

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 14 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 13</b>	<b>As of May 14</b>	<b>Change</b>
Currently hospitalized in BC	59	58	-1
Currently in intensive care	14	12	-2
Total deaths in BC	132	135	3
Total recovered in BC	1,859	1,885	26
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>2,376</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>16</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of May 13</b>	<b>As of May 14</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	877	878	1
Fraser Health	1,137	1,149	12
Island Health	125	126	1
Interior Health	180	181	1
Northern Health	57	58	1
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>2,376</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total individuals tested in BC</b>	<b>114,761</b>	<b>116,764</b>	<b>*2,003</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of May 13</b>	<b>As of May 14</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total individuals tested</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,076	1,098	22
Pending results	25	10	-15

\*The BCCDC has reported 1,935 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<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 Government of BC has released guidance on public activity over the May long weekend:<sup>4</sup>
  - Now is not the time to travel for tourism or recreation. Continue to avoid non-essential travel. Do not visit vacation properties.
  - Do not go pleasure boating right now.
    - Recreational mariners are reminded to avoid non-essential trips on the water and stay close to home.
    - Each call search-and-rescue specialists respond to puts them at risk of exposure to COVID-19, as well as requiring them to use precious supplies of personal protective equipment.
  - BC Ferries is reminding people that ferries are available for essential travel only this long weekend.
  - Only visit local provincial parks or recreation sites close to home and avoid travelling to small communities.
  - Enjoy the outdoors safely.
    - Campfires are currently allowed within the BC Wildfire Service’s jurisdiction, but they must not be larger than 0.5 metres in height or width.
    - People who plan to light a campfire as they enjoy day-use activities at provincial parks and recreation sites must remember to fully extinguish it and ensure the ashes are cold to the touch before leaving the area.
    - If you must go outdoors, plan a day trip, stick close to home on well-marked trails, and make sure to pack the right provisions and clothing for the weather.
    - Throughout the long weekend, conservation officers will continue patrols to ensure public safety and protect B.C.’s environment, fish and wildlife resources.
- On May 13<sup>th</sup> the Premier of BC, John Horgan, announced that the Provincial State of Emergency has been extended through May 26<sup>th</sup>.<sup>5</sup>

### Terrace

- No significant updates from the City of Terrace

### 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 at this time.<sup>6</sup>
  - 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.

<sup>4</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0026-000870>

<sup>5</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0029-000872>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.smithers.ca/news/detail/news-releases-covid-19-updates>

- 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**

- Yukon’s Premier, Cabinet members, Council of Yukon First Nation’s Grand Chief and Yukon First Nations Chiefs met virtually today for the Yukon Forum.<sup>7</sup>
  - Leaders discussed:
    - Yukon’s reopening strategy, which will be unveiled tomorrow.
    - Health and social supports, the economy, education and treaty rights.
- Starting Friday, May 15, a new roadside information station outside of Whitehorse will ensure travellers in transit through Yukon understand their mandated route through the territory and the restrictions in place under the Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA).<sup>8</sup>
  - CEMA enforcement officers are now in place in Carmacks, Mayo, Dawson, Ross River, Faro, Haines Junction, Old Crow, Teslin and Watson Lake.
  - RCMP remain available to support enforcement in all communities and may issue fines or make arrests of those found violating the CEMA orders.
  - Orders that are enforceable under CEMA include:
    - Entry to Yukon is restricted to Yukon residents, family of Yukon residents, critical and essential workers, people transiting through the territory within 24 hours, and people exercising Aboriginal or treaty rights.
    - Gatherings are limited to 10 people or less
    - People must self-isolate for 14 days when they enter Yukon
    - Bars and restaurants must close or be open for takeout only
  - RCMP are empowered to make arrests under CEMA as of May 13. They are also tasked with enforcing the federal government’s Quarantine Act.
- The Government of Yukon has introduced temporary changes for pharmacists to ensure Yukoners can continue to safely access needed prescriptions during the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>9</sup> These new rules include:
  - Changes to how pharmacists can extend and initiate prescriptions:
    - Extend prescriptions following phone or video consult if in-person is not advisable.
    - Initiate prescriptions for certain medical conditions.

<sup>7</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/yukon-forum-focuses-covid-19>

<sup>8</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/additional-enforcement-officers-information-station-travellers-will-help-protect-yukon-covid-19>

<sup>9</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/pharmacists-have-new-practice-options-during-covid-19-pandemic-0>

- Extend prescriptions up to 30 days more than once.
- Changes to support Health Canada's temporary exemption to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act;
  - Transfer prescriptions for controlled substances to other pharmacies.
  - Arrange for delivery of controlled substances under certain circumstances.
  - Accept verbal orders from physicians for controlled substances.
  - Extend prescriptions for controlled substances.
- Changes to some licensing requirements.
- Pharmacists will use their professional discretion in deciding when to use the new practice options available to them. In making their decisions they will be guided by the need to ensure both public and patient safety.

