

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 20 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 17</b>	<b>As of July 20</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>3,198</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>102*</b>
Currently in intensive care	2	4	2
Total deaths in BC	189	189	0
Total recovered in BC	2,802	2,858	56
Currently hospitalized in BC	18	16	-2

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of July 17</b>	<b>As of July 20</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	1,032	1,042	10
Fraser Health	1,676	1,713	37
Island Health	136	142	6
Interior Health	235	280	45
Northern Health	68	69	1
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>3,198</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>102*</b>
<b>Total individuals tested in BC</b>	<b>229,293</b>	<b>236,669</b>	<b>7,376**</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of July 17</b>	<b>As of July 20</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total individuals tested</b>	<b>1,393</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,356	1,399	43
Pending results	24	5	-19

\*The BC Government reported 51 new COVID-19 cases July 19<sup>th</sup>, 20 new cases July 19<sup>th</sup>, 32 new cases July 20<sup>th</sup> (102 total).

\*\*The BCCDC has reported 2,026 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between July 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

<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 July 15	As of July 17	Change
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	351	357	6
Currently hospitalized	30	30	0
Total deaths in BC	6	6	0
Total recovered in BC	312	319	7
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3</b>

**WEEKLY PROFILE OF COVID-19 CASES<sup>5</sup>**

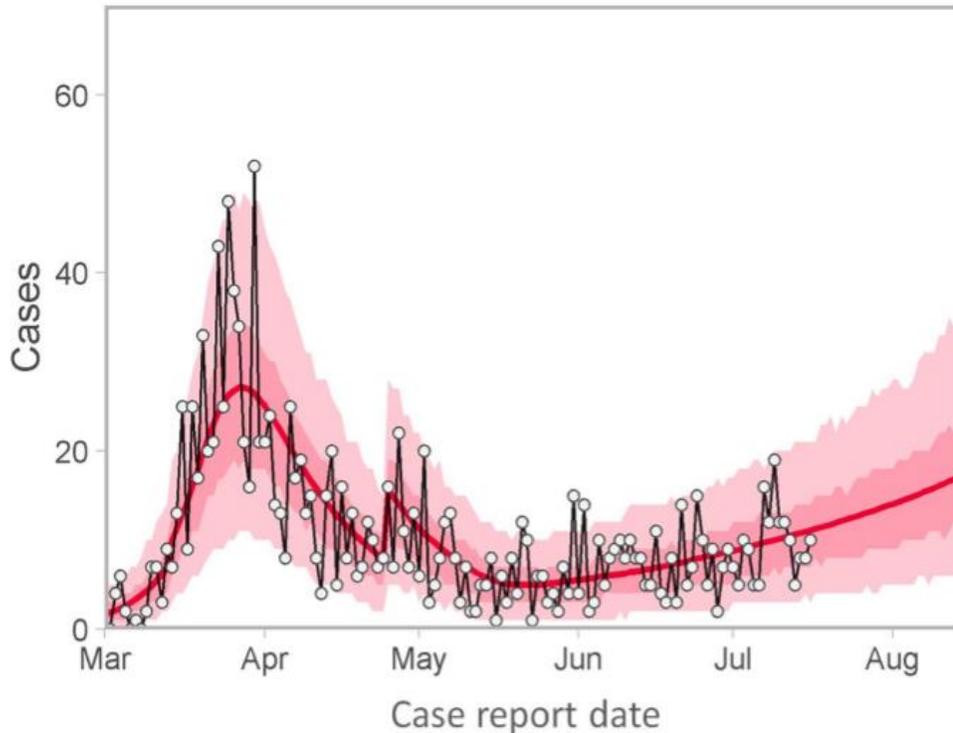


*Note: Weekly comparison represents provincial data from July 5-9, 2020 compared to June 28-July 2, 2020.*

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

<sup>5</sup> [https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Covid19-Modelling\\_Update.pdf](https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Covid19-Modelling_Update.pdf)

## SHORT TERM CURVE PROJECTIONS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA<sup>6</sup>



## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced new modelling data for COVID-19 in British Columbia. Findings from new BC Centre for Disease Control modelling data include the following:<sup>7</sup>
  - British Columbia has flattened its curve but increasing numbers of new COVID-19 cases during the summer remains a possibility.
  - The number of COVID-19 cases in British Columbia have exceeded the 1% threshold of sustained growth for new cases.
  - Scenarios from the modelling illustrate the importance of reducing infectious contacts and of reducing risk by other means (e.g., masking, hand hygiene). Poor compliance with this advice could lead to a rebound in new cases.

