

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 12 June 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

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of June 11	As of June 12	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	13	12	-1
Currently in intensive care	5	3	-2
Total deaths in BC	167	168	1
Total recovered in BC	2,344	2,354	10
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,694	2,709	15*

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of June 11	As of June 12	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	917	922	5
Fraser Health	1,386	1,396	10
Island Health	130	130	0
Interior Health	195	196	1
Northern Health	66	65	-1*
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,694	2,709	16
Total individuals tested in BC	163,356	165,256	1,900**

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of June 11	As of June 12	Change
Total individuals tested	1,232	1,235	3
Total confirmed cases	11	11	0
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,217	1,221	4
Pending results	4	3	-1

* The BC Government has reported 16 new confirmed cases in BC and a negative change in cases for Northern Health, but this does not align with the difference in numbers between June 11th and June 12th due to a data correction.

**The BCCDC has reported 1,899 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between June 11th and June 12th 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>

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION
RESERVE CASES IN CANADA⁴**

	As of June 11	As of June 12	Change
Total confirmed cases	239	241	2
Currently in intensive care	22	22	0
Total deaths	6	6	0
Total recovered	207	208	1
Total confirmed cases in BC	43	43	0

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, the BC Government announced that the BC Arts Council is distributing the remaining 50% of it’s operating funding to organizations throughout BC, in July 2020, to provide certainty and flexibility during the COVID-19 pandemic.⁵
 - Recipients include regional arts councils in Northern BC such as the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council.
 - This funding will provide organizations with opportunities to reach larger audiences during the pandemic, including:
 - Virtual demonstration techniques, such as portrait painting or song writing.
 - Virtual exhibits.
 - Virtual support to artists to continue to make and develop during the Pandemic.
 - The BC Arts Council also launched a microgrant pilot program to support artists to continue to make art and develop their practice during the pandemic.
 - Until June 30, 2020, artists and cultural practitioners can apply for up to \$1,500 to help adapt to changes in the sector.
 - For example, artists can use the grant to learn video editing or livestream a performance.
- Regarding yesterday’s amendment to the Health Order regarding food service establishments, today, Dr. Henry elaborated on how food service owners can protect employees and customers:⁶
 - “The best way for us to avoid spreading the virus is to ensure everyone, employees and patrons, have the space to stay safe.”
 - “Food service owners need to remember that protecting your employees and patrons requires layers of protection in the kitchen and in the dining area.”
 - “Plans need to include such things as frequent handwashing, increased cleaning, using barriers in kitchens and dining areas, and giving lots of space between tables.”

⁴ <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1581964230816/1581964277298>

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TAC0027-001047>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0185-001064>

- Dr. Henry also shared statements regarding how customers going to local establishments can ensure public health:
 - “Complete your checklist before going out and when you arrive. Are you healthy? Is your group small? Is the WorkSafeBC safety plan clearly posted? Are physical distancing measures and barriers in place?”
 - “We all want to stay safe and we all have a role to play. The decisions we make and the actions we take will protect our communities and allow us to continue to progress.”

Terrace

- No significant updates from Terrace.

Smithers

- No significant updates from Smithers.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, under the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Yukon Government announced that the state of emergency under the Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA) is extended for another 90 days.⁷
 - The extension of the state of emergency will allow the government to continue to use every tool it can to protect the health and safety of Yukoners during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - The Yukon Government is continually evaluating the situation and will adjust measures, as necessary.
- Today, the Yukon Government highlighted the guidelines for visitors at long-term care facilities.⁸ These guidelines include:
 - Outdoor visits are permitted subject to the care home releasing a staged plan for re-opening.
 - Residents can identify one visitor to visit with in a pre-set outdoor location.
- Today, the Yukon Government announced that tenants will continue to receive protection under the COVID-19 Health Protection Order that prevents tenants from eviction during the COVID-19 pandemic.⁹ Of note:
 - Residential tenants who are under a health protection measure after June 25, or who need to breach their tenancy agreement because of a COVID-19 health protection order, will continue to be protected from eviction.
 - As of July 1, 2020, all tenants must pay their rent in full as set in their tenancy agreement, unless prevented from doing so as a subject to a health protection measure.
 - Tenants have until December 31, 2020 to repay any outstanding amount that is owed to the landlord.

