

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 28 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 25</b>	<b>As of Sept 28</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	8,641	8,908	<b>267*</b>
Currently in intensive care	19	22	<b>3</b>
Total deaths in BC	230	233	<b>3</b>
Total recovered in BC	7,036	7,346	<b>310</b>
Currently hospitalized in BC	62	69	<b>7</b>
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Sept 25</b>	<b>As of Sept 28</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	3,127	3,226	<b>99</b>
Fraser Health	4,412	4,555	<b>143</b>
Island Health	204	206	<b>2</b>
Interior Health	522	531	<b>9</b>
Northern Health	289	303	<b>14</b>
Out of Canada	87	87	<b>0</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	8,641	8,908	<b>267</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	506,520	528,207	<b>21,687</b>
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Sept 25</b>	<b>As of Sept 28</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total individuals tested	3,280	3,342	<b>62</b>
Total confirmed cases	15	15	<b>0</b>
Recovered cases	15	15	<b>0</b>
Negative results	3,195	3,303	<b>108</b>
Pending results	70	24	<b>-46</b>

\*The BC Government reported 68 new COVID-19 cases September 26<sup>th</sup>, 125 cases September 27<sup>th</sup>, and 74 cases September 28<sup>th</sup> (267 total).

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

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

<sup>3</sup> <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>

<b>STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE CASES IN CANADA<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>As of Sept 24</b>	<b>As of Sept 25</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	639	647	8
Total active cases	116	118	0
Currently hospitalized	52	52	0
Total deaths	11	11	0
Total recovered	512	518	6
Total confirmed cases in BC	143	143	0

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Stephen Brown, British Columbia’s Deputy Minister of Health, released the following statement on the ongoing COVID-19 response in BC:<sup>5</sup>
  - “Public health contact tracing has shown **the primary source of COVID-19 transmission continues to be through socializing with others** – whether in your home or less controlled settings. That is why **we all need to take a step back from our social interactions**, see fewer people and travel less right now.”
  - “We have it in our control to push our curve back down. **You can make a difference by making safe choices** in how you spend time with others.”
  - “Social connection is important to all of us, but **let’s ensure we are connecting safely**. For some people, staying apart is perhaps a more difficult choice to make, so let’s encourage and support each other to do the right thing.”
  - “This week let’s also **take a moment to reach out to our seniors and Elders**, our friends and loved ones who may be at risk. **Let them know they are not alone and show them you care** by staying connected to them virtually this fall.”

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- On September 26, 2020, the Yukon Government confirmed that an out of territory resident has tested positive for COVID-19:<sup>6</sup>
  - The person has been hospitalized in Whitehorse and they are in a stable condition.
  - Contact tracing is well under way and all close contacts in Yukon have been contacted by public health officials.
  - Based on the risk assessment by Yukon Communicable Disease Control, the public health risk associated with this case is **low**.

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

<sup>5</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0053-001856>

<sup>6</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/non-resident-tests-positive-covid-19-while-yukon>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, issued the following statement regarding COVID-19:<sup>7</sup>
  - “While Canadians and public health authorities alike are rapidly responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to be mindful that we are doing so in the midst of an “infodemic.” That is an overabundance of information about COVID-19, including rumours and misinformation, sometimes deliberately spread.”
  - “When the pandemic began, the world knew very little about the virus that causes COVID-19. Since then, the science and research on the virus has been evolving in real-time. As our knowledge about COVID-19 has grown, public health guidance and practices have evolved in turn.”
  - “On top of this, in today’s digital age, we are all exposed to more information than ever before and often struggle to sort the good from the bad. Social media platforms allow us to stay connected to the ones we love while at a distance, and they also allow us to share information with each other.”
  - “Our trust in the person sharing the information, may lead us to assume that the information they share is true and accurate and we may be less likely to double-check if the source is credible and trustworthy.”
  - “I urge everyone to consider the source of the information they share with others. And when we come across new information, we need to think critically about it, check the source and not share it further, if there any doubt about its credibility.”
- On September 26, 2020, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, issued the following statement regarding COVID-19:<sup>8</sup>
  - “A number of the areas experiencing high infection rates have reported that certain events, like **large private gatherings indoors and outdoors, have resulted in a high number of exposures** and many people being infected. So even a single event of this nature can have far reaching effects.”
  - “We need to remember even if we know or are acquainted with people at a gathering, it doesn’t mean the risk of COVID-19 is reduced in any way.”
  - “Even if people attending an event are part of your extended family, as has been the case with some of these private gathering outbreaks, it doesn’t mean they are not infected, even if no one appears to be unwell.”

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

<sup>7</sup><https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/09/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-september-28-2020.html>

<sup>8</sup><https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/09/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-september-26-2020.html>