

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 5 August 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 August 4	As of August 5	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,787	3,834	47
Currently in intensive care	4	6	2
Total deaths in BC	195	195	0
Total recovered in BC	3,273	3,288	15
Currently hospitalized in BC	8	9	1
CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of August 4	As of August 5	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	1,119	1,132	13
Fraser Health	1,989	2,015	26
Island Health	146	146	0
Interior Health	377	384	7
Northern Health	91	91	0
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,787	3,834	47
Total individuals tested in BC	272,453	274,179	1,726
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of August 4	As of August 5	Change
Total individuals tested	1,740	1,769	29
Total confirmed cases	14	14	0
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,667	1,718	51
Pending results	57	37	-20

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 31	As of August 4	Change
Total confirmed cases	404	412	8
Currently hospitalized	32	32	0
Total deaths	6	6	0
Total recovered	354	365	11
Total confirmed cases in BC	64	67	3

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Harry Bains, Minister of Labour, urged workers and employers who need to extend temporary layoffs beyond the Aug. 30, 2020 expiry date to apply for a variance using the Employment Standards Branch’s new online application by Aug. 25.⁵
 - The Government encourages employers to submit their variance applications now to avoid permanent staff layoffs and compensation for length of service to eligible workers upon the expiry of the COVID-19 emergency layoff period.
- Today, Minister Bains also appointed Sandra Banister, QC, to conduct a review of layoff and recall rights of workers in British Columbia’s hotel sector as a result of COVID-19.⁶
 - The goal of the review is to support employers and hotel unions to come together and find solutions to issues around layoff and recall rights due to COVID-19.
 - Banister will provide a summary of her findings by Aug. 20, 2020.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon provided the following updates on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.⁷
 - Yukon Communicable Disease Control will contact people directly who have been exposed to the virus. If this isn’t possible, other public notification approaches will be taken.
 - Information stations are being set up in Beaver Creek and Watson Lake to provide visitors with COVID-19 resources and information about how and where to travel safely, respectfully and responsibly in and through Yukon.
 - People in Yukon with out-of-territory plates can pick up a set of visitor decals at designated pickup points in Whitehorse and nine communities.
 - They must first have completed their 14-day self-isolation period, if it was required.
 - So far, Yukon has issued 123 visitor decals for non-residents.

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020LBR0022-001463>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020LBR0023-001469>

⁷ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/august-5-2020-covid-19-update>

- New guidelines for childcare services have been provided to childcare and day home operators in Yukon.
 - Parents are no longer required to fill out an assessment tool daily, but need to assess their child before delivering them to daycare.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, the Government of Canada announced that it is investing in projects that will position Canada at the forefront of the global race to find a treatment and a vaccine for COVID-19, while building domestic capabilities to fight future pandemics.
 - At this time, there are no vaccines authorized for the prevention of COVID-19, but there are many in clinical trials or in development.
 - For each candidate vaccine, Health Canada will review evidence of safety, efficacy and manufacturing quality to decide on whether the individual vaccines will be approved for use in Canada.
- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, provided the following statement in honour of World Breastfeeding Awareness Week, regarding COVID-19⁸:
 - “At the outset of the pandemic, we knew very little about the virus and how it would spread and impact pregnant women and their newborn babies. At the present time, there is little evidence that the virus is spread from a mother to her infant through breastfeeding, and the benefits of breastfeeding are considered to far outweigh any potential risks.”
 - “Breastfeeding offers the greatest protection against infection and illness throughout infancy and childhood.”
 - “Mothers with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are still encouraged to initiate or continue to breastfeed. Those who are symptomatic, or concerned about a recent exposure, should take recommended precautions to avoid spreading the virus to the baby - whether breastfeeding or not - including:
 - Frequent hand washing
 - Cover coughs and sneezes
 - Wear a non-medical face mask or face covering when close to the baby.”

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/08/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-august-5-2020.html>

- Today, the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Catherine McKenna, announced new steps to help provinces and territories deal with the COVID-19 crisis.⁹
 - Investments of more than \$180 billion over 12 years in public transit projects, green infrastructure, social infrastructure, trade and transportation routes, and Canada’s rural and northern communities.
 - The over \$33-billion Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program now includes a new stream to directly respond to the immediate pressures and concerns as a result of the current pandemic, new eligible project categories, and faster approvals.

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

⁹<https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2020/08/infrastructure-program-expands-to-support-covid-19-community-resilience.html>