

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 2 October 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 Oct 1	As of Oct 2	Change
Total active cases	1,261	1,302	41
Currently in intensive care	19	16	-3
Total deaths in BC	235	238	3
Total recovered in BC	7,695	7,813	118
Currently hospitalized in BC	69	63	6
CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Oct 1	As of Oct 2	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	9,220	9,381	161
Vancouver Coastal Health	3,360	3,440	80
Fraser Health	4,712	4,791	79
Island Health	209	209	0
Interior Health	535	535	0
Northern Health	317	318	1
Out of Canada	87	88	1
Total individuals tested in BC	555,170	567,034	11,862 *
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Oct 1	As of Oct 2	Change
Total individuals tested	3,428	3,452	24
Total confirmed cases	15	15	0
Recovered cases	15	15	0
Negative results	3,355	3,394	39
Pending results	58	43	-15

*The BC Gov has reported 11,862 new tests on Oct. 2, which does not align with the difference in reported test numbers between Oct 1st and Oct 2nd

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 30	As of Oct 1	Change
Total confirmed cases	683	689	6
Total active cases	120	111	-9
Currently hospitalized	56	58	2
Total deaths	12	12	0
Total recovered	551	566	15
Total confirmed cases in BC	151	151	0

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- No significant updates from the Government of BC.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Today the Government of Canada announced:

- The following COVID-19 update for Indigenous People and Communities:⁵
 - In the last month alone, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) was made aware of over 200 new cases in First Nations communities and in the same timeframe, the number of active cases went from 23 to 129 cases.
 - Last week, 68 new cases were reported. This surpasses the previous absolute high of 57 new cases reported during the week of April 19-25.
 - The recent increase in cases has been linked to private gatherings, as well as exposure to positive cases from outside of communities.
- Bill C-4, *Response Measures Act* has received Royal Assent to allow the Government of Canada to support Canadians through the next phase of recovery.⁶
 - The Response Measures Act creates the three recovery benefits:
 - Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)
 - Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)
 - Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)
 - Canadians will be able to apply for these benefits through the Canada Revenue Agency website on Monday October 5, 2020.

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

⁵ <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/10/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities.html>

⁶ <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/10/legislation-to-support-new-recovery-benefits-for-canadians-unable-to-work-due-to-covid-19.html>

- The public health presence at international borders and quarantine monitoring are being strengthened.⁷
 - This includes increasing the use of digital forms and processes to allow critical information to be shared more quickly with provinces and territories.
 - Current federal travel restrictions will be amended to allow:
 - Entry for extended family members of Canadian citizens and Canadian permanent residents.
 - Foreign nationals to come to Canada for compassionate reasons in limited circumstances.
 - International students to enter Canada if their designated learning institution (DLI) has an approved COVID-19 readiness plan.
- An investment of \$600 million through the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF) to support workers and businesses during COVID-19.⁸
 - \$263.7 million of this will be allocated to Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) to help businesses across Western Canada.
 - \$67 million will be used by Community Futures (CF) organizations to support businesses in rural communities.
- The extension of the application deadline to October 19, 2020 for the Fish Harvester Benefit and Grant Program.⁹
 - This program delivers financial support to self-employed fish harvesters across the country.
- Health Canada has received its first submission for authorization of a COVID-19 vaccine developed by AstraZeneca in partnership with the University of Oxford.¹⁰
 - This is an important first step for Canada in obtaining safe and effective vaccines.

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

⁷<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2020/10/government-introduces-new-border-measures-to-protect-canadian-public-health-provides-update-on-travel-restrictions.html>

⁸<https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2020/10/government-of-canada-expands-regional-relief-and-recovery-fund-to-provide-further-support-for-businesses.html>

⁹<https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2020/10/fish-harvester-benefit-and-fish-harvester-grant-application-deadline-extended-to-october-19.html>

¹⁰<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2020/10/health-canada-begins-first-authorization-review-of-a-covid-19-vaccine-submission.html>