you should take your child into a hospital or clinic at this time. Here is some information we hope will help you make your decision:
 - Please keep up with immunizations as routine immunizations are still a vital part of a child's wellness.
 - Primary care clinics and services are also still open for business. If your local clinic is not available, or if you are without a home clinic, the FNHA has a program that enables you to visit with your doctor over the phone or on a laptop/tablet/cell phone.
 - You are still encouraged to attend your local Emergency Department or to call 911 if necessary. Be assured that hospitals have taken steps to keep you and your family safe and the BC health care system has capacity to support you.
 - Kids will still be kids – they may break bones, get cuts, or have allergic reactions during a pandemic, so please seek emergency care if needed.
- Today, during the daily COVID-19 press briefing, Dr. Henry provided the following guidance regarding Mothers Day this weekend.⁶
 - “This weekend is Mother’s Day and a time to celebrate and honour someone important to us. We can all do something special for our mothers, whether they are near or far, in your household bubble or not.”
 - “For now, avoid any close physical contact, unless your mother is in your immediate household. And if your mother is older, awaiting surgery or has an underlying illness, celebrate at a safe distance. Give your mother the gift of staying safe and healthy.”

Terrace

- No significant updates from the City of Terrace.

⁴ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AG0026-000842>

⁵ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/young-wisdom-on-mental-health-and-wellness>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0026-000847>

Smithers

- Effective May 14, 2020 all Parks within the Town of Smithers will reopen to the public, with the exception of sports fields and municipal playgrounds.⁷
- With the reopening of Parks, the following practices should be followed:
 - Stay at home and away from others if you're feeling ill.
 - Please remember to maintain "Physical Distancing".
 - Small numbers of contacts (2-6 people).
 - No handshaking or hugging outside your family.
 - Keep a safe distance (6 feet apart from the next person).
 - Please remember to practice "Good Hygiene".
 - Frequent hand washing.
 - Avoid touching face.
 - Cough or sneeze into your sleeve.
 - Consider using non-medical masks when physical distancing isn't possible.
 - Gatherings of 50 are still not permitted.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- The Yukon Territory has launched a non-medical COVID-19 information line.⁸ This will provide information about:
 - Travel and borders
 - Self-isolation and physical distancing
 - Enforcement
 - Social and economic supports for businesses and families
- The Territorial Government has released guidelines to help health care practitioners who aren't doctors and nurses to reopen their businesses.⁹ This includes:
 - Acupuncturists
 - Chiropractors
 - Naturopaths
 - Occupational therapists
 - Optometrists
 - Osteopaths
 - Physiotherapists
 - Registered massage therapists
- Under the new guidelines, practitioners will call patients 24 hours before their appointment to screen them for COVID-19 and should maintain physical distancing when they meet patients in person.

⁷ <http://www.smithers.ca/news/detail/news-releases-covid-19-updates>

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/yukon-launches-non-medical-covid-19-information-line>

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/may-8-2020-covid-19-update>

Whitehorse

- On May 7th it was announced that a respiratory assessment centre is open in Whitehorse to support people with acute respiratory illness who need medical assessment.¹⁰

Watson Lake

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

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- The Minister of Canadian Heritage, the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, today shared further details regarding the Government of Canada's April 17 announcement of temporary relief measures to support the culture, heritage and sport sectors.¹¹ This includes:
 - A total of up to \$500 million has been set aside to help alleviate the financial pressures of affected organizations.
 - Up to \$326.8 million to be administered by Canadian Heritage and divided among select departmental programs and Portfolio agencies as well as key delivery organizations. Specifically:
 - \$198.3 million will be provided to the beneficiaries of arts and culture funding via existing programs as well as other organizations with demonstrated needs;
 - \$72 million will be provided to the sport sector;
 - \$53 million will be provided to the heritage sector via the emergency component of the Museums Assistance Program; and,
 - \$55 million to be distributed by the Canada Council for the Arts.
 - \$3.5 million will be provided for COVID-related projects under the Digital Citizen Initiative.
 - \$115.8 million to support the Canadian audiovisual sector, to be distributed by the Canada Media Fund (\$88.8 million) and Telefilm Canada (\$27 million).
 - The use of the remaining funds will be assessed based on needs.

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

¹⁰ <https://yukon.ca/en/covid-19-public-update-may-7-2020-0>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2020/05/emergency-support-fund-for-cultural-heritage-and-sport-organizations-next-steps-to-support-the-industry-impacted-by-the-global-covid-19-pandemic.html>