

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 11 May 2020

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE YUKON

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of May 8	*As of May 11	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	73	66	-7
Currently in intensive care	20	18	-2
Total deaths in BC	127	130	3
Total recovered in BC	1,579	1,719	140
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,315	2,353	38

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of May 8	As of May 11	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	866	873	1
Fraser Health	1,089	1,118	25
Island Health	125	125	-1
Interior Health	180	180	1
Northern Health	55	57	1
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,315	2,353	38
Total individuals tested in BC	104,994	111,498	6,504

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of May 8	As of May 11	Change
Total individuals tested	1,075	1,094	19
Total confirmed cases	11	11	0
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,049	1,073	24
Pending results	15	10	-5

*The Province of BC reported 15 new cases on May 9th (2,330) and a further 23 new cases inclusive of May 9-10 and May 10-11 for a total of 2,353. A reminder that these statistics are not provided on Sundays (May 10th).

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

- The Government of British Columbia has announced that it is investing in northwest BC.⁴
 - The Province is investing a total of \$75 million through two programs:
 - The 2020 Northern Capital and Planning Grant provides \$50 million directly to local governments to help address their infrastructure needs and as they prepare for major resource and economic development.
 - Another \$25 million will be available to communities as they prepare for major economic development through the B.C. Northern Healthy Communities Fund, which will be administered through the Northern Development Initiative Trust.
 - The funds will be available to local governments, First Nations and non-profits in the region to support local delivery of critical services, such as health and mental health care, housing and childcare.
 - Through the Northern Capital Planning Grant, eligible local governments can expect to receive the following based on their populations and base assessments:
 - Municipalities with more than 8,000 people will receive between \$5.2 million and \$6.6 million.
 - Municipalities with fewer than 8,000 people will receive between \$300,000 and \$3.7 million.
 - Regional districts will receive between \$400,000 and \$1.6 million.
 - The B.C. Northern Healthy Communities Fund will be distributed by the Northern Development Initiative Trust through an application process.
- The BC Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness has announced that the Emerging Economy Task Force's final report has been released.⁵
 - This report is a valuable resource to help inform the province's COVID-19 pandemic economic recovery.
 - The 14-member task force has made 25 recommendations to help B.C. navigate global trends and technological advancements over the next 10 to 25 years.
 - The recommendations are presented within five key strategic priorities:
 - Embracing technology and innovation
 - Leveraging BC's green economy
 - Building a highly skilled and adaptable workforce
 - Ensuring an effective enabling ecosystem
 - Demonstrating public sector leadership
 - The task force, led by chair Kathy Kinloch, president of the BC Institute of Technology, was brought together in July 2018 to provide a better understanding of how global conditions and emerging technological advancements will shape the future of B.C.'s economy.

Terrace

- No significant updates from the City of Terrace

⁴ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0026-000850>

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020JEDC0009-000854>

Smithers

- No significant updates from the Town of Smithers since May 8th when it was announced that city owned parks will reopen May 14th.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today the Territorial Government of Yukon announced financial support to help tenants pay rent during COVID-19 through the Rent Assist program.⁶
 - Tenants living in private non-subsidized market rental housing in Yukon who have lost 30 per cent or more of their income due to COVID-19 are eligible for a grant to help cover rent from April to June 2020.
 - Eligible households can receive 50% of median market rent based on unit size using the Whitehorse median market rent:
 - \$415 per month for a bachelor, or room in a house;
 - \$500 per month for a 1 bedroom;
 - \$600 per month for a 2 bedroom; and
 - \$800 per month for a 3 bedroom or larger.
 - The grant will be paid directly to landlords on behalf of tenants.
 - This will ensure that landlords, who may also be experiencing lower income as a result of the pandemic, continue receiving partial income from their rental properties, and tenants who have had to defer paying rent will have less owing.
 - To be eligible:
 - Tenants must have lost 30 per cent or more of their income due to COVID-19.
 - They must be a Yukon resident with a residential lease for a private market rental unit for at least three months.
 - Eligible households can receive 50% of median market rent based on unit size using the Whitehorse median market rent.
 - They must have applied to other COVID-19 relief funds that they may be eligible for.
 - The short-term relief program is available retroactive to April 1 and ends on June 30, 2020.
 - Tenants who deferred rent for April and May are also able to apply to help cover their costs.

Whitehorse

- No significant updates from the City of Whitehorse

Watson Lake

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

⁶ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/new-support-will-help-tenants-pay-rent-during-covid-19>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today announced new measures to support businesses so they can keep their workers on the payroll during this pandemic.⁷ The government will:
 - Establish a Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility (LEEFF) to provide bridge financing to Canada's largest employers, whose needs during the pandemic are not being met through conventional financing.
 - The objective of this support is to help protect Canadian jobs, help Canadian businesses weather the current economic downturn, and avoid bankruptcies of otherwise viable firms where possible.
 - This support will not be used to resolve insolvencies or restructure firms, nor will it provide financing to companies that otherwise have the capacity to manage through the crisis.
 - Expand the Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP) to mid-sized companies with larger financing needs.
 - Support for mid-market businesses will include loans of up to \$60 million per company and guarantees of up to \$80 million.
 - Continue to provide financing to businesses through Farm Credit Canada, the Development Bank of Canada, and Export Development Canada, including through the Canada Account.
 - This will ensure the government is able to respond to a wide range of financing needs, including for some large employers facing higher risks, with stricter terms in order to adequately protect taxpayers.
- Indigenous Services Canada has provided information on the process being used to support northern First Nation communities in fly-in communities in Ontario and Manitoba.⁸
 - Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) has been transporting essential service personnel and supplies via carefully managed charter flights with strict health and safety measures in place.
 - The charter flights are often on airlines that already serve these communities and allow nursing and other personnel to board at terminals where the highest standard of health and safety procedures are being enforced.
 - Meanwhile, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada is working with Transport Canada and territorial governments, that are responsible for primary health care, to ensure continuity of routes for goods and essential services in the territories and Inuit Nunangat.

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

⁷ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/11/prime-minister-announces-additional-support-businesses-help-save>

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/05/indigenous-services-canada-providing-direct-air-transportation-with-strict-safety-first-health-protocol-for-essential-personnel-to-serve-fly-in-fir.html>