

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 22 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 21	As of May 22	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	43	41	-2
Currently in intensive care	8	8	0
Total deaths in BC	152	155	3
Total recovered in BC	2,020	2,042	22
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,479	2,507	**27

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of May 21	As of May 22	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	887	888	1
Fraser Health	1,223	1,236	13
Island Health	126	127	1
Interior Health	183	194	11
Northern Health	60	62	2
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,479	2,507	**27
Total individuals tested in BC	127,786	129,942	2,156

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of May 21	As of May 22	Change
Total individuals tested	1,142	1,145	3
Total confirmed cases	11	11	0
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,127	1,129	2
Pending results	4	5	1

*The British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) has reported 1,919 new tests but this does not align with the difference in reported tests for May 21st and May 22nd.

** The discrepancy between new cases and total cases with the Interior Health and Island Health regions reported today are a data consolidation to reflect COVID-19 cases based on where individuals reside, even if they were not in the health authority during their illness.⁴

¹ <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

² <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

³ <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>

⁴ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0027-000935>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today the Provincial Government has announced action to support the province’s hospitality sector.⁵ This includes:
 - Temporarily authorizing the expansion of service areas, such as patios, to support physical distancing requirements and industry recovery.
 - Permitting food-primary, liquor-primary and manufacturer licensees to apply to temporarily expand their service areas until Oct. 31, 2020.
- Today, the First Nations Health Authority documented that accessing essential sexual health services remains available in many locations.⁶
 - Options for Sexual Health clinics are still running under enhanced safety protocols. Access to the website can be found at <https://www.optionsforsexualhealth.org/>.
 - If accessing a First Nations Health Authority Doctor virtually is preferred, please go to this website for more details on the virtual service <https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/ehealth/virtual-doctor-of-the-day>.

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

- The Yukon Government has announced a new program called “The Yukon Essential Workers Income Support Program” that will support essential service workers during COVID-19.⁷
 - This program will provide low-income essential workers with a wage subsidy of up to \$4.00 per hour to a maximum of \$20.00 per hour for up to 16 weeks.
 - To learn more about eligibility, refer to the <https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19/guidelines-delivery-critical-essential-and-other-services>.
- Today, under the *Civil Emergency Measures Act*, a new health order was issued that allows the Minister of Community Services, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, to review and approve amendments to current restrictions.⁸
 - This will provide flexibility so that personal service establishments can resume more quickly or be quickly closed if the number of pandemic cases rises again.

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AG0038-000922>

⁶ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/accessing-contraception-abortion-and-sexually-transmitted-infection-counselling-and-services-during-covid-19>

⁷ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/essential-workers-receive-income-support-government-yukon>

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/may-22-2020-covid-19-update>

- The Yukon Government has announced the opening of various services that will operate under strict guidelines, including:⁹
 - Childcare services
 - Personal Services, effective May 27, subject to COVID-19 operational plans
 - Restaurants, effective May 29, subject to COVID-19 operational plans
 - To access the COVID-19 operational plan template, please go to <https://yukon.ca/en/covid-19-operational-plan-template-businesses-and-services>.
- The Yukon Government has announced that \$750,000 will be provided to help Yukon employers create new summer employment for graduating and post-secondary students in critical and essential services.¹⁰
 - This funding is in addition to recent funding supports announced through the Yukon Essential Worker Income Support Program.
 - The Government of Yukon is also assisting Yukon's agriculture industry by providing funding for more than one intern and not counting this year's application toward the lifetime maximum for the program.
 - This funding is available to any Yukon private and not-for-profit employer, municipalities and Yukon First Nations governments and organizations.

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, the Prime Minister acknowledged the importance of contact tracing and shared information about the measures Canada is taking to increase the capacity to assist Provinces and Territories with contact tracing measures.¹¹
 - The Canadian Government has trained federal employees who can make 3,600 contact tracing calls a day.
 - Statistics Canada has an additional 1,700 interviewers ready to go who can make up to 20,000 calls a day.
- Today, the Minister of Digital Government, announced a web-based benefits finder tool, to help people living in Canada to determine which government benefits programs best meet their needs.¹²

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/may-22-2020-covid-19-update>

¹⁰ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/funding-help-yukon-employers-hire-students-critical-and-essential-services>

¹¹ PM Justin Trudeau via live press conference 08:00 am 5/22/20

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/treasury-board-secretariat/news/2020/05/government-of-canada-launches-online-tool-find-financial-help-during-covid-19-to-assist-canadians-in-accessing-financial-support.html>

- By answering a few simple questions, individuals will be presented with a list of financial benefits that could be available to them.
- The tool can be accessed online at <https://www.canada.ca/coronavirusbenefits>
- The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has advised travellers of various advisories due to COVID-19, including: ¹³
 - The delay of the seasonal opening of the Little Gold Creek port of entry.
 - Persons whose travel is essential must seek entry to Canada at an alternate port of entry, such as Beaver Creek, Yukon, which is currently open 24 hours daily.
 - Restrictions on all non-essential travel between Canada and the United States has been extended to June 21, 2020 and may be prolonged as necessary for public health reasons.
 - To note, healthy, non-symptomatic foreign nationals, travelling through Canada for non-discretionary purposes, such as return home to Alaska, may continue to transit through Canada.

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

¹³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2020/05/little-gold-creek-border-crossing-opening-delayed-due-to-covid-19.html>