

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 18 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 17	As of August 18	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	4,594	4,677	83
Currently in intensive care	4	3	-1
Total deaths in BC	196	198	2
Total recovered in BC	3,533	3,704	171
Currently hospitalized in BC	12	6	-6
CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of August 17	As of August 18	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	1,354	1,447	93
Fraser Health	2,276	2,473	197
Island Health	150	156	6
Interior Health	399	407	8
Northern Health	107	120	13
Total confirmed cases in BC	4,358	4,677	319
Total individuals tested in BC	300,230	313,285	13,055
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of August 14	As of August 18	Change
Total individuals tested	2,112	2,247	135
Total confirmed cases	15	15	0
Recovered cases	15	15	0
Negative results	2,037	2,210	173
Pending results	60	22	-38

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 August 14	As of August 17	Change
Total confirmed cases	425	426	1
Currently hospitalized	34	34	0
Total deaths	6	6	0
Total recovered	399	402	3
Total confirmed cases in BC	68	69	1

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, the BC Government formally extended the Provincial State of Emergency to Sept. 1, 2020. Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, issued the following statement:⁵
 - “British Columbians have sacrificed a lot to keep transmission rates down, and now unsafe parties and gatherings are eroding that hard work. We’re committed to getting our province back on track and will be announcing enforcement action against those who continue to put others at risk.”
 - “Public health orders must be followed to ensure public safety, and I will be bringing in new measures later this week to address the actions of those who demonstrate their indifference to the health and safety of others.”
- Today, Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, and Dr. Réka Gustafson, B.C.’s deputy provincial health officer, issued a statement on COVID-19 in British Columbia, which included the following:⁶
 - “There are no new community outbreaks. However, community exposure events continue.”
 - “Alerts are posted on the BC Centre for Disease Control’s (BCCDC) website, as well as on health authorities’ websites, providing details on where the potential exposures occurred and what actions to take – whether you need to immediately self-isolate or monitor for symptoms.”
 - “If your friend or family member is self-isolating, show you care by assisting them with the essentials they may need.”
 - “We need to continue to protect those who are most vulnerable – our seniors and Elders, and those with underlying health conditions – by thinking about who we are being exposed to, and who we may be exposing, when spending time with others.”
 - “Seeing friends may seem safe, but if you are in close contact with an elderly family member, your visit may inadvertently put them at risk.”

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMBC0045-001545>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0045-001550>

- On August 17th, Northern Health issued a community exposure alert for anyone who may have attended the "It is Time Canada" event in Deadwood, Alberta from July 30th to August 2nd.⁷
 - Individuals who attended must self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19, and self-isolate and seek testing if they begin to exhibit symptoms

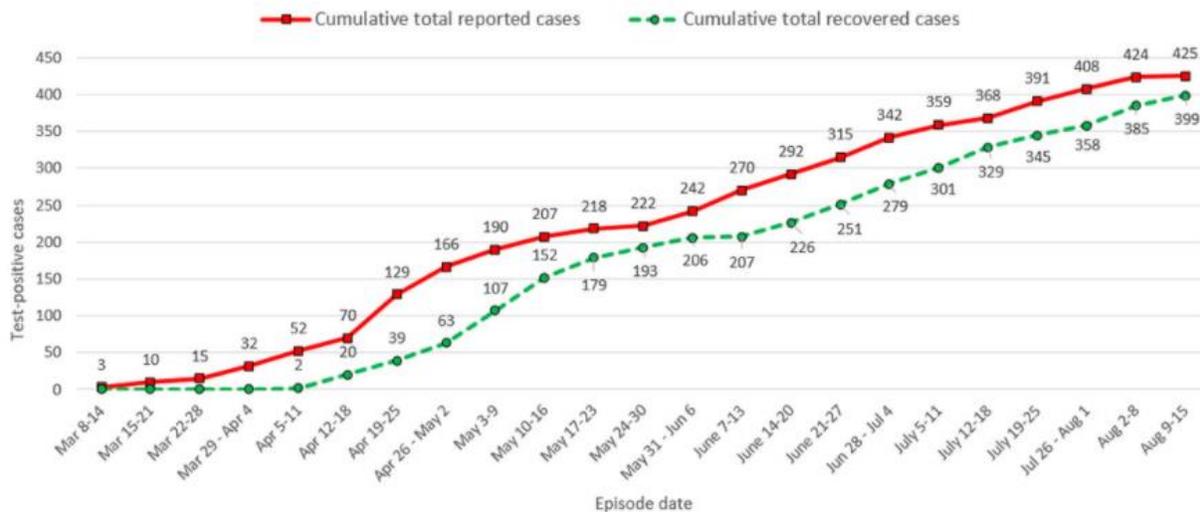
LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Indigenous Services Canada has released an epidemiological summary of COVID-19 cases in First Nations communities in Canada for individuals living on reserve.⁸
 - Statistics about First Nations individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 who do not live on a reserve are included in the provincial and territorial case counts, although they are not distinguished as such.
 - The summary shows a flattening epidemic curve which suggests many First Nations communities have been successful in their efforts to stop the spread of infections so far.
 - *Figure 1* and *Figure 2* display further highlights from this summary:

