

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 17 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

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of July 16</b>	<b>As of July 17</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>3,170</b>	<b>3,198</b>	<b>28</b>
Currently in intensive care	3	2	-1
Total deaths in BC	189	189	0
Total recovered in BC	2,789	2,802	13
Currently hospitalized in BC	15	18	3

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of July 16</b>	<b>As of July 17</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	1,028	1,032	4
Fraser Health	1,667	1,676	9
Island Health	136	136	0
Interior Health	223	235	12
Northern Health	65	68	3
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>3,170</b>	<b>3,198</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Total individuals tested in BC</b>	<b>226,147</b>	<b>229,293</b>	<b>3,146</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of July 16</b>	<b>As of July 17</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total individuals tested</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>1,393</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,353	1,356	3
Pending results	12	24	12

<sup>1</sup> <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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<sup>3</sup> <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>

<b>STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE CASES IN CANADA<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>As of July 14</b>	<b>As of July 15</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	348	351	<b>3</b>
Currently hospitalized	30	30	0
Total deaths in BC	6	6	0
Total recovered in BC	299	312	<b>13</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- On July 16<sup>th</sup>, the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) and the University of British Columbia released a study outlining the results of initial serology testing within BC.<sup>5</sup> Key highlights from the study include:
  - Less than 1% of British Columbians had been infected with COVID-19 when the first-wave mitigation measures were relaxed in May 2020.
  - Findings indicate that BC has suppressed the curve, however, substantial potential for COVID-19 to re-emerge exists.
  - Further serology survey snapshots are planned as the pandemic unfolds.

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Dr. Catherine Elliott, Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, has confirmed that two Yukon residents have contracted COVID-19 while travelling in another province.<sup>6</sup>
  - The two individuals acquired the illness outside of the Yukon and are recovering in self-isolation outside of the Yukon and are scheduled to return home once they are no longer infectious.
  - Yukon Communicable Disease Control is working closely with the provincial health authority to ensure the individuals are receiving appropriate care and to coordinate contact tracing.
  - In response to the confirmation of the two COVID-19 cases, Dr. Catherine Elliott has stated:
    - “We were anticipating that we would have cases among Yukoners and these two cases do not change the risk for the Yukon. These persons were not infectious while in Yukon.”
    - “This situation demonstrates that our public health system is working and our partnerships and communication channels with other provincial health authorities are working.”

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

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.07.13.20153148v1.full.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/yukoners-contract-covid-19-while-travelling>

- “These two cases are a reminder that we continue to live with COVID-19. If we maintain the safe six, including proper hand hygiene, physical distancing, small gatherings, staying home when sick and being respectful when travelling, we can keep our families and communities safe.”

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, the Government of Canada provided the following update on COVID-19 in First Nations communities:<sup>7</sup>
  - The COVID-19 curve continues to flatten in First Nation, Inuit, and Metis communities.
  - Some regional health authorities and First Nations are working toward sharing more COVID-19 data for analysis.
  - Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) is supporting communities’ COVID-19 response plans by strengthening health service capacity, community health infrastructure, infection prevention and control, and responding to requests for medical equipment and other supplies.
  - ISC continues to process Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requests and as of July 14, 2020, has shipped 1,024 orders for PPE, including hand sanitizers, N95 masks, isolation shields, and gloves.
  - Last week, the Special Advisory Committee’s Public Health Working Group on Remote and Isolated Indigenous Communities released guidance on re-opening to assist Indigenous leadership in making decisions as the pandemic proceeds.
- Today, the Government of Canada announced that it has proposed a further extension of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), until December 19, 2020.<sup>8</sup>
  - Additional proposed changes included in the Government’s draft legislative proposals would:
    - Make the subsidy accessible to a broader range of employers by including employers with a revenue decline of less than 30 percent and providing a gradually decreasing base subsidy to all qualifying employers.
    - Introduce a top-up subsidy of up to an additional 25 percent for employers that have been most adversely affected by the pandemic.
    - Provide certainty to employers that have already made business decisions for July and August.
    - Address certain technical issues identified by stakeholders.

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

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/07/update-on-covid-19-in-indigenous-communities0.html>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/07/supporting-canadian-workers-and-businesses-with-a-redesigned-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html>