

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 21 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 20	As of May 21	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	43	43	0
Currently in intensive care	10	8	-2
Total deaths in BC	149	152	3
Total recovered in BC	2,001	2,020	19
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,467	2,479	12

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of May 20	As of May 21	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	885	887	2
Fraser Health	1,214	1,223	9
Island Health	126	126	0
Interior Health	182	183	1
Northern Health	60	60	0
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,467	2,479	12
Total individuals tested in BC	126,236	127,786	1,550

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of May 20	As of May 21	Change
Total individuals tested	1,141	1,142	1
Total confirmed cases	11	11	0
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1120	1,127	7
Pending results	10	4	-6

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 BC is inviting non-profit and Indigenous housing societies, First Nations, housing co-operatives and municipalities to propose new affordable housing projects for the second intake of the Building BC: Community Housing Fund⁴.
 - Announced in 2018 as part of the Province's 10-year, \$7-billion housing plan, the Community Housing Fund is an investment of \$1.9 billion to build more than 14,000 mixed-income rental homes for middle- and low-income families and individuals.
 - Organizations are invited to submit project proposals to BC Housing beginning on May 27, 2020. The RFP will remain open until mid-January 2021; however, organizations are encouraged to apply early as an initial round of projects will be approved in fall 2020.
 - Further information about the Building BC: Community Housing Fund can be found on the BC Housing website (<http://www.bchousing.org/CHF>).
- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced that over 40,000 travelers, arriving by either air or land, have been screened to date, and authorities have ensured that they all have proper isolation plans in place⁵.
 - In addition, 125 people have been provided accommodation so that they can fulfil isolation requirements.
 - These measures will continue in the current phase of BC's Restart Plan.
- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix, in line with advice from the federal government, encouraged the importance of public health measures to prevent the spread of the virus, Recommended measures include:⁶
 - Staying home if you are feeling ill
 - Maintaining physical distancing measures
 - Washing your hands
 - Cleaning and disinfecting common surfaces
 - Wearing non-medical face masks when physical distancing is difficult to maintain.

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

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory.

⁴ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0057-000918>

⁵ Dr. Bonnie Henry via Health Ministers and Health Officials COVID-19 Update – May 21, 2020

⁶ Dr. Bonnie Henry via Health Ministers and Health Officials COVID-19 Update – May 21, 2020

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, acknowledged that many Canadians are experiencing “Quarantine Fatigue” and encouraged Canadians to stay vigilant and use public health measures to prevent the spread of the virus.⁷ Recommended measures include:
 - Maintaining 2 metre distance from others
 - Avoiding touching common surfaces and objects
 - Avoiding touching eyes, mouth, and nose
 - Washing hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or using hand sanitizer when you are out in public
 - Wearing non-medical face masks when physical distancing is difficult to maintain
- Today, the Prime Minister announced \$75 million in new funding for Indigenous organizations providing services to Indigenous peoples in urban centres and off reserves.⁸
 - This additional funding is intended to support more community-based projects that address the needs of Indigenous populations during the crisis including:
 - Food security
 - Mental health support services
 - Sanitation and Protective equipment
 - The funds will be made available in the coming weeks.
- Today, the Federal Ministers recognized the beginning of fire season and noted that COVID-19 will present additional complexities for emergency evacuations.⁹
 - The Federal Ministers noted that the Indigenous Services Canada is continuing to work with Provincial and Territorial Governments, and Indigenous Partners to develop Emergency Response Plans that will ensure safety and security of the public.
 - The 2019 budget of \$48 million dollars over a five-year time frame, under the Fire Smart Program, will be allocated to support these efforts to build Indigenous Communities’ resiliency to this growing threat.

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

⁷ Dr. Theresa Tam via Federal Ministers and Health Officials COVID-19 Update – May 21, 2020

⁸ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/21/prime-minister-announces-additional-support-indigenous-peoples-living>

⁹ Federal Ministers and Health Officials COVID-19 Update – May 21, 2020