

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 24 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 23	As of Sept 24	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	8,395	8,543	148
Currently in intensive care	18	20	2
Total deaths in BC	227	229	2
Total recovered in BC	6,769	6,917	148
Currently hospitalized in BC	62	61	-1
CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Sept 23	As of Sept 24	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	3,016	3,094	78
Fraser Health	4,302	4,361	59
Island Health	203	203	0
Interior Health	515	520	5
Northern Health	273	278	5
Out of Canada	86	87	1
Total confirmed cases in BC	8,395	8,543	148
Total individuals tested in BC	490,377	497,982	7,605*
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Sept 23	As of Sept 24	Change
Total individuals tested	3,211	3,259	48
Total confirmed cases	15	15	0
Recovered cases	15	15	0
Negative results	3,112	3,164	52
Pending results	87	80	-7

*The BCCDC reported 7,584 new tests today but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between Sept 23rd and 24th.

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

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

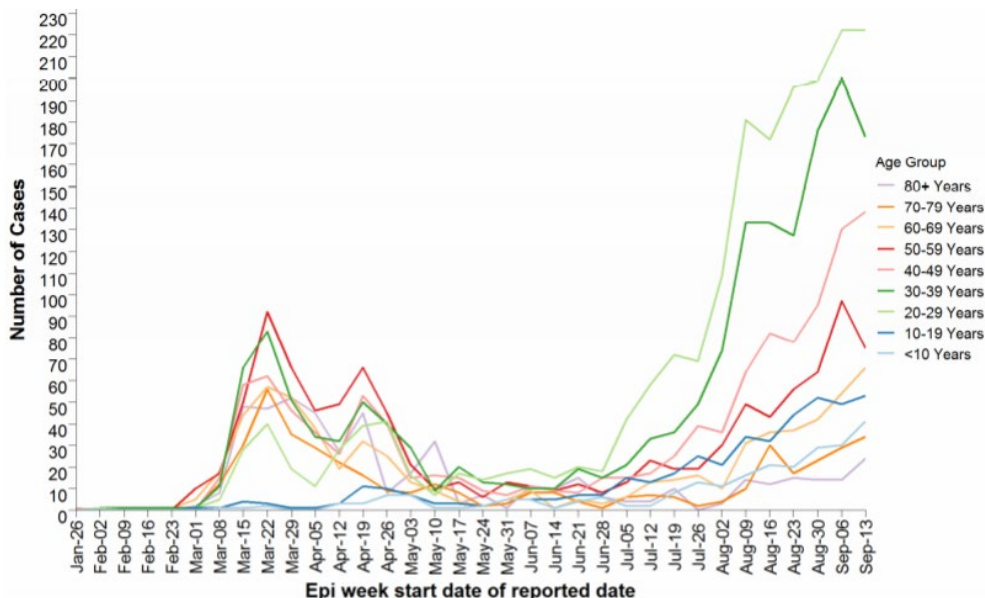
STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE CASES IN CANADA³	As of September 22	As of September 23	Change
Total confirmed cases	627	631	4
Total active cases*	-	121	-
Currently hospitalized	51	52	1
Total deaths	10	11	1
Total recovered	488	499	11
Total confirmed cases in BC	137	137	0

* The Government of Canada has started reporting a new statistic on active COVID-19 cases on First Nations Reserves in Canada.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) released new COVID-19 data. Key findings include the following:⁴
 - **Recent Trends:** The median age of cases has decreased since the beginning of the pandemic (55 years down to 38 years) meaning younger people are the ones contracting COVID-19

Figure 1: Counts of COVID-19 cases by ten-year age groups and epidemiological week of report, BC, week of January 26, 2020 – week of September 13, 2020 (N=8,030*).



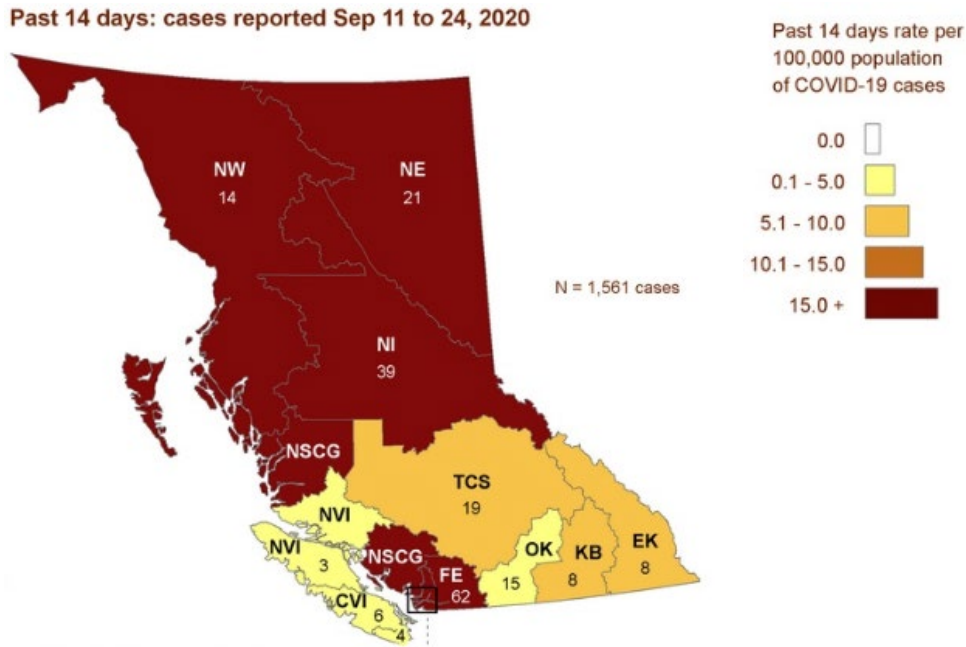
* Only cases with age information available are included.