<sup>6</sup> [https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Covid19-Modelling\\_Update.pdf](https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Covid19-Modelling_Update.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> [https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Covid19-Modelling\\_Update.pdf](https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Covid19-Modelling_Update.pdf)

- In addition to releasing new modelling data, Dr. Henry spoke to the importance of public health measures to keep the COVID-19 curve low in the coming months:<sup>8</sup>
  - “Almost half of British Columbians (47%) have experienced worsening mental health as a result of the pandemic. Many have also faced additional economic burden and the stress that comes with that.”
  - “The epidemiological data also shows some concerning upward trends: The infection rate for new cases is increasing above one to one, and we are also seeing an uptick in our case curve. This tells us that we are on edge of increasing our social interactions too much and are at risk of a rebound.”
  - “We need to bend our curve back down to where it belongs.”
  - “There are a few things we can all do to push that curve back down. Keep your groups small and only spend time with those you know. The more people you see, the more likely someone will have COVID-19 and will spread it to others.”
  - “If you are going out, be considerate of people who are working at the restaurants and pubs that you are visiting. Remember servers are at higher risk because of the many people they see, so be kind and show gratitude as they follow the WorkSafeBC requirements for safe operations. Ensure your groups are no larger than six people, avoid table-hopping and stay home if you are feeling unwell.”
  - “If you are hosting a small gathering, remember ‘fewer faces and bigger spaces.’ Keep your gatherings small, know everyone who is coming, stay outside as much as possible and have a designated ‘contact keeper’ so you are able to quickly alert everyone afterward, if necessary.
  - “We all have a role to play in keeping our curve flat. Let’s continue to work together and do all we can to keep ourselves and each other safe. Let’s protect our communities, our Elders and our loved ones by standing united against COVID-19.”
- Today, the BC Government announced the release of the Employment Standards Branch’s new online tool that allows for employees and employers to easy access to apply for a temporary layoff extension, due to COVID-19.<sup>9</sup>
  - The new online application simplifies and streamlines the process for employees and employers to jointly apply for an extension beyond August 30, 2020.

## **LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY**

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory

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<sup>8</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0038-001335>

<sup>9</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020LBR0021-001326>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, the Government of Canada announced that \$10 million, of the \$50 million funding to support organizations providing services to women and families fleeing violence, will be distributed to other organizations that provide important services to those experiencing gender-based violence.<sup>10</sup>
  - Nearly 1000 organizations across Canada are being supported by this funding to help with the increased demands of frontline organizations during COVID-19.
- Today, the Government of Canada announced that as part of the Government's response to COVID-19, the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) will be increased for the 2020-2021 year to keep pace with the cost of living.<sup>11</sup>
  - The maximum benefit will be \$6,765 per child under age 6 and \$5,708 per child age 6 through 17.
- On July 18, 2020, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer released the following statement regarding COVID-19 transmission.<sup>12</sup>
  - "As more Canadians go out and interact with others, we expect to see new COVID-19 cases. Without a vaccine or effective treatment, Canada's daily new case count will not drop to zero in the foreseeable future."
  - "We encourage all Canadians to be aware of the many symptoms associated with COVID-19. Symptoms vary from person to person and by age, but the most common symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite and loss of smell or taste. Less common symptoms include, but are not limited to diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, and muscle aches."
  - "Anyone who feels even mildly ill with symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home and contact their local health authority to determine how to proceed with testing."
  - "It is possible that someone who is not displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 may, in fact, be infected with the virus."
  - "If someone you know thinks they have been exposed to the virus or develops symptoms of COVID-19, encourage them to isolate themselves and contact their local public health authority for advice on next steps, including when and how to seek testing."

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

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/status-women/news/2020/07/government-of-canada-provides-emergency-covid-19-funds-to-nearly-1000-organizations-delivering-essential-frontline-supports-to-those-fleeing-violence.html>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/07/canada-child-benefit-is-increasing-again.html>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/07/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-july-18-2020.html>