

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 9 September 2020

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Sept 8	As of Sept 9	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	6,591	6,691	100
Currently in intensive care	12	15	3
Total deaths in BC	213	213	0
Total recovered in BC	4,978	5,086	108
Currently hospitalized in BC	32	37	5
CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Sept 8	As of Sept 9	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	2,249	2,285	36
Fraser Health	3,428	3,482	54
Island Health	184	185	1
Interior Health	460	462	2
Northern Health	186	193	7
Out of Canada	84	84	0
Total confirmed cases in BC	6,591	6,691	100
Total individuals tested in BC	404,714	408,306	3,592
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	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

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

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

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

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE CASES IN CANADA⁴	As of September 4	As of September 8	Change
Total confirmed cases	461	479	18
Currently hospitalized	39	41	2
Total deaths	6	9	3
Total recovered	418	425	7
Total confirmed cases in BC	75	78	3

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Premier John Horgan announced the Province of British Columbia’s new Health Sector Plan for Fall/Winter 2020-2021 to manage COVID-19.⁵ This plan includes investments totalling \$1.6 billion that will strengthen the health-care requirements of COVID-19.
 - The pillars of the plan include:⁶
 - Strengthening public health capacity
 - Increasing testing capacity to approximately 20,000 tests per day
 - Increasing contact tracing and case management capacity
 - Enhancing the fall flu immunization campaign with \$18.8 million and 2 million total doses
 - Improving Hospital infection prevention and control practices
 - Increasing stockpiles of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - Protecting vulnerable seniors
 - Dedicating \$44.1 million to recruit an estimated 7,000 health-care workers positions in long-term care (LTC) homes and assisted living (AL) facilities
 - Providing Fluzone-High Dose immunizations to all LTC and AL residents in the province
 - Increasing patient transport and access to care in rural and remote areas
 - Implementing the Rural, Remote and Indigenous Community Framework to provide more in-community support, testing and transportation to urgent hospital care for remote and rural residents.
 - Strengthening specialist care for at-risk patients
 - Developing access to virtual care for older patients and/or individuals more likely to experience a serious form of the illness due to underlying chronic medical conditions
 - Preparing for increased inpatient hospital demand and modelling possible COVID-19 scenarios
 - Preparing for four potential fall/winter scenarios: Low case numbers, Moderate, High and High++

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0050-001694>

⁶ https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/COVID-19_capacity_modelling.pdf

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix released the following joint statement regarding updates on COVID-19:⁷
 - “This fall and winter, we will be facing two health challenges – the usual respiratory season as well as COVID-19. What this means is that we have to put measures in place now to ensure our health-care centres, communities and all of us are ready for what may be ahead.”
 - “Our community well-being is about ensuring we maintain our health and our economy. We need both to keep our communities and all of us resilient and strong.”
 - “Today, Premier John Horgan announced B.C.’s fall pandemic plan. The plan is focusing on protecting our most vulnerable citizens and ensuring our health-care system has the necessary resources in place.”
 - “Let’s all do our part to help strengthen the well-being of all our communities – using our layers of protection, going back to our smaller, safer social interactions and all of us working together to find our balance with COVID-19.”

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon announced the extension of the state of emergency under the Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA) to deal with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.⁸
 - The extension will allow the Ministerial Orders issued under CEMA to remain in place to continue to support and protect Yukoners, including the Health Protection Order.
 - The current Ministerial Orders issued under CEMA include a range of measures, such as:
 - Health protections setting requirements for entry to Yukon
 - Mandatory self isolation when applicable
 - Orders that extend benefits
 - Protections related to economic impacts, such as landlord and tenant protections.
- Today, as part of its response to the impacts of COVID-19, the Government of Yukon announced it is conducting a survey of Yukon’s non-profit societies to gain a better understanding of economic and operational pressures related to the pandemic.⁹
 - For more information, or to obtain a copy of the survey, societies are encouraged to contact the Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0050-001697>

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/yukon-extending-state-emergency-maintain-response-covid-19>

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/government-yukon-seeks-feedback-covid-19-impacts-non-profit-societies>

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:¹⁰
 - “Newborns are particularly vulnerable to a variety of infectious diseases, and it is especially important to protect them from COVID-19.”
 - “If you are pregnant, or thinking of becoming pregnant, you may consider taking additional precautions to protect yourself beyond the public health measures of physical distancing, frequent hand hygiene, and wearing a mask when distancing is not possible.”
 - “Ask visitors to postpone their visit if they’ve experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or if they’ve had contact with a confirmed case. Limit in-person visits to only those inside your close contacts bubble, with the exception of medical visits. Ensure those in your close contacts bubble practise good hand hygiene and wear a mask while visiting.”
 - “Some Canadians have reported increased alcohol consumption during the COVID-19 pandemic. September is fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) awareness month, which serves as a reminder that there is no known safe amount of alcohol to drink during pregnancy. Alcohol consumption can lead to the development of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) in infants exposed to alcohol before birth. If you’re struggling with alcohol use and are pregnant, or thinking of becoming pregnant, reach out to your healthcare provider.”
 - “Mental health support services and resources are available online, such as the Wellness Together Canada portal for mental wellness and substance use issues. The Public Health Agency of Canada also has resources for new parents.”
- Today, the Minister of Seniors Deb Schulte, announced the launch of the 2020–21 New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) Call for Proposals for community-based projects.¹¹
 - Through this program, organizations will be able to apply for funding to support seniors dealing with the pandemic by submitting project proposals that offer specific COVID-19 relief and recovery activities for seniors.
 - Organizations are invited to apply for funding that supports the NHSP national priorities for this cycle:
 - Supporting healthy ageing
 - Preventing elder abuse and fraud
 - Combatting ageism, celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion
 - Improving seniors’ access to government services and benefits
 - Adapting community-based organizations to a more virtual environment

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

¹⁰<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/09/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-september-9-2020.html>

¹¹<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/09/government-of-canada-launches-call-for-proposals-for-community-based-projects-that-support-seniors.html>