

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 26 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

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of June 25</b>	<b>As of June 26</b>	<b>Change</b>
Currently hospitalized in BC	15	17	2
Currently in intensive care	7	5	-2
Total deaths in BC	173	174	1
Total recovered in BC	2,517	2,545	28
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>2,869</b>	<b>2,878</b>	<b>10*</b>

  

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of June 25</b>	<b>As of June 26</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	970	969	-1*
Fraser Health	1,504	1,514	10
Island Health	131	131	0
Interior Health	199	199	0
Northern Health	65	65	0
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>2,869</b>	<b>2,878</b>	<b>10*</b>
<b>Total individuals tested in BC</b>	<b>185,759</b>	<b>187,748</b>	<b>1989**</b>

  

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of June 25</b>	<b>As of June 26</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total individuals tested</b>	<b>1,266</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,251	1,254	3
Pending results	4	7	3

\* The BCCDC has reported 10 new cases of COVID-19, and a negative change in Vancouver Coastal Health, due to a data correction.

\*\* The BCCDC has reported 1,978 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between June 25th and June 26th

<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>

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION  
RESERVE CASES IN CANADA<sup>4</sup>**

	As of June 24	As of June 26	Change
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	288	291	3
Currently hospitalized	29	29	0
Total deaths	6	6	0
Total recovered	223	224	1
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>

**LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry, BC’s Health Officer, and Dr. Shannon McDonald, First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) acting Chief Health Officer, held a press conference to report on COVID-19 updates within First Nations communities.<sup>5</sup>
  - COVID-19 data shared by Dr. Shannon McDonald during the press conference includes:
    - 5,434 First Nations individuals have been tested for COVID-19 between January 1 and June 14, 2020.
    - To date, 86 First Nations individuals in BC have tested positive for COVID-19, of which, 42 live on reserve.
    - In total, 19 First Nations individuals were hospitalized, although no patients remain in the hospital.
    - 81 COVID-19 positive patients have now recovered.
    - Sadly, there were 3 deaths amongst First Nations individuals.
  - Dr. Shannon McDonald stated:
    - “First Nations people in BC have fared better than the rest of the population during the COVID-19 pandemic, thanks to a strong response from First Nations communities”.
    - “The curve has flattened but it has not flat-lined”.
    - “We must continue to do this (cautionary measures) for the sake of the most vulnerable among us, especially our Elders, our language speakers and our knowledge holders”.
- In reference to today’s press conference on COVID-19 in First Nations communities, Dr. Bonnie Henry made the following statements:<sup>6</sup>
  - “The low impact of COVID-19 on Indigenous peoples in BC that we have seen so far is a result of ongoing collaboration and an unwavering commitment by community and health leaders to put appropriate measures in place to protect communities”.
  - “The enhanced measures and additional support that are now in place, especially for rural and remote communities, will help to keep everyone safe until an effective treatment or vaccine is available”.

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

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/fnha-reports-86-first-nations-cases-of-covid-19-to-june-14-2020>

<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0207-001188>

- “While we are encouraged by this outcome, we recognize that the result has come with hardship. The need to put aside important cultural gatherings to maintain a safe physical distance and to limit visitors has had a great social, mental and economic impact on many. It also reminds us of the resilience that First Nations communities continue to display in the face of hardships”.
- “We have seen that by working together, we can ensure the right tools and resources are in place to provide the care and support needed to effectively respond to COVID-19”.
- Today, the BC Government announced that more than 100 local government and First Nations communities have been approved to receive shares of \$4.2 million in provincial emergency preparedness funding.<sup>7</sup>
  - This funding is part of the nearly \$69.5 million Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF), designed to help communities prepare for, and respond to, disasters.
  - This investment will support:
    - Emergency support services (ESS), which provide short-term, essential supports to British Columbians impacted by disasters.
    - Emergency operations centres (EOC).
    - Equipment and emergency training at the community level.

### **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>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0034-001168>

## **LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

- Today, the Government of Canada shared a reminder to all Canadians that a travel advisory is in effect, until further notice, advising against:<sup>8</sup>
  - All non-essential travel outside Canada
  - Cruise ship travel

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

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<sup>8</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/06/covid-19-global-affairs-canada-reminds-canadians-to-follow-official-travel-advice.html>