

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 7 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>	<b>As of August 5</b>	<b>As of August 7</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,834	3,934	<b>*100</b>
Currently in intensive care	6	4	<b>2</b>
Total deaths in BC	195	195	<b>0</b>
Total recovered in BC	3,288	3,353	<b>65</b>
Currently hospitalized in BC	9	11	<b>2</b>
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of August 5</b>	<b>As of August 7</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	1,132	1,167	<b>35</b>
Fraser Health	2,015	2,069	<b>54</b>
Island Health	146	147	<b>1</b>
Interior Health	384	389	<b>5</b>
Northern Health	91	93	<b>2</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,834	3,934	<b>*100</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	274,179	279,722	<b>**5,543</b>
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of August 5</b>	<b>As of August 7</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total individuals tested	1,769	1,836	<b>67</b>
Total confirmed cases	14	15	<b>1</b>
Recovered cases	11	13	<b>2</b>
Negative results	1,718	1,773	<b>55</b>
Pending results	37	48	<b>11</b>

\*The BC Government reported 47 new COVID-19 cases August 6<sup>th</sup> and 53 cases August 7<sup>th</sup> (100 total). The difference in total Confirmed Cases by Region does not align with the difference in total confirmed COVID-19 cases between August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*The BCCDC has reported 2,983 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>

<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 August 4</b>	<b>As of August 6</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Currently hospitalized</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total deaths</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total recovered</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total confirmed cases in BC</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry released the following statement regarding the recent community exposures of COVID-19 in British Columbia: <sup>5</sup>
  - “Today, more than 1,500 people throughout our province are self-isolating, unable to leave their home unless it is to get medical care, because they have COVID-19 or have had a high-risk exposure to the virus. This is a concern and something we can change.”
  - “As we see new COVID-19 hot spots emerge and the new cases creep up in every health authority, we have to keep our firewall strong.”
  - “Now is not the time to relax and let down our guard. Let’s keep our bubbles small, use our layers of protection and give people the space to stay safe.”

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon announced the following details regarding the first in-territory case of COVID-19 since April 20, 2020:<sup>6</sup>
  - The individual is currently residing at home and the Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) has begun contact tracing.
  - As a follow-up to last week’s advisory:
    - Yukon residents who were in Dawson City, between July 20 and today, including residents of Dawson City, are advised to self-monitor for any symptoms of COVID-19.
    - Any Dawson City residents who exhibit even mild symptoms of COVID-19 are asked to get tested at the Dawson Community Hospital or Dawson Health Centre.
    - In addition, people who may have been at Superstore in Whitehorse between the hours of 8:00 am to 9:00 am on August 1, or who attended the Sunday service at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 10:30 am on August 2, should monitor themselves for symptoms.
    - Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19, regardless of how mild, should self-isolate immediately and arrange for testing.

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

<sup>5</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0044-001494>

<sup>6</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/one-new-case-covid-19-yukon>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, the Government of Canada provided the following updates regarding COVID-19 in Indigenous communities:<sup>7</sup>
  - Regarding the COVID-19 cases on Haida Gwaii:
    - This week there was 4 new cases of COVID-19 compared to 20 new cases of COVID-19 last week.
    - Public health officials are not expecting a wide community spread however, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) is monitoring the situation daily.
  - The Government of Canada recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic is having significant effects on the mental wellness of Indigenous Peoples.
    - The Hope for Wellness Helpline provides immediate, culturally safe, crisis intervention, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
      - Phone: 1-855-242-3310
      - On-line chat: [www.hopeforwellness.ca](http://www.hopeforwellness.ca)
    - \$75 million in funding that the Government of Canada announced through the Indigenous Community Support Fund will be distributed to recipients in the coming weeks.
- On August 6<sup>th</sup>, the Government of Canada announced new measures to support essential air access to remote communities to ensure the continued supply of food, medical supplies, and other essential goods and services during the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>8</sup> This includes:
  - Forming agreements with provinces and territories to ensure continuity of service for at least six months.
  - Establishing a \$75-million funding program for the federal contribution for the first six months and maintaining these essential services through an investment of up to \$174 million over 18 months, if needed.
  - Additional funding will be dependent on the needs of the communities and the pace of recovery of air travel into remote communities.
- On August 6<sup>th</sup>, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change announced that British Columbia now has the option to allocate up to 10% of its funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program towards projects under a new COVID-19 Resilience funding stream.<sup>9</sup>
  - This amendment will benefit rural and remote communities.
  - This amendment will help get more infrastructure projects underway faster, including:
    - Upgrades to hotels, long-term care homes, and schools to accommodate social distancing guidelines.
    - Construction of new parks, cycling and walking paths.
    - Support for disaster mitigation projects.

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

<sup>7</sup><https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/08/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities.html>

<sup>8</sup><https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/08/government-of-canada-announces-new-measures-to-support-essential-air-access-to-remote-communities.html>

<sup>9</sup><https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2020/08/expanded-infrastructure-program-offers-new-support-for-covid-19-community-resilience-in-british-columbia.html>