### **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 Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today announced up to \$469.4 million in new measures to support Canada's fish harvesters, who are economically impacted by the pandemic but cannot access existing federal measures.<sup>10</sup> This includes:
  - The Fish Harvester Benefit, a program worth up to \$267.6 million, will help provide income support for this year's fishing seasons to eligible self-employed fish harvesters and sharespersons crew who cannot access the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy.
    - Support will be provided to those that experience fishing income declines of greater than 25 per cent in the 2020 tax year, compared with a reference period to be identified.
    - This measure covers 75 per cent of fishing income losses beyond a 25 per cent income decline threshold, up to a maximum individual entitlement equivalent to what is provided under the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (\$847 per week for up to 12 weeks).
  - The Fish Harvester Grant, a program worth up to \$201.8 million, to provide grants to help fish harvesters who are ineligible for the Canada Emergency Business Account or equivalent measures.
    - This will give them more liquidity to address non-deferrable business costs. The program would provide non-repayable support of up to \$10,000 to self-employed fish harvesters with a valid fishing licence.

<sup>10</sup> <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/14/prime-minister-announces-new-support-canadas-fish-harvesters>

- Size of the non-repayable support will vary depending on the level of fish harvesters' historic revenue.
- Measures or changes to Employment Insurance (EI) that would allow self-employed fish harvesters and sharepersons to access EI benefits on the basis of insurable earnings from previous seasons (winter and summer claims).
- With the upcoming Victoria Day long weekend and the warmer weather ahead, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is reminding all travellers that the travel restrictions announced in March are still in place at all of Canada's international border crossings.<sup>11</sup>
  - All travel of an optional or discretionary nature, including tourism, recreation and entertainment, is covered by these measures across all ports of entry in all modes of transportation – land, marine, air and rail.
  - Foreign nationals, including United States (U.S.) citizens, will not be allowed to enter Canada if they attempt to come for any discretionary (non-essential) travel.
  - The CBSA is also reminding boaters that crossing the border for recreation or tourism purposes is currently prohibited.
  - Canadian citizens, permanent residents and Registered Indians under the Indian Act continue to enter Canada by right, and are subject to COVID-19 entry screening measures.
  - All persons entering Canada – no matter their country of origin or mode of entry - MUST isolate themselves for 14 days if they have symptoms of or confirmed COVID-19 or quarantine themselves for 14 days if they do not have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Starting June 1, 2020, the Government of Canada will gradually resume some operations at certain national parks, national historic sites, historic waterways, and national marine conservation areas.<sup>12</sup>
  - This will include access to some trails, day use areas, and green spaces, and some access for recreational boating, as well as the gradual resumption of some key field-based ecological and cultural resource protection activities.
  - Environment and Climate Change Canada will also gradually resume some operations at selected national wildlife areas, including conservation activities and day use access for visitors on June 1, 2020.
  - Parks Canada will continue to work closely with local tourism-related businesses and associations throughout the gradual resumption of operations.
  - The Agency will also inform visitors of the appropriate physical distancing, hygiene and safety measures to follow.
  - Until June 1, suspensions of visitor services and closures of facilities announced in March remain in place, including over the Victoria Day long weekend. For their own safety, Canadians should not try to access locations that are closed.
- The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, on behalf of Farm Credit Canada (FCC), today announced the launch of a \$100-million Agriculture and Food Business Solutions Fund to

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2020/05/the-cbsa-reminds-travellers-of-restrictions-ahead-of-the-long-weekend.html>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/parks-canada/news/2020/05/starting-june-1-2020-parks-canada-and-environment-and-climate-change-canada-will-gradually-resume-some-operations-at-selected-national-parks-nation.html>

support proven, viable companies through unexpected business disruptions, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>13</sup>

- The fund is set up to support a wide range of enterprises in the agribusiness and agri-food sector, including companies involved in primary production, agri-tech, manufacturing, packaging and distribution.
- The fund will offer convertible debt investments and other flexible financing solutions.
- Applications will be assessed individually on their merit, and will be supported to a maximum of \$10 million.

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

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<sup>13</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/05/farm-credit-canada-backed-fund-offers-innovative-and-flexible-solutions-for-uncertain-times.html>