

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 20 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

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of May 19	As of May 20	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	45	43	-2
Currently in intensive care	12	10	-2
Total deaths in BC	146	149	3
Total recovered in BC	1,975	2,001	26
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,446	2,467	21

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of May 19	As of May 20	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	883	885	2
Fraser Health	1,196	1,214	18
Island Health	126	126	0
Interior Health	181	182	1
Northern Health	60	60	0
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,446	2,467	21
Total individuals tested in BC	125,044	126,236	1,192

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of May 19	As of May 20	Change
Total individuals tested	1,134	1,141	7
Total confirmed cases	11	11	0
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,117	1,120	3
Pending results	6	10	4

*The British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) has reported 1,167 new tests but this does not align with the difference in reported tests for May 19th and May 20th

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 BC Government has issued two emergency orders that temporarily suspend in-person execution requirements for wills and personal planning instruments, including representation agreements and enduring powers of attorney.⁴ The emergency orders are tied to the provincial state of emergency and will expire when it is lifted.
- Today Dr. Bonnie Henry, in line with advice from the federal government, encouraged the use of non-medical masks or cloth face coverings in public settings.⁵
- Dr. Bonnie Henry also encouraged people to complete the provincewide *Your story, our future* survey (<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-survey>) to share personal experiences with COVID-19 so far. To date, 286,000 British Columbians have already completed the survey.⁶
- The BCCDC reported today that:⁷
 - Most regions have reported very few cases, deaths and hospitalisations in recent days.
 - The number of cases in the pediatric population remains low, only 3 have required hospitalisation and none have died.
 - The number of cases in hospital continues to decrease; the number of cases in critical care has been stable for about a week.
- As of yesterday, many businesses may reopen as British Columbia has entered Phase 2 of its Restart Plan.⁸

Terrace

- No significant updates from the City of Terrace

Smithers

- No significant updates from the Town of Smithers

⁴ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AG0036-000908>

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0026-000917>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0026-000917>

⁷ http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/BC_Surveillance_Summary_May_20_2020_FINAL.pdf

⁸ <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today the Government of Yukon announced an extension of the Yukon Business Relief Program to July 23, 2020.⁹
 - The Yukon Business Relief Program helps Yukon businesses that have experienced a 30 per cent reduction in revenue due to COVID-19 and need immediate support to cover fixed costs, including rent, utilities and business insurance.
 - Eligible businesses can apply for a grant of up to \$30,000 per month to cover fixed costs.
- As of May 15, 2020, the Territory is in Phase 1 of the Government of Yukon's reopening plan, *A Path Forward*.¹⁰

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

- Today, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, recommended that Canadians wear non-medical face masks when physical distancing is difficult to maintain.¹¹
 - The recommendation was issued on behalf of Canada's Special Advisory Committee on COVID-19.
 - The Special Advisory Committee posted updated advice online today (<http://www.phn-rsp.ca/sac-covid-ccs/wearing-masks-community-eng.php>), explaining that masks can serve as a supplementary measure to existing public health recommendations such as physical distancing and regular handwashing.
 - Dr. Theresa Tam noted during her announcement that the recommendation isn't mandatory and allows for public health officers across Canada to consider their area's needs.
- The Prime Minister announced that application documents and updated criteria for Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) for small businesses are now available.¹²
 - This program will provide forgivable loans to eligible commercial property owners to:
 - reduce the rent owed by their impacted small business tenants
 - meet operating expenses on commercial properties

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/government-yukon-extends-support-yukon-businesses>

¹⁰ <https://yukon.ca/en/path-forward-yukons-plan-lifting-covid-19-restrictions>

¹¹ <https://www.pscp.tv/w/1OwxWQYaYmqGQ>

¹² <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/20/prime-minister-announces-opening-program-protect-jobs-and-help>

- The property owners must, in turn, offer a minimum 75% rent reduction for April and May (retroactive), and June, to their small business tenants.
- Applications will be accepted through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation website (<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/finance-and-investing/covid19-cecra-small-business>) beginning on May 25, and application documents can be accessed now.
- The Finance Minister and Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, today announced the opening of the application process for the government's Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility (LEEFF).¹³
 - The Canada Development Investment Corporation (CDEV) has formed a new subsidiary, Canada Enterprise Emergency Funding Corporation (CEEFC), to administer the LEEFF.
 - Information on LEEFF, including the application process and a factsheet is available on the CDEV website (<https://www.cdev.gc.ca/home/#en>).

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

¹³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/05/government-announces-support-program-for-large-employers-is-open-for-applications.html>