

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 17 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

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Sept 16	As of Sept 17	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	7,498	7,663	165
Currently in intensive care	23	22	-1
Total deaths in BC	219	220	1
Total recovered in BC	5,646	5,719	73
Currently hospitalized in BC	60	57	-3

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Sept 16	As of Sept 17	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	2,660	2,714	54
Fraser Health	3,835	3,937	102
Island Health	195	196	1
Interior Health	485	489	4
Northern Health	237	241	4
Out of Canada	86	86	0
Total confirmed cases in BC	7,498	7,663	165
Total individuals tested in BC	447,721	455,395	7,674

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Sept 16	As of Sept 17	Change
Total individuals tested	3,020	3,049	29
Total confirmed cases	15	15	0
Recovered cases	15	15	0
Negative results	2,959	2,995	36
Pending results	46	39	7

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 15	As of September 16	Change
Total confirmed cases	535	541	6
Currently hospitalized	46	49	3
Total deaths	9	9	0
Total recovered	453	453	0
Total confirmed cases in BC	104	107	3

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix released the following joint statement regarding a new COVID-19 testing program for K-12 students across the province:⁵
 - “Containing the spread of the virus in our communities is core to our COVID-19 response and that is why getting tested as soon as you have symptoms is so important.”
 - “Today, a new made-in-B.C. sample collection program has been launched for all K-12 students across the province. One of the first of its kind worldwide.”
 - “For school-aged children four to 19, a mouth-rinse gargle is now available at COVID-19 collection centres around the province. Unlike the nasopharyngeal swab method, this new saline method doesn’t require a health-care professional to collect the sample.”
 - “Taking the step to get tested is how you protect your friends and loved ones, and for K-12 students there is now an easier alternative.”
 - “Not only is the new method more comfortable for younger people, a B.C. company will provide the collection tube, reducing the province’s dependency on the global supply chain for this sample method.”
- Today, Premier John Horgan and Carole James, Minister of Finance, released *Stronger BC for Everyone: BC’s Economic Recovery Plan*⁶, a Plan that outlines the latest steps the Government of BC is taking to recover from COVID-19.⁷ Highlights from in the Plan include the following:
 - BC’s total provincial response to the COVID-19 pandemic exceeds \$8.25 billion.
 - As of August 2020, almost 250,000 jobs had been restored, equal to 62% of the total jobs lost due to the pandemic.
 - The next steps in BC’s Economic Recovery Plan include:
 - Hiring 7,000 new front-line health-care workers. This includes thousands of health-care aides to manage outbreaks in long-term care homes and 600 contact tracers to help stop further spread in the community.
 - Creating jobs and opportunities by investing in targeted and short-term training in the skills people need to get work in high-demand fields, including

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0052-001794>

⁶ https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/StrongerBC_BCs-Economic-Recovery-Report.pdf

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0052-001780>

front-line workers and childcare positions. The plan will also expand Indigenous skills training.

- Helping businesses grow and rehire with 15% refundable tax credit based on eligible new payroll, and a small-and medium-sized business recovery grant to approximately 15,000 hard-hit businesses.
- Supporting strong communities by investing over \$400 million to revitalize community infrastructure and support local governments to provide valuable services.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- No significant updates from the Government of Canada.

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