

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 19 August 2020

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of August 18	As of August 19	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	4,677	4,745	68
Currently in intensive care	3	4	1
Total deaths in BC	198	198	0
Total recovered in BC	3,704	3,749	45
Currently hospitalized in BC	6	10	4

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of August 18	As of August 19	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	1,447	1,488	41
Fraser Health	2,473	2,493	20
Island Health	156	158	2
Interior Health	407	411	4
Northern Health	120	120	0
*Out of Canada	-	75	-
Total confirmed cases in BC	4,677	4,745	*68
Total individuals tested in BC	313,285	316,782	3,497

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of August 18	As of August 19	Change
Total individuals tested	2,247	2,270	23
Total confirmed cases	15	15	0
Recovered cases	15	15	0
Negative results	2,210	2,225	15
Pending results	22	30	8

* 'Out of Canada' is a new statistic provided by the BCCDC. The discrepancy in today's total number of confirmed cases may be due to this new statistic.

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 18	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, 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 information regarding testing:⁵
 - “Testing for COVID-19 is an important part of our provincial pandemic response. We continue to step up the capacity, in each health region and in our labs, to match our public health activities.”
 - “We know as the number of new cases increases, demand for testing also goes up. That is why each health region has been working to add further assessment and testing capacity. Today, we have the ability to complete approximately 6,000 tests every day.”
 - “Right now, anyone with symptoms can be tested, but it is important to remember the test is recommended only if you have symptoms.”
 - “If you do develop symptoms, no matter how mild, your first step is to distance yourself from others and contact 811 or your health-care provider to arrange for an assessment.”
 - “If public health has advised you to self-isolate because you have been exposed to COVID-19, please follow their advice. Even if you have no symptoms, a negative test does not mean you can shorten the period of self-isolation.”
 - “While those who are younger are less likely to face severe illness, it is easy to inadvertently pass the virus on to someone who may be only a few years older, but much more vulnerable.”
 - “As a result, the best thing we can do is to protect ourselves and those we care about most by assessing the risks before we spend time with others and always using our layers of protection.”
 - “COVID-19 has meant doing things we have never done before. But let’s not forget this is not forever, only for now. Let’s continue to stay strong and push our curve down to where it belongs.”

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0045-001558>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon has provided the following updates on COVID-19:⁶
 - The Canadian Border Services Agency and US Customs have extended the current non-essential travel restrictions for the land border until September 21, 2020.
 - With the open border with BC and increasing case counts in that province, the Chief Medical Officer of Health of Yukon says following the Safe 6 is the surest way to stay safe and protect against the spread of COVID-19 both in and out of the territory.
 - A reminder, the Safe 6 are:
 1. Maintain physical distancing
 2. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water
 3. Stay home if you're feeling sick.
 4. Don't gather socially in groups of more than 10 people indoors or 50 outdoors and remember to keep 2 metres (6 feet) apart.
 5. Limit travel to rural communities
 6. Self-isolate if you've just returned to Yukon and have been outside of British Columbia, Nunavut or Northwest Territories in the last 14 days; or been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Since the start of the pandemic a total of 34,316 travellers have come into Yukon. These include:
 - Resident travellers: 6,303
 - BC residents: 4,139
 - NWT residents: 104
 - Other approved jurisdictions (Nunavut): 84
 - Non-residents (outside of the bubble) staying: 8,143
 - Non-residents transiting: 15,533
 - Other: 10
 - Number of decals issued: 185
- To date, the Government of Yukon has received 559 COVID-19 related complaints from the public. These include:
 - Failure to self-isolate: 303
 - Gatherings over 10 inside or 50 outside: 15
 - Failure to transit through Yukon in 24 hours or stay on designated route: 223
 - Businesses failing to comply with Orders: 7
 - Failure to abide by a declaration or not permitted entry into Yukon: 1
 - Number of charges under the Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA): 6
- Residents of Yukon's five long-term care homes can now receive two designated visitors indoors.
 - An additional two designated visitors for outside visits are permitted
 - Age restrictions have also been lifted

⁶ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/august-19-2020-covid-19-update>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, made the following statement on COVID-19:⁷
 - “Our efforts indicate that we are keeping COVID-19 spread under manageable control. Average daily case counts continue to fall in the range of 350 to 500 new cases daily across the country.”
 - “We will continue to see new cases as COVID-19 circulates in Canada and worldwide, but we’ve also improved our ability to manage spread going forward.”
 - “We’ve built up capacity across health, public health, and laboratory systems and economic and social spaces have been modified to reduce exposure risks as they have reopened.”
 - “Most importantly, we have all learned the importance of key public health measures like physical distancing, hand hygiene and extra layering with non-medical masks and other precautions to reduce our risk of infection and spreading the virus.”
 - “As we continue with reopening, including very importantly our schools, this won’t be 2019’s back to work and school, but back to modified spaces, adapted routines, and mitigation protocols that are an integral part of our cautious approach to reopening to keep the COVID-19 infection rate down.”

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

⁷ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/08/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-august-19-2020.html>