⁷ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/june-12-2020-covid-19-update>

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/june-12-2020-covid-19-update>

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/tenants-continue-receive-protection-during-covid-19-pandemic>

Whitehorse

- Today, the City of Whitehorse announced that the Second Avenue entrance to City Hall will reopen its doors to the public on Monday, June 15, 2020.¹⁰
 - The period between 8:30 and 10:00 am will be reserved for seniors, as well as people with limited mobility.
 - Visitors will not be permitted to enter the building if any COVID-19 symptoms are exhibited.
 - New signage and decals will be posted around the facility and must be followed by everyone who enters the building.

Watson Lake

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

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Canada's Minister of Transport announced a new mandate requiring temperature screening for all passengers travelling to Canada or passengers departing Canadian airports.¹¹
 - The Government of Canada is taking a phased approach to implementing temperature screening:
 - **Phase 1:** By June 30, 2020, all air operators will be required to conduct temperature screening of all passengers travelling to Canada prior to departure from international or trans-border points of departure.
 - **Phase 2:** By the end of July, temperature screening stations will be placed in the departure section of the four major airports that are currently identified as the only Canadian airports for international travel (Montreal, Toronto, Calgary, and Vancouver).
 - **Phase 3:** By September 2020, temperature screening stations will be in place in the departure sections of the next 11 busiest airports in Canada (St. John's, Halifax, Quebec City, Ottawa, Toronto – Billy Bishop, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Kelowna, Victoria).
 - All employees and personnel that enter or work in the restricted area of the airport will also be subject to temperature screening by Canadian Air Transport Security Authority personnel.
 - All passengers who have elevated temperature, and do not have a medical certificate to explain a medical or physical condition that would result in an elevated temperature, will not be permitted to travel and will be asked to re-book after 14 days.

¹⁰ <https://www.whitehorse.ca/Home/Components/News/News/4526/31>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/06/temperature-screening-to-be-required-for-travellers-at-canadian-airports.html>

- Today, Canada’s Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food announced the launch of a \$77.5 million Emergency Processing Fund (EPF) to support Canadians and businesses facing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and to maintain and increase domestic food production.¹²
 - The program will prioritize projects based on two objectives:
 - Emergency COVID-19 Response to assist companies in implementing changes required to ensure the health and safety of workers.
 - Strategic investments to assist companies in improving, automating, and modernizing facilities needed to increase Canada’s food supply capacity.
 - Eligible applicants for this fund include for-profit organizations, cooperatives, and Indigenous groups.
 - All applications must be completed by September 30, 2020 and the program will fund retroactively from March 15, 2020.
- Today, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, issued a statement regarding false information, or “disinformation” related to COVID-19 and public health.¹³ She stated:
 - “At times during COVID-19, we have been dealing with two epidemics: the disease, and misinformation about the disease.”
 - “Although well-intentioned people typically share misinformation that they believe to be true, the source can often be traced back to a deliberate fabrication.”
 - “Sources of disinformation can range from “robots” or “bots” that are set up to blast out mass communications, or they may be actual people who share false information for political, money generating or other less-than-admirable reasons.”
 - “With the amount of information that we consume each day, it is now more important than ever to seek out trusted and reliable sources of information to guide us.”
 - “We all have a responsibility and role to play in stopping the spread of misinformation.”
 - “There are also resources that can help you and your family boost your digital and media literacy skills. One example is Mediasmarts.ca where you can find many resources including specific resources for families and educators to maintain a balance with technology use during COVID-19.”

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

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/06/supporting-canadas-food-processing-and-production-sectors.html>

¹³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/06/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-friday-june-12-2020.html>