

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE – 29 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 27</b>	<b>As of July 29</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,562</b>	<b>62*</b>
Currently in intensive care	3	2	-1
Total deaths in BC	193	194	1
Total recovered in BC	3,043	3,109	66
Currently hospitalized in BC	11	6	-5

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of July 27</b>	<b>As of July 29</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	1,064	1,071	7
Fraser Health	1,800	1,846	46
Island Health	143	143	0
Interior Health	353	356	3
Northern Health	80	86	6
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,562</b>	<b>62*</b>
<b>Total individuals tested in BC</b>	<b>253,873</b>	<b>258,368</b>	<b>4,495</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of July 27</b>	<b>As of July 29</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total individuals tested</b>	<b>1,523</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>
Recovered cases	11	11	0
Negative results	1,497	1,499	2
Pending results	12	34	-10

\*The BC Government reported 23 new COVID-19 cases July 28<sup>th</sup> and 39 cases July 29<sup>th</sup> (62 Total).

<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>

<b>STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE CASES IN CANADA<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>As of July 24</b>	<b>As of July 28</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	378	395	<b>17</b>
Currently hospitalized	31	32	<b>1</b>
Total deaths	6	6	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	340	348	<b>8</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>5</b>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Rob Fleming, BC Minister of Education, announced enhanced safety measures which will enable most students in grades K-12 to return to school on Sept. 8, 2020.<sup>5</sup>
  - This will include full-time in class learning as the province transitions to Stage 2 of BC's Education Restart Plan.
  - The key aspect to returning to school will be the organization of students in to cohorts. This means:
    - Groups of students and staff will remain together for the year and only learn with each other.
    - Groups will be small enough to maintain physical distance and connect during breaks in common areas and playgrounds.
    - The potential for COVID-19 transmission will be limited and the ability for public health to step in will be enhanced.
  - Elementary School cohort format:
    - Maximum 60 students but all segregated in different classrooms.
    - Elementary cohorts will be smaller as it is harder to maintain physical distance amongst younger children.
  - Secondary School cohort format:
    - Maximum 120 students but also in different classrooms
  - Additional health and safety measures to be taken include:
    - Regular cleaning and disinfecting
    - Designated traffic flow in schools
    - Limiting social interactions
    - Hand hygiene
    - Safe physical distancing
    - Mask wearing, if preferred
    - Staying home if sick

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

<sup>5</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EDUC0040-001415>

- This new approach will be used for the 2020-2021 school year.
- School communities will be monitored and public health will make adjustments as necessary.
- A one-time investment of \$45.6 million will support school districts and independent schools to ensure increased cleaning regimes, provide a number of hand-washing stations and increase availability of masks.
- For more information on the K-12 Education Restart Plan, visit:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school>
- Today, Dr. Henry and Adrian Dix shared the following statement on community exposures of COVID-19 in BC:<sup>6</sup>
  - “There have been no new health-care facility outbreaks. In total, one long-term care facility and two acute-care facilities have active outbreaks.”
  - “As we all look ahead to the upcoming B.C. Day long weekend, let’s ensure it is a safe weekend for all of us. Whether it is enjoying the local parks, staying at a vacation rental or out for dinner, keeping our groups small and maintaining safe distances will protect ourselves and those around us. And if you are in a vacation rental accommodation, whether a hotel room or houseboat, new provincial health officer orders mean you can have a maximum of five visitors and you must take down their contact information.”
  - “Let’s make sure COVID-19 doesn’t take our summer away by taking steps to bend our curve back down, this weekend and every weekend.”
- On July 28<sup>th</sup> it was announced that the Province is providing \$1.5 million to help local sport organizations with fixed costs during the pandemic.<sup>7</sup>
  - “We want people of all ages, backgrounds and levels of ability to be able to gain the physical and mental benefits sport offers,” said Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture. “People in the sport community have felt the effects of COVID-19 profoundly. This funding will help local organizations pay their bills and keep our communities active.”
  - Rural and remote communities – such as Indigenous peoples, girls and women, low-income individuals, persons with disabilities and newcomers – are disproportionately affected by a reduction in physical activity opportunities as a result of COVID-19.
  - As of July 27, 2020, 54 sport-specific plans to rebound from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic had been completed by provincial sport organizations.
    - Organizations are ready to welcome participants back to activities safely, meaning more than 500,000 British Columbians are able to return to sport.

