

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 13 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

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	As of August 12	As of August 13	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	4,196	4,274	78
Currently in intensive care	5	4	-1
Total deaths in BC	196	196	0
Total recovered in BC	3,469	3,500	31
Currently hospitalized in BC	8	9	1

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	As of August 12	As of August 13	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	1,273	1,306	33
Fraser Health	2,203	2,242	39
Island Health	150	150	0
Interior Health	394	398	4
Northern Health	104	106	2
Total confirmed cases in BC	4,196	4,274	78
Total individuals tested in BC	293,127	296,742	3,615

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	As of August 12	As of August 13	Change
Total individuals tested	2,062	2,112	50
Total confirmed cases	15	15	0
Recovered cases	13	15	2
Negative results	1,915	2,037	122
Pending results	132	60	-72

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

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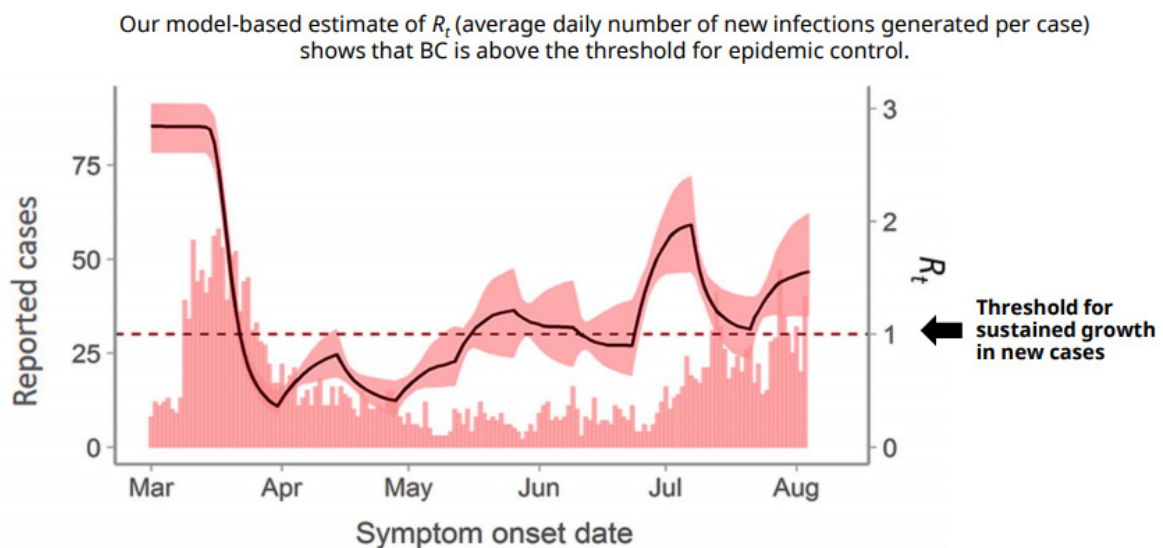
<sup>3</sup> <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>

<b>STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE CASES IN CANADA<sup>4</sup></b>	As of August 11	As of August 12	Change
Total confirmed cases	425	425	0
Currently hospitalized	34	34	0
Total deaths	6	6	0
Total recovered	393	395	2
Total confirmed cases in BC	68	68	0

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced the release of new modelling data for COVID-19 in British Columbia. Findings from the modelling data include the following:<sup>5</sup>
  - **Recent Trends:** The average daily number of new infections generated per case is now above the threshold for epidemic control (see *Figure 1*).
  - **Projections:** The model projections suggest that the number of new cases may continue to increase during the summer. These projections assume that recent trends in new cases will continue (see *Figure 2*).

