

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 29 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 28	As of Sept 29	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	8,908	9,013	105
Currently in intensive care	22	20	-2
Total deaths in BC	233	234	1
Total recovered in BC	7,346	7,485	139
Currently hospitalized in BC	69	69	0
CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Sept 28	As of Sept 29	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	3,226	3,286	60
Fraser Health	4,555	4,594	39
Island Health	206	206	0
Interior Health	531	531	0
Northern Health	303	309	6
Out of Canada	87	87	0
Total confirmed cases in BC	8,908	9,013	105
Total individuals tested in BC	528,207	534,461	5,730*
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Sept 28	As of Sept 29	Change
Total individuals tested	3,342	3,376	34
Total confirmed cases	15	15	0
Recovered cases	15	15	0
Negative results	3,303	3,315	12
Pending results	24	46	22

*The BC Gov reported 5,730 new tests on Sept. 29, which does not align with the difference in reported test numbers between Sept 28th and 29th.

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

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

³ <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE CASES IN CANADA⁴	As of Sept 25	As of Sept 28	Change
Total confirmed cases	647	673	26
Total active cases	118	128	10
Currently hospitalized	52	54	2
Total deaths	11	11	0
Total recovered	518	534	16
Total confirmed cases in BC	143	151	8

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Stephen Brown, British Columbia’s Deputy Minister of Health, released the following joint statement regarding the ongoing COVID-19 response in B.C.:⁵
 - “We have had to change our special celebrations and gatherings to keep the people we care about safe. This same approach is how we need to celebrate Thanksgiving this year. Rather than travelling to see friends or hosting a large family dinner, make it small this year and plan to connect virtually instead.”
 - “Although this may not be what we want to do, let’s not lose sight of the fact that by making these sometimes difficult choices now, we will be healthier and stronger tomorrow. By choosing to stay home and stay small, we are reducing the potential for transmission of COVID-19 and protecting the people in our family and community who are most at risk.”
 - “Keeping a safe physical distance, visiting from afar, using our layers of protection and always remembering our safety basics is how we show we care. Let’s do the right thing and support those around us to do the same.”
- Today, the Province of British Columbia has formally extended the provincial state of emergency, allowing health and emergency management officials to continue to use extraordinary powers under the Emergency Program Act to support the Province’s COVID-19 pandemic response.⁶
 - The state of emergency is extended through the end of the day on Oct. 13, 2020, to allow staff to continue to take the necessary actions to keep British Columbians safe and manage immediate concerns and COVID-19 outbreaks.
 - A provincial declaration of a state of emergency allows the Province to implement provincial emergency measures and allows access to assets that may be necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency. This is a temporary measure authorized by the Emergency Program Act.

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0307-001857>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0053-001854>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Government.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Jamaica, Andrew Holness, and United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres convened the second High-Level event on Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond.⁷
 - Prime Minister Trudeau announced an additional \$400 million in international development funding this year, which will go to trusted partners on the ground fighting COVID-19, and will enable Canada to support the recovery and resilience of developing countries.
 - It will also address short-term humanitarian and development needs caused by the pandemic and other crises. The ultimate objective is to ensure that the development gains made over the past decade are not lost, and ensure that 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are not at risk. Canada will make sure that women and girls, who have been disproportionately impacted by the consequences of COVID-19, benefit from this new funding.
- Today, the Minister of Transport, Marc Garneau, announced implementation of temperature screening for travellers at 11 additional Canadian airports:⁸
 - Temperature screening stations have been in place since July 30, 2020 at the four largest airports in Canada: Montréal, Toronto, Calgary, and Vancouver for both departing passengers as well as non-passengers (e.g., airport workers, flight crews).
 - Since September 23, 2020, temperature screening is being conducted at these additional Canadian airports: St. John's, Halifax, Québec City, Ottawa, Toronto – Billy Bishop, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Kelowna and Victoria.
 - In addition, all employees and personnel that enter or work in the restricted area of these airports are subject to temperature screening procedures by Canadian Air Transport Security Authority personnel.
 - All passengers who have an elevated temperature and do not have a medical certificate to explain a medical or physical condition that would result in an elevated temperature, are not permitted to continue their travel and are asked to re-book after 14 days.
- Today, the Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, and Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, announced that the Government of Canada has signed an agreement with Abbott Rapid Diagnostics ULC to purchase up to 7.9 million ID NOW rapid point-of-care tests, pending Health Canada authorization of the tests.⁹

⁷ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/09/29/prime-minister-co-chairs-high-level-meeting-address-economic>

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/09/temperature-screening-for-air-travellers-expanded-to-11-additional-canadian-airports.html>

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/news/2020/09/government-of-canada-signs-agreement-for-covid-19-rapid-tests-and-analyzers.html>

- If authorized, these tests will be deployed to provinces and territories to support them in ramping up surge capacity for COVID-19 testing.
- Under the agreement with Abbott, the Government of Canada is also purchasing up to 3,800 analyzers, which are the devices that perform the test and deliver the rapid results.
- COVID-19 testing technologies are advancing as the pandemic continues. On behalf of the Public Health Agency of Canada, Public Services and Procurement Canada is actively exploring additional agreements to secure access to the most promising candidates.
- As mortgage deferrals begin to expire, the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC) is encouraging consumers who foresee challenges in making their payments to speak with their lender about available relief options:¹⁰
 - Some consumers may be eligible for extended relief from their financial institution on a case-by-case basis.
 - Other options include extending their amortization period (the length of time they have to pay off their mortgage in full) or opting for an early renewal to benefit from a lower interest rate, but it is important for consumers to know that they may have to pay fees if they make changes to their mortgage contract.
 - FCAC encourages Canadians to use its Budget Planner. The tool provides tips, guidelines and suggestions. Budgeting and having a financial plan are associated with better financial outcomes in areas such as managing day-to-day finances, saving, and paying down debt: <https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency/services/make-budget.html>

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

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency/news/2020/09/fcac-offers-information-to-help-consumers-understand-their-options-as-mortgage-deferrals-begin-to-expire.html>