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

⁴ <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/data>

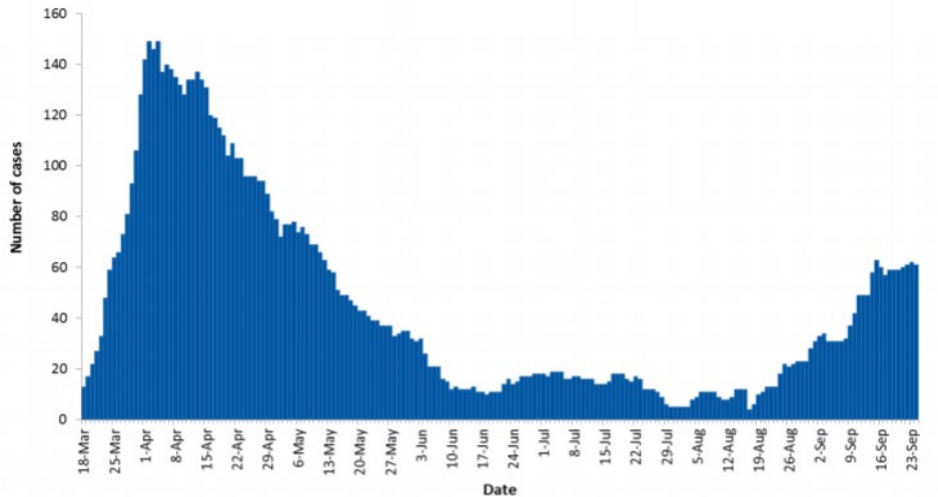
- **Recent Trends:** Health Service delivery areas in the Northern Regions of BC have shown an increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days.

Figure 2: Geographic Distribution of COVID-19 by Health Service Delivery Area



- **Recent Trends:** The number of new COVID-19 hospital admissions in recent weeks is similar to the numbers observed in early May.

Figure 3: Number of COVID-19 cases in hospital by day in BC from March 18, 2020-September 24, 2020*



*For dates with no data available (April 12; Sundays from May 10 onwards; and Saturdays from June 7 onwards), the previous days value was used. Hospitalization data may be incomplete or out of date (i.e., under-estimates) owing to the timing and process for case status update.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon announced the extension of the Yukon Business Relief Program until March 31, 2021 to ensure businesses impacted by COVID-19 continue to receive necessary supports.⁵
 - Businesses experiencing an operating deficit from August 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 are eligible to apply until the application deadline of April 15, 2021.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, the Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister, Chrystia Freeland, and the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough, announced the introduction of Bill C-2 to enact three proposed temporary Recovery Benefits to support Canadians who are unable to work for reasons related to COVID-19.⁶
 - Subject to the legislation receiving approval, the three proposed temporary Recovery Benefits would provide income support to Canadians while also promoting economic recovery by introducing measures that encourage people to safely return to work.
 - Specifically, the legislation includes:
 - **A Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)** of \$500 per week for up to 26 weeks to workers who are self-employed or are not eligible for EI and who still require income support. This Benefit would support Canadians who have not returned to work due to COVID-19 or whose income has dropped by at least 50%. These workers must be available and looking for work, and must accept work where it is reasonable to do so.
 - **A Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)** of \$500 per week for up to two weeks, for workers who are sick or must self-isolate for reasons related to COVID-19.
 - **A Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)** of \$500 per week for up to 26 weeks per household, for eligible Canadians unable to work because they must care for a child under the age of 12 or family member because schools, day-cares or care facilities are closed due to COVID-19 or because the child or family member is sick and/or required to quarantine.
 - The Government of Canada will also invest an additional \$1.5 billion in the Workforce Development Agreements with provinces and territories to support the increasing number of Canadians looking to re-enter the workforce in the employment sectors hardest-hit by COVID-19.
 - This investment is in addition to the \$3.4 billion already being provided to provinces and territories under the Labour Market Development Agreements and Workforce Development Agreements in 2020-2021.

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

⁵ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/yukon-business-relief-program-extended>

⁶ <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/09/x3.html>