

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 22 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 21	As of Sept 22	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	8,208	8,304	96
Currently in intensive care	21	22	1
Total deaths in BC	227	227	0
Total recovered in BC	5,972	6,589	617
Currently hospitalized in BC	60	61	1
CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Sept 21	As of Sept 22	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	2,945	2,984	39
Fraser Health	4,211	4,254	43
Island Health	203	203	0
Interior Health	508	511	3
Northern Health	255	266	11
Out of Canada	86	86	0
Total confirmed cases in BC	8,208	8,304	96
Total individuals tested in BC	479,574	483,979	4,405
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Sept 17	As of Sept 22	Change
Total individuals tested	3,049	3,185	136
Total confirmed cases	15	15	0
Recovered cases	15	15	0
Negative results	2,995	3,108	113
Pending results	39	62	23

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

² <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE CASES IN CANADA³	As of September 18	As of September 21	Change
Total confirmed cases	576	616	40
Currently hospitalized	50	51	1
Total deaths	10	10	0
Total recovered	480	486	6
Total confirmed cases in BC	110	132	22

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry, British Columbia’s Provincial Health Officer and Stephen Brown, Deputy Minister of Health, issued the following joint statement regarding the COVID-19 response in B.C.⁴
 - “The start of fall is the time for all of us to regroup and reset our COVID-19 routines, and ready ourselves for the colder, wetter months ahead.”
 - “As we move inside, the activities we choose to do and the layers of protection we use need to be adjusted to ensure we are protecting ourselves, our friends and family – especially those who are most vulnerable to severe illness.”
 - “This means spending less time with others outside of our household bubble right now.”
 - “We need to push our COVID-19 curve back down and keep the virus low and slow, so we can manage the many challenges that will come with the respiratory season.”

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, announced that the Government of Canada has signed agreements with Sanofi and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) to secure up to 72 million doses of their COVID-19 adjuvanted recombinant protein-based vaccine candidate.⁵
 - Currently, no vaccines have been approved to prevent COVID-19 in Canada. Many vaccines are in clinical trials or under development domestically or internationally.
 - Once vaccines are ready, companies will need to make submissions for authorization to Health Canada.

³ <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1581964230816/1581964277298>

⁴ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0053-001847>

⁵ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/news/2020/09/government-of-canada-signs-new-agreements-to-secure-additional-vaccine-candidate-and-treatment-for-covid-19.html>

- Health Canada will review the evidence of safety, efficacy and manufacturing quality for each vaccine to determine whether individual vaccines will be approved for use in Canada before they are made available to Canadians.
- Minister Anand also announced that the Government of Canada has signed an agreement with Gilead Sciences and McKesson Canada to secure a supply of up to 150,000 vials of remdesivir, with deliveries beginning this month and continuing into early 2021.
 - Currently, remdesivir is the only known anti-viral drug that has been shown to be effective in treating COVID-19 patients.
- Today, Larry Bagnell, Member of Parliament for Yukon, on behalf of Seamus O'Regan, Canada's Minister of Natural Resources, announced a \$5.4-million investment in five community-led clean energy projects in Yukon as part of the Clean Energy for Rural and Remote Communities program.⁶
 - This funding is important for economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and will support communities in their efforts to build a cleaner future and reduce their reliance on diesel fuel for heat and power while creating jobs. The investments include:
 - \$2.1 million to Carcross/Tagish First Nation to install a biomass district heating system to displace existing electric and fossil fuel heating systems in five community buildings;
 - \$1.6 million to the Yukon Conservation Society to evaluate the technical feasibility and customer acceptance of utility-controlled electric thermal storage heaters that can provide reliable electricity capacity;
 - \$800,000 to Teslin Tlingit Council to construct a biomass district heating system for eight new duplexes, including 16 housing units, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy costs for the community;
 - \$574,000 to the Government of Yukon to work collaboratively with Yukon First Nations to evaluate and address gaps that delay the deployment of energy projects in communities; and
 - \$345,900 to Kluane First Nation to develop a forest resources management plan for the First Nation settlement lands to meet current and future local biomass heating needs.

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

⁶ <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2020/09/government-invests-in-clean-energy-initiatives-in-yukon.html>