**Figure 1: Modelling: Recent Trends**

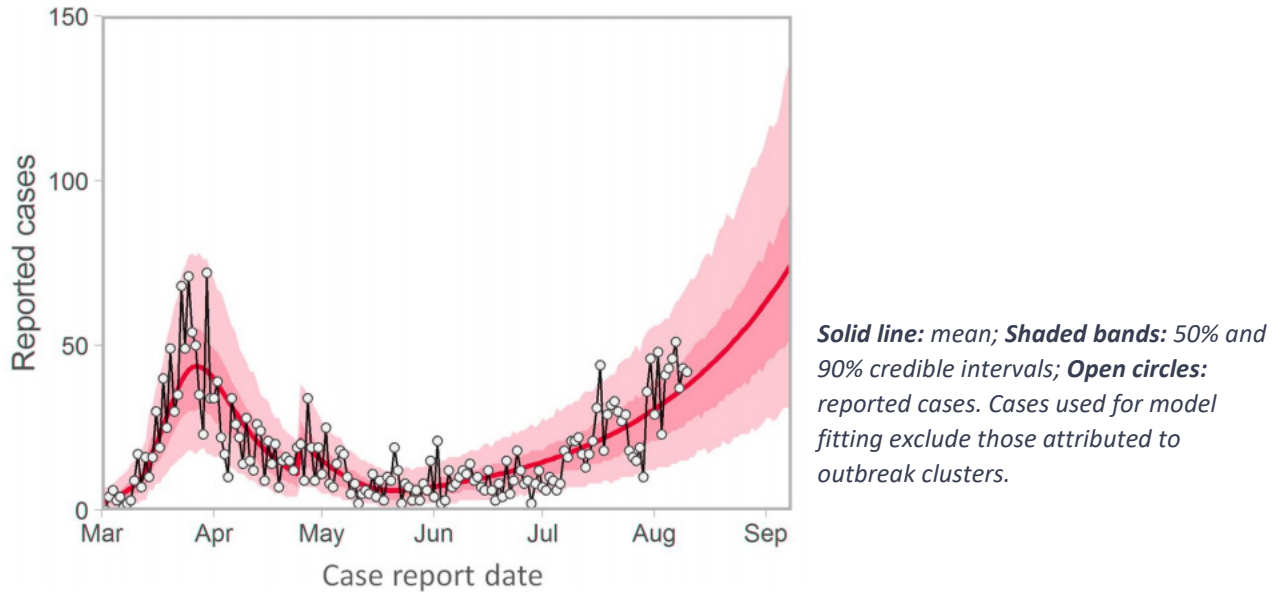


**Solid line:** median  $R_t$ ; **Light band:** 95% credible intervals; **Pink bars:** reported cases, excluding those attributed to outbreak clusters; The most recent case counts and  $R_t$  values are not shown due to data lags from transmission to case reporting.

