

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 8 September 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 Sept 4	As of Sept 8	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	6,162	6,591	<b>429*</b>
Currently in intensive care	12	12	0
Total deaths in BC	211	213	2
Total recovered in BC	4,706	4,978	272
Currently hospitalized in BC	31	32	1
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	As of Sept 4	As of Sept 8	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	2,077	2,249	40
Fraser Health	3,201	3,428	227
Island Health	180	184	4
Interior Health	451	460	9
Northern Health	174	186	12
Out of Canada	79	84	5
Total confirmed cases in BC	6,162	6,591	<b>429</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	386,121	404,714	<b>18,593</b>
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	As of Sept 4	As of Sept 8	Change
Total individuals tested	2,720	2,785	65
Total confirmed cases	15	15	0
Recovered cases	15	15	0
Negative results	2,644	2,756	112
Pending results	61	14	-47

\*The BC Government reported 123 new COVID-19 cases September 5<sup>th</sup>, 116 cases Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, 107 Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, and 83 cases Sept 8<sup>th</sup> (429 Total).

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

<sup>2</sup> <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

<b>STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE CASES IN CANADA<sup>4</sup></b>	As of September 3	As of September 4	Change
Total confirmed cases	459	461	2
Currently hospitalized	38	39	1
Total deaths	6	6	0
Total recovered	417	418	1
Total confirmed cases in BC	75	75	0

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix released the following joint statement regarding updates on COVID-19:<sup>5</sup>
  - “As we get back to work and back to school this fall, it is the time for all of us to cut back on our social interactions to reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19 for ourselves and everyone around us.”
  - “Keeping our household contacts and our controlled work and school groups safe means having few contacts with people we don’t know.”
  - “We need to ensure our public health teams are able to take care of everyone in British Columbia in the weeks and months ahead. As a result, the provincial health officer’s order on bars, nightclubs and banquet halls has been amended. Effective today, all nightclubs and stand-alone banquet halls are ordered closed until further notice.”
  - “Liquor sales in all bars, pubs and restaurants must cease at 10 p.m. and they must close at 11 p.m., unless providing a full meal service, in which case they may stay open, but may not serve liquor until 11 a.m. the following day.”
  - “Music or other background sounds, such as from televisions in bars, lounges, pubs and restaurants, must be no louder than the volume of normal conversation.”

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Government of Yukon.

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, provided the following remarks on COVID-19 in Canada:<sup>6</sup>
  - “Schools, classrooms and shared spaces will look fundamentally different and teaching methods will vary. Many children will welcome the return to school, routines and classmates, but others will find the numerous changes more difficult. We can help children transition by listening to their concerns and by being honest about our own.”

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

<sup>5</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0049-001688>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/09/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-covid-19-september-8-2020.html>

- “Although Canada is striving to maintain a “slow burn”, the average daily case count has been increasing in recent days. This is concerning. And I want to underscore that when cases occur, including in schools, it is a reflection of what is happening in the community.”
- “The key to keeping COVID-19 at a manageable level is for each and every one of us to keep up effective public health practices at home, at work and in the public spaces we frequent.”
- “I would like to take a moment to say a few words to parents, caregivers and guardians. You are doing your very best you can right now and there is no “one-size fits all” approach to a child’s learning. Decisions are not made lightly. So, to all of us....kind words, encouragement, and letting a parent in your life know that you are there for them can be a lifeline.”
- “There are also mental health resources for parents and children on Canada.ca and there are other mental health resources including the Kids Help Phone, Families Canada, and Crisis Services Canada that provide invaluable support.”
- Today, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, David Lametti, announced funding to Egale Canada to help respond to the increased demand for legal information for LGBTQ2 Canadians who have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>7</sup>
  - Egale Canada is developing webinars in both official languages to help meet the needs of LGBTQ2 individuals with intersecting, racialized identities who are experiencing unique and exacerbated access to justice challenges related to housing, employment and immigration during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - The Department of Justice is providing \$125,784 to Egale Canada through the Justice Partnership and Innovation Program.
- Today, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland, and the Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade, Mary Ng, announced that the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) will be extended by one month to help eligible small businesses pay rent for September.<sup>8</sup>
  - Current CECRA application deadlines will also be extended to accommodate this extension. This will be the final extension of this program as the government explores options to support small businesses as they face the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Participation in the one-month extension is voluntary. Both existing applicants to the CECRA and new applicants are able to opt for the September rent reduction.
  - Details on the September extension will be available on the [CMHC website](#) on Wednesday September 9.

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

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-justice/news/2020/09/justice-canada-supporting-increased-access-to-justice-for-lgbtq2-canadians-amid-covid-19-challenges.html>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/09/government-announces-extension-of-rent-relief-for-small-businesses.html>