

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 23 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>	<b>As of Sept 22</b>	<b>As of Sept 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	8,304	8,395	<b>91</b>
Currently in intensive care	22	18	<b>-4</b>
Total deaths in BC	227	227	<b>0</b>
Total recovered in BC	6,589	6,769	<b>180</b>
Currently hospitalized in BC	61	62	<b>1</b>
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Sept 22</b>	<b>As of Sept 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	2,984	3,016	<b>32</b>
Fraser Health	4,254	4,302	<b>48</b>
Island Health	203	203	<b>0</b>
Interior Health	511	515	<b>4</b>
Northern Health	266	273	<b>7</b>
Out of Canada	86	86	<b>0</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	8,304	8,395	<b>91</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	483,979	490,377	<b>6,398</b>
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Sept 22</b>	<b>As of Sept 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total individuals tested	3,185	3,211	<b>26</b>
Total confirmed cases	15	15	<b>0</b>
Recovered cases	15	15	<b>0</b>
Negative results	3,108	3,112	<b>4</b>
Pending results	62	87	<b>25</b>

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

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

<b>STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE CASES IN CANADA<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of September 21</b>	<b>As of September 22</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	616	627	11
Currently hospitalized	51	51	0
Total deaths	10	10	0
Total recovered	486	488	2
Total confirmed cases in BC	132	137	5

## 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 ongoing COVID-19 response in B.C.<sup>4</sup>
  - “New cases and clusters of COVID-19 remain higher than where we would like them to be.”
  - “The impact of this means that thousands of people in B.C. are now under active public health monitoring and care, with many forced to deal with the stress and anxiety that comes with having to self-isolate away from work, friends and family.”
  - “Each of us has the ability to make a difference by continuing to follow the COVID-19 safety basics: washing our hands frequently, giving the space to stay safe and using a mask when that is difficult, limiting our social interactions and always staying home when ill.”
  - “By using the layers of protection, we reduce our personal risks and the number of new cases, and we make our communities safer.”
  - “We want to ensure we are in the best position possible to protect our communities and keep as much as is safe open and operating during the pandemic. To do this, we need everyone to do their part today to help push our curve back down tomorrow.”

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon released the following updates for the Yukon public on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>5</sup>
  - The guidance for children going to school based on symptoms and the three colour zones (green, yellow and red) has been updated to help parents know when to keep children home from school.
    - This information can be found here: <https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19-information/industry-operating-guidelines-covid-19/can-your-child-go>

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

<sup>4</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0053-001849>

<sup>5</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/september-23-2020-covid-19-update>

- From September 16, to September 22, 98 people were tested at the Respiratory Assessment Centre in Whitehorse.
  - The Respiratory Assessment Centre will now be known as the COVID testing centre (CTC).
  - Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Sunday.
  - Referrals are no longer required for a COVID-19 test at the centre.
- Flu clinics throughout Yukon will begin the week of October 19 for people considered as high risk or with a chronic disease.
  - The clinics will open to the general public on October 26.
  - All Whitehorse flu clinics will be hosted at the Yukon Convention Centre.
  - The clinic will be open six days a week with extended hours, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- The following enforcement statistics were also released:
  - The Government of Yukon has received 832 complaints:
    - Failure to self-isolate: 466
    - Social gatherings over 10 inside or 50 outside: 23
    - Failure to transit through Yukon in 24 hours or stay on the designated route: 321
    - Businesses failing to comply with Orders: 9
    - Failure to abide by a declaration form or not permitted entry into Yukon: 12
  - There have been a total of 11 people charged, and 15 charges laid under the Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA).
  - A total of 48,107 travellers have come into Yukon:
    - Resident travellers: 10,060
    - BC residents: 9,601
    - NWT residents: 265
    - Other approved jurisdictions (Nunavut): 652
    - Non-residents outside of BC, the NWT and Nunavut staying: 9,196
    - Non-residents transiting: 18,270
    - Other: 63
    - Decals distributed indicating out-of-territory vehicles allowed in Yukon: 269

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, issued the following statement on COVID-19 in Canada:<sup>6</sup>
  - “Since our last modelling update in mid-August, the national daily case count has been increasing at an accelerated rate. Over the past seven days, an average of 1,123 cases were reported daily, compared to 380 cases reported daily in mid-August.”
  - “Canada is at a crossroads with the COVID-19 epidemic trajectory. At the current rate of growth, our epidemiological analysis and modelling studies indicate that unless public health and individual protective measures are strengthened and we work together to slow the spread of the virus, the situation is on track for a big resurgence in a number of provinces.”
  - “Throughout the summer, infection rates have been highest among young adults aged 20-39 years. While COVID-19 tends to be less severe among young people, ongoing circulation of the virus in younger, more mobile and socially connected adults builds a reservoir for the virus. This not only increases the risk for spread to individuals and populations at higher risk for severe outcomes, but it threatens our ability to keep COVID-19 at manageable levels.”
  - “Yesterday I ended my remarks with a message to young adults and today I want to reiterate that now more than ever, we need your cooperation, your creativity and your drive to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. In fact, we can’t get back on the slow burn track without your help. This is your generation, this is your time, let’s work together to get this done.”

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/09/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-epi-report-on-september-23-2020.html>