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

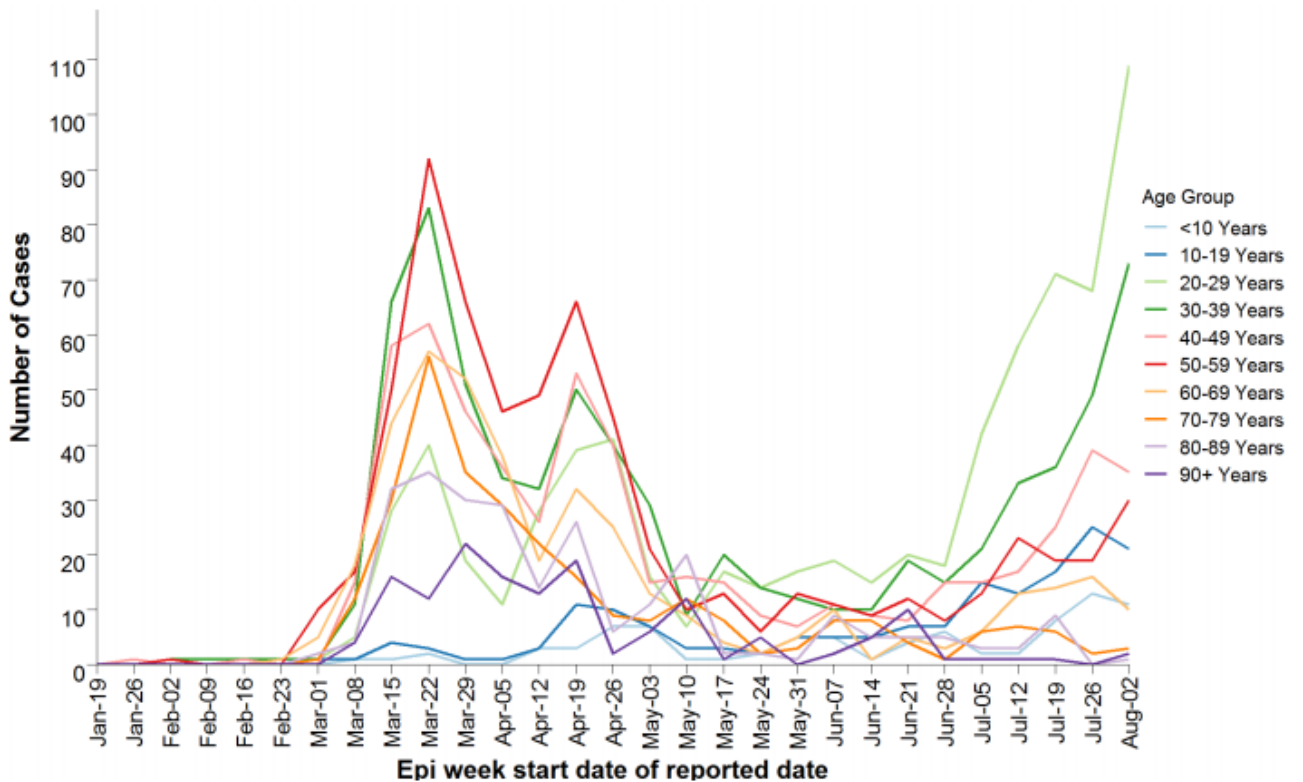
<sup>5</sup> [https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/COVID-19\\_Going\\_Forward.pdf](https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/COVID-19_Going_Forward.pdf)

**Figure 2: Modelling: Projections**



- Dr. Bonnie Henry noted the province has seen a rapid increase in cases in young people in recent weeks (*Figure 3*). The proportion of cases is now heavily weighted toward people aged 20 to 39, compared to previous phases of the pandemic.

**Figure 3: Number of Cases by Week Reported and Age Group, BC, January 26 - August 8, 2020 (N=3,999)\***



\*20 cases without age are excluded from analysis.

- Today, the BC Government highlighted the fast-approaching August 25, 2020 application deadline for employees and employers who need to extend temporary layoffs beyond August 30, 2020.<sup>6</sup>
  - Under BC's Employment Standards Act, temporary layoffs related to COVID-19 can last up to 24 weeks or until August 30, 2020 before the layoff becomes permanent.
  - This temporary layoff extension is intended to ensure faster start up for employers and employees when a business is ready to resume operations.

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

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory.

## **LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

- Today, Marie-Claude Bibeau, Canada's Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, announced the launch of a Surplus Food Rescue Program that will provide surplus food to vulnerable populations in Canada.<sup>7</sup>
  - This \$50-million federal initiative is designed to address perishable food surpluses that arose due to the COVID-19 pandemic leaving food producers without a market for food commodities.
  - Under the Program, eight organizations that leverage food redistribution, including Food Banks Canada and Second Harvest, have been awarded donations to supply food insecure families with items that would otherwise have been wasted.
- Today, Catherine McKenna, Canada's Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, announced the launch of a new Canada Healthy Communities Initiative to help local governments and community partners adapt to local, economic, and social challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>8</sup>
  - The Canada Health Communities Initiative will provide up to \$31 million in federal funding to support community-led solutions that respond to immediate and ongoing needs arising from COVID-19 over the next two years.
  - The initiative will fund smaller-scale local projects under three main themes:
    - Creating safe and vibrant public spaces,
    - Improving mobility options, and
    - Digital solutions.
  - Additional details regarding the Program and the application process will be available soon.

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

<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020LBR0026-001520>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/08/government-of-canada-investment-brings-nutritious-surplus-food-to-vulnerable-canadians.html>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2020/08/direct-help-for-bright-ideas-to-make-safer-pandemic-resilient-communities.html>