

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 15 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 12	As of June 15	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	12	13	1
Currently in intensive care	3	4	1
Total deaths in BC	168	168	0
Total recovered in BC	2,354	2,395	41
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,709	2,745	36*

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of June 12	As of June 15	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	922	934	12
Fraser Health	1,396	1,420	24
Island Health	130	130	0
Interior Health	196	195	-1*
Northern Health	65	65	0
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,709	2,709	36
Total individuals tested in BC	165,256	168,248	2,992**

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 14 new cases June 13th, 16 new cases June 14th, and 6 new cases June 15th (36 in total), and a negative change in cases for Northern Health, but this does not align with the difference in numbers due to a data correction.

**The BCCDC has reported 1,315 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between June 12th and June 15th which are the two most recent dates for which statistics are available.

*** The Yukon government has announced that the next COVID-19 statistical update will be published June 16, 2020.

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 12	As of June 14	Change
Total confirmed cases	241	246	5
Currently in intensive care	22	22	0
Total deaths	6	6	0
Total recovered	208	208	0
Total confirmed cases in BC	43	43	0

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the BC Government announced \$1.89 million in funding to help raise awareness of senior abuse and help organizations to create educational programs to protect seniors from physical, emotional, and financial abuse.⁵
 - This funding has been provided to:
 - The BC Association of Community Response Networks (BC CRN), which Received \$1.34 million to work with organizations and service providers to provide a coordinated response to elder abuse.
 - Seniors First BC, which Received \$550,000 to manage a helpline and create programs to inform seniors and people caring for seniors about abuse, as well as educate seniors on topics such as fraud and scams.
 - A senior advocate for elders stated: “The pandemic has forced many seniors to remain isolated, which increases their likelihood of experiencing elder abuse. Recognizing the signs of elder abuse and knowing who to report to is key. These grants to two vital agencies will help to achieve this”.
 - The First Nations Health Authority has also released an article regarding elder abuse awareness today:⁶ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/june-15-is-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day>
- On June 14th the BC Government announced an investment of \$65,000 to the public libraries’ BC Summer Reading Club (BC SRC) to offer the club virtually.⁷
 - The BC SRC is a free literacy program offered through BC’s 71 public libraries to children ages 5-14.
 - The literacy program is normally offered in person, but due to COVID-19, young readers can participate and track progress online.
 - Online registration is open June 15, 2020 and users can access the new website until September 2020.

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0184-001061>

⁶ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/june-15-is-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day>

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EDUC0041-001052>

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 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, Canada's Minister of Agriculture announced the launch of a \$50 million Surplus Food Rescue Program.⁸ The purpose of this program is to move surplus food commodities, such as potatoes, fish and seafood, and meat through the food system as efficiently as possible to help vulnerable Canadians.
 - The Surplus Food Rescue Program has two core objectives:
 - Provide assistance to organizations serving vulnerable populations to acquire surplus food and distribute to populations in need.
 - Connect surplus food to vulnerable populations to avoid food waste.
 - Eligible applicants must demonstrate an ability to handle the full logistical requirements for acquiring, processing, transporting, and ensuring shelf-life stability of surplus commodities and delivery to organizations serving vulnerable populations, and includes:
 - For-profit organizations
 - Non-profit organizations
 - Regional and Municipal governments and agencies (including schools or school boards).

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/06/government-of-canada-implements-surplus-food-rescue-program-to-help-alleviate-food-concerns-of-vulnerable-canadians.html>

- Today, the Government of Canada announced the \$3 million in funding, over five years to support seven projects under the British Columbia Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund (BCSRIF) that support restoring salmon habitats.⁹
 - BCSRIF investments play a key role in making British Columbia's wild fisheries more sustainable and will contribute to Canada's recovery from COVID-19.
 - Funding is open to Indigenous communities, industry associations, environmental non-government organizations, commercial enterprises, and academic institutions
- Today, Canada's Minister of Finance announced that as of June 19, 2020, applications will be accepted so that more small businesses can access the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA).¹⁰
 - Businesses, including, owner-operated small businesses that had originally been ineligible for the program due to lack of payroll, sole proprietors receiving business income directly, as well as family-owned corporations remunerating in the form of dividends rather than payroll will become eligible this week.
 - To qualify under the expanded eligibility rules, CEBA applicants with payroll lower than \$20,000 will need:
 - A business operating account at a participating financial institution;
 - A Canada Revenue Agency business number;
 - A 2018 or 2019 tax return; and
 - Eligible non-deferrable expenses of between \$40,000 and \$1.5 million.
- On June 13th Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, issued a statement regarding how to safely wear and dispose of non-medical masks or face coverings.¹¹
 - Dr. Theresa Tam stated:
 - "Single use masks should be replaced as soon as they get damp, soiled or crumpled and disposed of properly in a lined garbage bag."
 - "Do not leave discarded masks in shopping carts or on the ground where other people may come into contact with them."
 - Dr. Theresa Tam also shared a webpage link that demonstrates the safe use of non-medical masks and face coverings, as well as instructions on how to make a face covering: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/how-put-remove-clean-non-medical-masks-face-coverings.html# Cleaning and disposing>

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

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2020/06/government-of-canada-and-province-of-british-columbia-to-fund-projects-that-promote-wild-salmon-and-sustainable-fishing-practices-across-british-co.html>

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/06/more-small-businesses-can-soon-access-the-canada-emergency-business-account.html>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/06/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-saturday-june-13-2020.html>