

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 4 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 4	As of June 5	Change
Currently hospitalized in BC	26	21	-5
Currently in intensive care	6	5	-1
Total deaths in BC	166	167	1
Total recovered in BC	2,265	2,272	7
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,632	2,632	0*

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of June 4	As of June 5	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	909	908	-1
Fraser Health	1,334	1,335	1
Island Health	130	130	0
Interior Health	195	195	0
Northern Health	64	64	0
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,632	2,632	0*
Total individuals tested in BC	146,970	153,359	6,389*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of June 3**	As of June 4	Change
Total individuals tested	1,196	1,201	5
Total confirmed cases	11	11	0
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,180	1,184	4
Pending results	6	6	1

* The BC Government has reported 1 new COVID-19 case between June 4th and 5th but the difference in totals does not represent this case because one case from yesterday's total was removed due to a data correction.

**The BCCDC has reported 1,909 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between June 4th and June 5th, which are the two most recent dates for which statistics are available.

**The difference in numbers between June 3rd and 4th are the two most recent dates for which statistics are available. The Yukon Government has announced that the next COVID-19 update will be provided June 8th.

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 3	As of June 5	Change
Total confirmed cases	223	226	3
Currently in intensive care	22	22	1
Total deaths	5	5	0
Total recovered	197	199	2
Total confirmed cases in BC	43	43	0

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) announced that COVID-19 testing is now available for everyone who needs it.⁵ It should be noted:
 - COVID-19 is tested using a “standard swab”, which is a long Q-tip that scrapes cells from the very back of the nose or throat.
 - These swabs are then sent to a laboratory for testing. To find the nearest collection centre in BC, please visit <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/3862560c5a41418e9d78f4f81688e9d0>
 - If access to a collection centre is not possible, please contact the BC Ambulance non-emergency line at 604-872-5151 for help travelling to the testing location.
- Today, the BC Government announced that additional funding of \$250,000 has been added to support the additional “Buy BC e-commerce” applications that were received after the initial funding was committed on May 15, 2020.⁶ This additional funding will provide more businesses with support to:
 - Access and develop websites that help online sales.
 - Market and ship products to people throughout the province.
- Today, the Government of BC announced that it is extending the temporary ministerial order under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA) to allow health-care workers and other public sector staff to use communication tools not normally permitted for use during the COVID-19 state of emergency until December 31, 2020⁷. This order will continue to allow:
 - Patient-care teams to use multiple communication tools, including smartphones, text messaging, chat programs, and other applications during their response to the public-health emergency.
 - People in self-isolation to communicate with public health officials using chat apps they are most comfortable with, rather than having to learn to how use an alternate app.
 - K-12 schools and post-secondary institutions to provide online and digital learning platforms, so students can continue their studies while gatherings of 50 people are more are prohibited.

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

⁵ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/update-on-covid-19-testing-protocols>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AGRI0023-001022>

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CITZ0010-001019>

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

- Today, the Yukon Government announced that Yukon's plan for lifting COVID-19 restrictions has been updated to include specific dates and new timelines, taking into consideration the start of Phase II on July 1, 2020.⁸ Of note:
 - Phase I: Restart (Current Phase – May 15 to June 30)
 - Phase II: Recover (July 1 – to be determined)
 - Phase III: New normal (to begin when criteria are met)
 - For the latest version of the plan, please visit:
https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/eco/eco-path-forward-yukons-plan-lifting-covid-19-restrictions_2.pdf
- Today, the Yukon Government announced that beginning Sunday, June 7, 2020, places of worship will be permitted to open.⁹ Service organizers are required to adopt steps to ensure public health measures, such as:
 - Physical distancing.
 - Adapting the nature of services when necessary.
 - Increasing frequency of cleaning and disinfecting common, high-touch areas.
 - Developing and completing an operational plan that must be produced if requested.

Whitehorse

- No significant updates from the City of Whitehorse.

Watson Lake

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

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/june-5-2020-covid-19-update>

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/june-5-2020-covid-19-update>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, the Prime Minister announced that Canadians with disabilities, who are certificate holders of the Disability Tax Credit as of June 1, will receive a one-time, tax-free payment to cover extra costs during the Pandemic.¹⁰
 - This one-time, tax-free payment includes:
 - \$600 for Canadians with a valid Disability Tax Credit Certificate.
 - \$300 for Canadians with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate and who are eligible for the Old Age Security (OAS) pension.
 - \$100 for Canadians with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate and who are eligible for the OAS pension and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).
 - Canadians who are eligible for this tax-free payment do not need to apply, and instead the payment will be issued automatically.
- Today, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) issued a statement reminding all Canadian boaters that crossing the border for recreation or tourism is currently prohibited.¹¹ It should be noted:
 - Boaters who enter Canada without reporting to the CBSA (including for the purpose of refuelling) may face severe penalties, including monetary penalties and seizure of vessel.
 - The minimum fine for failing to report to the CBSA upon entry to Canada is \$1,000.

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

¹⁰ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/06/05/prime-minister-announces-supports-canadians-disabilities-address>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2020/06/covid19-cbsa-reminds-recreational-boaters-that-now-is-not-the-time-to-be-crossing-the-border-for-discretionary-reasons.html>