

3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 15 July 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 July 14	As of July 15	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,128	3,149	21
Currently in intensive care	5	5	0
Total deaths in BC	189	189	0
Total recovered in BC	2,730	2,753	23
Currently hospitalized in BC	14	14	0

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of July 14	As of July 15	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	1,015	1,023	8
Fraser Health	1,649	1,659	10
Island Health	135	135	0
Interior Health	212	216	4
Northern Health	65	65	0
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,128	3,149	21
Total individuals tested in BC	221,097	223,493	2,396

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of July 14	As of July 15	Change
Total individuals tested	1,356	1,356	0
Total confirmed cases	11	11	0
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,330	1,341	11
Pending results	15	13	-2

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 July 13	As of July 14	Change
Total confirmed cases	348	348	0
Currently hospitalized	30	30	0
Total deaths in BC	6	6	0
Total recovered in BC	299	299	0
Total confirmed cases in BC	42	42	0

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry released the following statement concerning COVID-19 transmission in the community:⁵
 - “While early on, many of our long-term care and assisted living facilities were impacted, most of the cases are in the broader community.”
 - “Here in British Columbia, as we spend more time with others, we need to find our balance with COVID-19. We need to minimize the number of cases, manage new cases as they emerge and modify our activities accordingly.”
 - “To do this, we all have to do our part by continuing to use our layers of protection and following our rules for safe social interactions.”
 - “No one wants to get sick with COVID-19, nor do we want to inadvertently pass it onto others. While the symptoms can be mild, it is a complex illness that has serious consequences.”
 - “Let’s enjoy the summer safely and continue to do all we can to protect our neighbours, our friends and our loved ones.”
- Today, the BC Government announced approximately \$2 million in funding for a pilot project within Island Health to support the community’s response to the opioid crisis during the pandemic.⁶
- Today, to supplement the \$120 million in COVID-19 industry support funding to BC’s restoration of oil and gas sites by the Government of Canada, the BC Government announced that First Nations communities, local governments, and landowners can now nominate priority orphan and inactive well sites.⁷
 - To nominate a specific dormant and orphan site, please visit:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-gas-oil/responsible-oil-gas-development/dormant-sites-reclamation-program/site-nomination>

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0223-001299>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/stories/government-of-canada-supports-safer-supply-pilot-project-in-bc>

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMPR0028-001294>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon has provided an update on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.⁸ This includes:
 - Territory border control statistics:
 - Since the start of Phase 2 on July 1, 1,587 British Columbia residents and 1,130 Yukoners have entered Yukon.
 - In that time, 1,627 people have transited through the territory.
 - Since border restrictions began earlier this year, four individuals have been fined for violating the Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA).
 - Many Government of Yukon employees will gradually be returning to the workplace during the current Phase 2 and as the Territory transitions into Phase 3.
 - Currently the percentage of employees working from home is approximately 34 per cent.
 - The gradual return to the workplace will ensure the ongoing health and safety of employees.
 - The Whitehorse Public Library will reopen to the public on July 21, 2020 but will introduce changes to support the safety of the public and staff.
- Today, the Government of Yukon announced that health care professionals providing COVID-19 testing will have the following expanded set of symptoms to watch for in Yukoners who have not travelled outside the Territory:⁹
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath.
 - Runny nose
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of sense of taste or smell.
 - Headache
 - Fatigue
 - Loss of Appetite
 - Nausea and Vomiting
 - Diarrhea and muscle aches
- It should be further noted that:
 - The testing criteria is now the same for both individuals who have travelled and those who haven't.
 - Anyone who is tested is required to self-isolate until directed by their health care provider or Yukon Communicable Disease Control.
 - Anyone experiencing symptoms should contact 811 or complete the self-assessment test online.
 - Testing of asymptomatic persons is not recommended at this time
- Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley, stated:
 - "We now face the challenge of living and managing COVID while recognizing the need to address health and public health in a more holistic way. We will strive to identify cases early by testing the right people in a timely manner and when cases are identified, YCDC and my office will work to manage those persons and their contacts."

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/july-15-2020-covid-19-update>

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/expanded-testing-criteria-covid-19>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, released the following statement concerning the increase of COVID-19 transmission among young Canadians:¹⁰
 - “We are concerned about the increasing number of reports of individuals contracting COVID-19 at parties, nightclubs, and bars, as well as increasing rates of transmission among young Canadians in some jurisdictions across the country.”
 - “Although severe illness due to COVID-19 is not common among younger age groups, there have been several reports of severe illness among even young and active adults. We are all in this together and have a shared responsibility to help keep COVID-19 transmission low.”
 - “I encourage everyone, especially young adults, to find creative ways to stay socially active in the time of COVID-19. Singing, mingling and dancing in close contact with others, in closed spaces and crowded places, is not the way to party this summer. These are ideal conditions for the spread of COVID-19.”
 - “While no public setting can be 100% safe from COVID-19, there are some conditions and controls to watch out for that are helping to lower the risk to Canadians. Before you enter, look for some of the following signs that public health measures are well supported:
 - Information about COVID-19 control measures is readily available
 - People who are ill are discouraged from entering
 - There are opportunities to practise hand hygiene and physical distancing
 - Masks are worn when mandated and when physical distancing is not possible
 - The environment is cleaned regularly
 - There is good open-air ventilation”
 - “Most importantly, stay home if you are sick even if you have only mild symptoms. These are important considerations to keep top of mind as we continue to live with COVID-19.”

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

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/07/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-july-15-20200.html>