

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 24 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 21 | As of August 24 | Change |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 4,915 | 5,184 | 269* |
| Currently in intensive care | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Total deaths in BC | 202 | 203 | 1 |
| Total recovered in BC | 3,889 | 4,068 | 179 |
| Currently hospitalized in BC | 13 | 18 | 5 |
| CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION² | As of August 21 | As of August 24 | Change |
| Vancouver Coastal Health | 1,569 | 1,651 | 82 |
| Fraser Health | 2,572 | 2,739 | 167 |
| Island Health | 160 | 166 | 6 |
| Interior Health | 417 | 425 | 8 |
| Northern Health | 122 | 127 | 5 |
| Out of Canada | 75 | 76 | 1 |
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 4,915 | 5,184 | 269 |
| Total individuals tested in BC | 325,359 | 336,726 | **11,367 |
| STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³ | As of August 21 | As of August 24 | Change |
| Total individuals tested | 2,335 | 2,378 | 43 |
| Total confirmed cases | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Recovered cases | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Negative results | 2,280 | 2,349 | 69 |
| Pending results | 40 | 14 | -26 |

*The BC Government reported 109 new COVID-19 cases August 22nd, 81 cases August 23rd, and 79 cases August 24th (269 Total).

**The BCCDC has reported 2,759 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between August 21st and 24th.

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 20 | As of August 21 | Change |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Total confirmed cases | 428 | 429 | 1 |
| Currently hospitalized | 35 | 35 | 0 |
| Total deaths | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Total recovered | 408 | 409 | 1 |
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 70 | 70 | 0 |

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, the BC Government announced the transition to Phase 3 of the Return to Sport Guidelines to allow for the resumption of organized sport activities and some competitive play.⁵
 - Under Phase 3 of the Return to Sport Guidelines, amateur sport athletes may be able to engage in the following activities:
 - Additional training opportunities.
 - Modified games and matches.
 - League play and competitions within sport cohorts.
 - Utilizing the overarching Phase 3 guidelines, each provincial sport organization can develop or revise its sport-specific plans.
 - To review the Return to Sport Guidelines, please visit: https://www.viasport.ca/sites/default/files/Phase3_ReturntoSportGuidelines_web_0.pdf

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Governments of Yukon and Canada, announced funding for three projects that will build or improve infrastructure in three communities across the Yukon, to support communities, create jobs, and grow the economy, as part of COVID-19 recovery efforts.⁶
 - The three projects include:
 - Retrofit updates to the administrative building in Watson Lake.
 - The construction of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Youth Centre in Dawson
 - Clean water upgrades, the expansion to the sewage lagoon, and the construction of a new lift station in Carcross.
 - To support these projects the Government of Canada is investing over \$6.5 million, the Government of Yukon is providing over \$2.4 million, and the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation is contributing \$50,000.

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TAC0046-001575>

⁶ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/canada-and-yukon-invest-infrastructure-support-communities-and-economy>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer issued the following statement regarding COVID-19 in Canada:⁷
 - “As we continue our collective effort to limit the spread of COVID-19, we are closely monitoring disease activity indicators in order to inform, adjust and adapt our actions as needed.”
 - “Increases in case counts in provinces west of Ontario over the last few weeks serve as reminders that the virus can emerge anywhere, and we must not let down our guard. Young adults aged 20 to 39 years continue to make up the highest proportion of cases reported in recent weeks.”
 - “Learning to live in the time of COVID-19 will be an ongoing challenge for us all, but it is worth taking care to protect yourself and others as you work, study, socialize and go about your everyday activities in the community.”
 - “While COVID-19 control measures can slow you down, COVID-19 can have a more harmful impact on you and those around you. While most young adults experience milder illness due to COVID-19, they can get severely ill and can spread the virus to others in their household and social circles who are at risk of severe outcomes.”
 - “This week, video testimonials from young adults who have recovered from COVID-19 were published on the Government of Canada website. I encourage young adults to watch the testimonials to learn more about the experience of Canadians of similar age who have been impacted by COVID-19.”
 - The Government of Canada’s COVID-19 resources for youth, students and young adults is available here:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/resources-youth-students.html>
- Today, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada announced the opening of applications for the Fish Harvester Benefit and Grant Program to support Canada’s fish harvesters during the recovery period of COVID-19.⁸
 - The Benefit and Grant Program, totalling \$469.4 million, will provide fish harvesters with long-term financial support.
 - The application period will be open until September 21, 2020.
- Today, the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship announced the enactment of a temporary public policy change that allows temporary visitors, who are currently in Canada and that have a valid job offer, to apply and receive an employer-specific work permit without leaving the country.⁹

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-24-2020.html>

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2020/08/fish-harvester-benefit-and-fish-harvester-grant-now-open-for-applications.html>

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2020/08/new-temporary-public-policy-will-allow-visitors-to-apply-for-a-work-permit-without-having-to-leave-canada.html>