<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0232-001407>

<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TAC0041-001395>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon and Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health announced that Phase 3 of Yukon's plan for lifting COVID-19 public health measures will begin on August 1<sup>st</sup>.<sup>8</sup>
  - In Phase 3 Yukoners can increase their household bubble from one additional family by adding three to five families depending on family size.
    - The maximum number of individuals in a bubble should be 15 people.
    - Members of this bubble can interact without having to physically distance.
  - Indoor social gatherings remain limited to 10 with social distancing, unless it is with people that are part of your social bubble.
    - Outdoor gatherings remain at 50.
    - Seated outdoor events with 100 people, such as weddings, will also be allowed.
  - Yukon athletes will be able to return to play as part of Phase 3.
    - Officials with the Chief Medical Officer of Health's office will meet with sports organizations and officials to plan a safe return to sports activities this fall.
    - More details will be shared as they become available.

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, provided the following update on COVID-19 in Canada:
  - To date, there have been 114,994 cases of COVID-19 in Canada, including 8,912 deaths.
  - 87% of people have now recovered.
  - Labs across Canada have tested 3,899,000 people for COVID-19.
  - Over the past week, an average of 40,665 people were tested daily, with about 1% testing positive and an average of 471 cases being reported daily from across the country.
  - Dr. Tam also provided the following statements:
    - "For many, staying physically apart from others can lead to feelings of loneliness and social isolation. Remember that you can practice physical distancing, but still be social."
    - "If you or someone you care about are experiencing social, mental or emotional challenges associated with the difficulties and pressures of the COVID-19 pandemic, help is available. Please visit the Wellness Together Portal (<https://ca.portal.gs/>) to connect to mental health and substance use support, resources and counselling with a mental health professional."
    - "Continue reaching out by various means, including virtually and especially support those living alone or away from family members or loved ones."

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<sup>8</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/phase-3-begins-august-1-includes-changes-social-gatherings-social-bubbles-and-plans-sports>

- Today, Seamus O'Regan, Canada's Minister of Natural Resources, announced the government will invest \$98 million over five years to renew two flagship geoscience programs led by the Geological Survey of Canada: the Geo-mapping for Energy and Minerals program and the Targeted Geoscience Initiative.<sup>9</sup>
  - These programs provide junior exploration companies with valuable knowledge to identify and develop future mines across the country while supporting remote, and Indigenous community engagement in land-use planning, contributing to the sustainable development of our resources and building Canada's reputation as a destination for exploration investment.
- On July 28<sup>th</sup>, Mélanie Joly, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages, and Minister responsible for Western Economic Diversification Canada, announced over \$95,136,762 in support to help over 1,767 businesses that were unable to access existing Government of Canada COVID-19 relief measures.<sup>10</sup>
  - This funding will benefit up to 2,500 innovative companies and support as many as 1,000 jobs.
  - Up to half of these businesses are either owned or operated by women, youth or Indigenous people.
  - This funding in BC includes:
    - 599 main street and small to medium sized-business projects (\$19,959,551)
    - 14 broader business projects (\$7,237,997)
    - Protection for smaller businesses:
      - 692 jobs protected in 525 firms with 4 employees and under
      - 1378 jobs protected in 87 firms with 5-99 employees
      - 225 jobs protected in 1 firm with 100+ employees

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

<sup>9</sup><https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2020/07/canada-delivers-broad-support-for-the-minerals-and-metals-sector.html>

<sup>10</sup><https://www.canada.ca/en/western-economic-diversification/news/2020/07/backgrounder-relief-and-recovery-funds-flowing-to-western-businesses.html>