

## 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

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of May 22</b>	<b>As of May 25</b>	<b>Change</b>
Currently hospitalized in BC	41	37	-4
Currently in intensive care	8	7	-1
Total deaths in BC	155	161	6
Total recovered in BC	2,042	2,102	60
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>2,507</b>	<b>2,530</b>	<b>23*</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of May 22</b>	<b>As of May 25</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	888	894	6
Fraser Health	1,236	1,253	17
Island Health	127	127	0
Interior Health	194	194	0
Northern Health	62	62	0
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>2,507</b>	<b>2,530</b>	<b>23*</b>
<b>Total individuals tested in BC</b>	<b>129,942</b>	<b>135,190</b>	<b>5,248**</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup> ***</b>	<b>As of May 21</b>	<b>As of May 22</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total individuals tested</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,127	1,129	2
Pending results	4	5	1

\*The BC Government reported 10 new cases May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6 new cases May 24<sup>th</sup> and 7 new cases May 25 (23 total).

\*\*The British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) has reported 1,563 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between May 22nd and 25th which are the two most recent dates for which statistics are available.

\*\*\* The Yukon Government has stated that report numbers will no longer be shared daily. Current stats are the latest available for the Yukon Territory.

<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

- Today Dr. Bonnie Henry stated that despite speculation, it is perfectly safe to eat food from the food packing facilities that have had COVID-19 outbreaks. <sup>4</sup>
- Today the Provincial Government announced that fifty-nine BC community destination marketing organizations (DMOs) severely impacted by COVID-19 travel restrictions will be supported with a \$10 million grant from the province. <sup>5</sup>
  - BC's community DMOs are not-for-profit organizations that promote tourism to their region and rely on funds generated by the municipal and regional district tax (MRDT).
- The Provincial Government has announced that most provincial campgrounds and recreation sites will open June 1<sup>st</sup>, along with more parks for day-use activities. <sup>6</sup>
  - BC residents can now reserve campsites online on the Discover Camping Reservation System at <https://www.discovercamping.ca/bccweb/> two months in advance of the arrival date, instead of the usual four months.
  - New reservations can only be made by B.C. residents.
  - Hot springs, backcountry communal cabins, parks that attract the largest crowds, and campgrounds that require visitors to use shared cooking facilities will remain closed.
  - To ensure that parks stay open and safe for everyone, visitors are expected to follow physical distancing requirements.
- On May 24<sup>th</sup>, the Provincial Government shared that the Ministry of Education created an online platform called “Keep Learning BC”.
  - This platform provides:
    - Students with free access to live online coding workshops, and helpful guides to maintain routines and stay safe online.
    - Parents information about how to talk to children about COVID-19, along with other mental health resources to manage stress or anxiety. <sup>7</sup>
  - New coding workshops are added each week and can be accessed through the Keep Learning BC website at <https://www.openschool.bc.ca/keeplearning/>

### Terrace

- No significant updates from the City of Terrace

### Smithers

- No significant updates from the Town of Smithers

<sup>4</sup> Dr. Bonnie Henry via line press conference 15:00 05/25/2020

<sup>5</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TAC0022-000927>

<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020ENV0027-000936>

<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EDUC0035-000929>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory.

### 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 announced that applications are now being accepted for Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) for small business.<sup>8</sup>
  - CECRA is directed towards small business tenants, and non-profit and charitable organizations that are paying less than \$50,000 per month in gross rent, with annual consolidated revenues of less than \$2 million, and have experienced at least a 70 percent drop in pre-COVID-19 revenues.
  - Over the course of the program, CECRA will provide relief to small businesses by granting property owners the ability to reduce rent by at least 75 percent for the months of April, May (retroactive), and June, for their small business tenants.
- Today, the Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade announced that the Government of Canada will support the launch of a four-week hotline service called the Business Resilience Service.<sup>9</sup>
  - This service will give entrepreneurs, small business owners, and not-for-profit organizations and charities access to financial planning advice.
  - As of today, the toll-free number 1-866-989-1080 will be open seven days a week, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm (ET).

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

<sup>8</sup> <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/25/canada-emergency-commercial-rent-assistance-now-open-applications>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2020/05/minister-ng-announces-hotline-to-provide-small-businesses-in-need-with-financial-planning-advice-amid-covid-19.html>