

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 26 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 25</b>	<b>As of May 26</b>	<b>Change</b>
Currently hospitalized in BC	37	37	0
Currently in intensive care	7	7	0
Total deaths in BC	161	161	0
Total recovered in BC	2,102	2,122	20
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>2,530</b>	<b>2,541</b>	<b>11</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of May 25</b>	<b>As of May 26</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	894	897	3
Fraser Health	1,253	1,261	8
Island Health	127	127	0
Interior Health	194	194	0
Northern Health	62	62	0
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>2,530</b>	<b>2,541</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total individuals tested in BC</b>	<b>135,190</b>	<b>136,321</b>	<b>1,131</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of May 22*</b>	<b>As of May 26</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total individuals tested</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,129	1,139	10
Pending results	5	9	4

\*Note: The Yukon Government has stated that testing numbers will no longer be shared daily. Stats will be updated here as soon as they become available.

<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 the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) shared details from a Commons committee meeting that FNHA attended on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.<sup>4</sup> Issues raised at the meeting included:
  - The shortage of medical supplies and personal protective equipment in many First Nations communities.
  - The rising dispute in BC about what level of government – federal, provincial or Indigenous – should pay the increased costs incurred by First Nations that have hired security personnel to block or limit access to their communities to prevent COVID-19 outbreaks.
- Today the FNHA shared resources that members of First Nation communities can refer to for mental health and cultural support during the Pandemic.<sup>5</sup>
  - For details on mental health & cultural supports available please visit:  
<https://www.fnha.ca/Documents/FNHA-COVID-19-Mental-Health-and-Cultural-Supports.pdf>
  - For details on mental health and wellness resources for Youth please visit:  
<https://www.fnha.ca/Documents/FNHA-Mental-Health-and-Wellness-Resources-for-Youth.pdf>

### 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.

### Whitehorse

- No significant updates from the City of Whitehorse.

### Watson Lake

- No COVID-19 information for this community is currently available.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/first-nations-health-authorities-tell-commons-committee-they-need-more-ppe>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/staying-strong-during-tough-times-with-the-medicine-of-resilience>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today the Prime Minister announced that the Government of Canada is taking steps to increase its capacity to manufacture personal protective equipment (PPE) and critical life saving technology. <sup>6</sup> The Prime Minister shared that the Government of Canada has signed contracts with:
  - General Motors to produce 10 million face masks for Canada, and
  - Canadian Nobel Laureate Dr. Art McDonald, his team, and the company Vexos to produce 10,000 ventilators for Canada.
- Today the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food announced an investment of up to \$9.2 million to enhance the Youth Employment and Skills Program (YESP) and fund up to 700 new positions for youth (ages 15 to 30) in the agriculture industry. <sup>7</sup>
  - The YESP will provide agriculture employers up to 50 per cent of the cost of hiring a Canadian youth up to \$14,000. Indigenous applicants and those applicants hiring a youth facing barriers are eligible for funding of up to 80 per cent of their costs.
  - Eligible applicants include producers, agri-businesses, industry associations, provincial and territorial governments, Indigenous organizations, and research facilities. Employers may apply for this funding retroactive to April 1, 2020, with projects to be completed by March 31, 2021.
  - Application forms are available through the Youth Employment and Skills Program, or to get more information, please contact [aafc.yesp-pecj.aac@canada.ca](mailto:aafc.yesp-pecj.aac@canada.ca), or call: 1-866-452-5558.
- Today the Department of National Defence's (DND) Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS) program launched its first set of COVID-19 related innovation challenges. <sup>8</sup>
  - With an initial commitment of \$15 million, the first three challenges will focus on:
    - Viable and effective processes and methods for safely and rapidly decontaminating enclosed work environments containing sensitive equipment
    - Innovative material and designs to aid in decontamination of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), operational clothing, and equipment for personnel responding to events involving biological hazards
    - Data gathering solutions to support the early detection and community-based monitoring of outbreaks of contagious diseases.
  - The call for proposals will be open until June 23, 2020, with contracts expected to be awarded this summer.
  - For more information, please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/programs/defence-ideas.html>

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

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/05/government-of-canada-enhances-youth-employment-and-skills-program-to-help-create-new-positions-for-youth-in-the-agriculture-sector.html>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2020/05/dnd-launches-a-call-to-innovative-thinkers-for-solutions-to-covid-19-challenges.html>