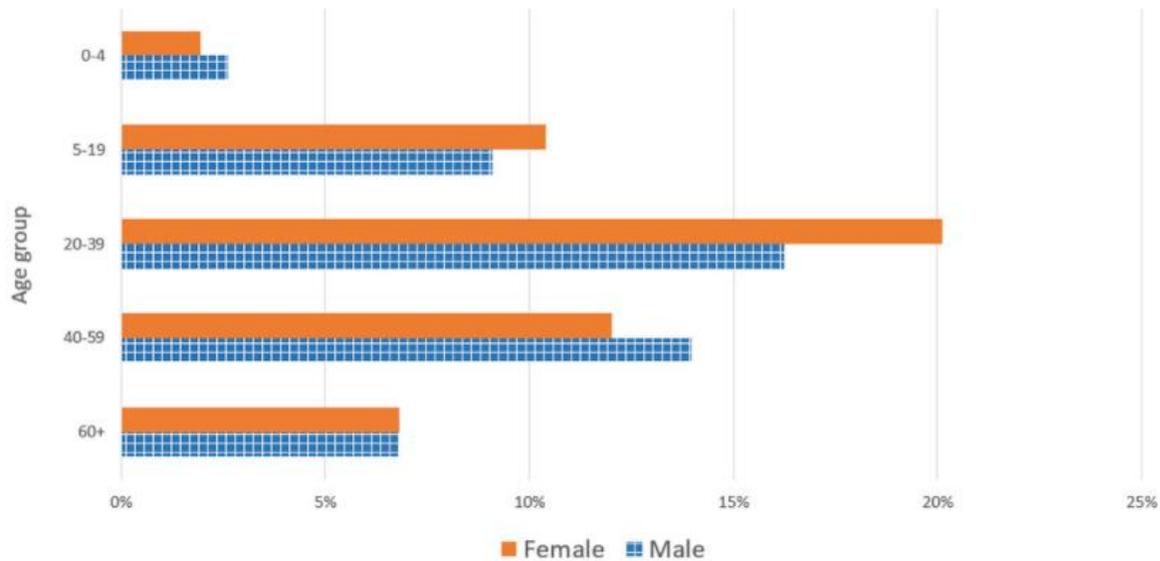
Figure 1: Cumulative total number of reported and recovered cases in First Nations communities by case status and date



⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0045-001543>

⁸ <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1589895506010/1589895527965>

Figure 2: Reported cases in First Nations communities by age group and sex



*Figure 2 includes a breakdown of COVID-19 test-positive cases in First Nations communities by age and sex where this data is available.

- Indigenous Services Canada has compiled an extensive list of resources and guidelines for protecting individual and community health during the COVID-19 pandemic.⁹
 - This includes information on:
 - How to avoid infection
 - Handwashing and drinking water advisories
 - What to do if you are sick
 - Testing for COVID-19
 - Personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Mental health and wellness
 - Support for Indigenous Individuals
 - Support for Indigenous Students
 - Support for Indigenous Businesses
 - These resources can be found at:
 - <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1581964230816/1581964277298>

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