

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 27 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 26	As of May 27	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	37	37	0
Currently in intensive care	7	7	0
Total deaths in BC	161	162	1
Total recovered in BC	2,122	2,144	22
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,541	2,550	9

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of May 26	As of May 27	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	897	899	2
Fraser Health	1,261	1,267	6
Island Health	127	127	0
Interior Health	194	194	0
Northern Health	62	63	1
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,541	2,550	9
Total individuals tested in BC	136,321	138,043	1,722**

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of May 26*	As of May 27	Change
Total individuals tested	1,159	1,163	4
Total confirmed cases	11	11	0
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,139	1,139	0
Pending results	9	13	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.

** The British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) has reported 1,646 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between May 26th and 27th which are the two most recent dates for which statistics are available.

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

- Today the BC Government announced that the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General has extended the provincial state of emergency by two weeks to support continued co-ordination of BC's COVID-19 response. ⁴
 - The current state of emergency is being extended through to the end of the day on June 9, 2020.
- Today the First Nation Health Authority (FNHA) issued a public reminder about washing children's hands and the use of hand sanitizer. ⁵ It should be noted:
 - Washing your children's hands frequently and thoroughly with warm water (not cold water) and soap is the most effective way to kill the virus as it removes oils that can harbour germs.
 - If you are out somewhere and cannot wash yours or your children's hands, then hand sanitizer is the next best option. When applying hand sanitizer, remember:
 - Only a dime-size amount is needed
 - Apply to dry hands
 - Rub their hands together until completely dry
 - Ensure hands are kept away from mouths and eyes

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.

⁴ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMBC0028-000959>

⁵ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/safety-first-lets-protect-our-children-from-ingesting-hand-sanitizer>

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 reminded Canadian's of the importance of making mindful health decisions during the Pandemic in the summer months. ⁶ This includes:
 - Maintaining physical distancing measures when outside in high heat and humidity and reserving the use of masks for indoors. Extreme heat can worsen pre-existing conditions and breathing difficulties.
 - When cooling off in an indoor space, it is important to follow the public health measures, such as:
 - Maintaining two metre distance
 - Covering your cough
 - Washing your hands
- Today Canada's Minister of Health has authorized amendments to the clinical trials related to finding a COVID-19 vaccine. This will ensure the process is more flexible, without compromising the safety of participants, or reliability of the trial's findings. ⁷ Amendments include:
 - Allowing a wider range of health professionals, such as nurse practitioners, to be involved in running clinical trials. Under the current regulations, only physicians and dentists can conduct clinical trials for drugs;
 - Allowing a wider range of investigators, such as physicians, to be involved in running clinical trials for medical devices. Under the current regulations, only manufacturers can conduct clinical trials;
 - Reducing the burden associated with labelling and record keeping requirements for clinical trials involving drugs that are already marketed for other indications and are being studied to treat COVID-19;
 - Enabling multiple-stream clinical trials to continue even when one stream has been stopped; and
 - Enabling more clinical trials by allowing trials where direct interaction with participants is not feasible, for example when participants who live in remote locations are unable to travel.

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

⁶ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/05/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-covid-197.html>

⁷ <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2020/05/health-canada-announces-another-step-to-accelerate-access-to-health-products-for-covid-19.html>