

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 5 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 2 | As of Oct 5 | Change |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Total active cases | 1,302 | 1,353 | 51 |
| Currently in intensive care | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| Total deaths in BC | 238 | 242 | 4 |
| Total recovered in BC | 7,813 | 8,115 | 302 |
| Currently hospitalized in BC | 63 | 66 | 3 |
| CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION² | As of Oct 2 | As of Oct 5 | Change |
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 9,381 | 9,739 | 358* |
| Vancouver Coastal Health | 3,440 | 3,580 | 140 |
| Fraser Health | 4,791 | 4,980 | 189 |
| Island Health | 209 | 220 | 11 |
| Interior Health | 535 | 548 | 13 |
| Northern Health | 318 | 322 | 4 |
| Out of Canada | 88 | 89 | 1 |
| Total individuals tested in BC | 567,034 | 600,443 | 33,409 |
| STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³ | As of Oct 2 | As of Oct 5 | Change |
| Total individuals tested | 3,452 | 3,488 | 36 |
| Total confirmed cases | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Recovered cases | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Negative results | 3,394 | 3,448 | 54 |
| Pending results | 43 | 25 | -18 |

*The BC Government reported 130 new COVID-19 cases October 3rd, 108 cases October 4th, and 120 cases October 5th (358 total).

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

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

³ <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>

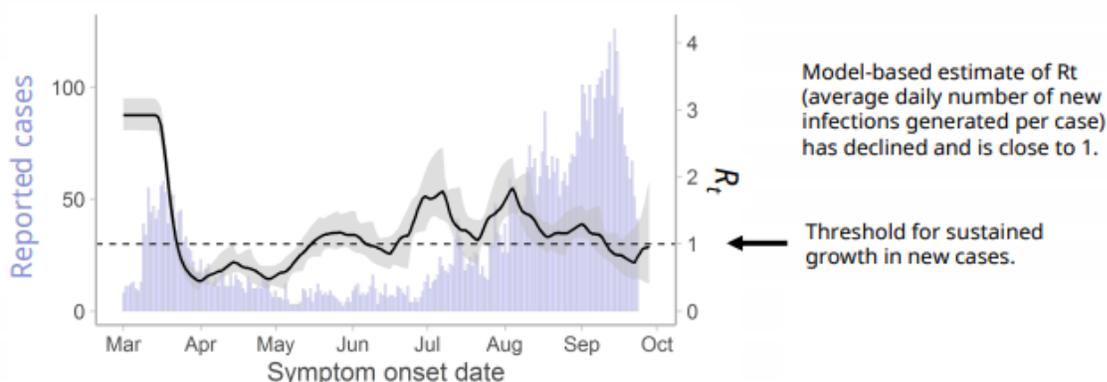
STATUS OF FIRST NATION

| RESERVE CASES IN CANADA ⁴ | As of Oct 1 | As of Oct 2 | Change |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Total confirmed cases | 689 | 709 | 20 |
| Total active cases | 111 | 97 | -14 |
| Currently hospitalized | 58 | 59 | 1 |
| Total deaths | 12 | 13 | 1 |
| Total recovered | 566 | 599 | 33 |
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 151 | 161 | 10 |

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced the release of new modelling data for COVID-19 in British Columbia. Findings from the modelling data include the following:⁵
 - The R_t value, i.e. the average daily number of new infections generated per case, has declined and is now close to 1 (see Figure 1).
 - R_t is a measure of how fast the disease is spreading.
 - A value higher than one means infections are increasing; lower than one means they are decreasing.
 - The model shows a turn around in percent daily change over the past 2 weeks, after consistent growth in cases throughout the summer, which reveals a decrease in epidemic growth rate (see Figure 2).

Figure 1: Modelling: Recent Trends

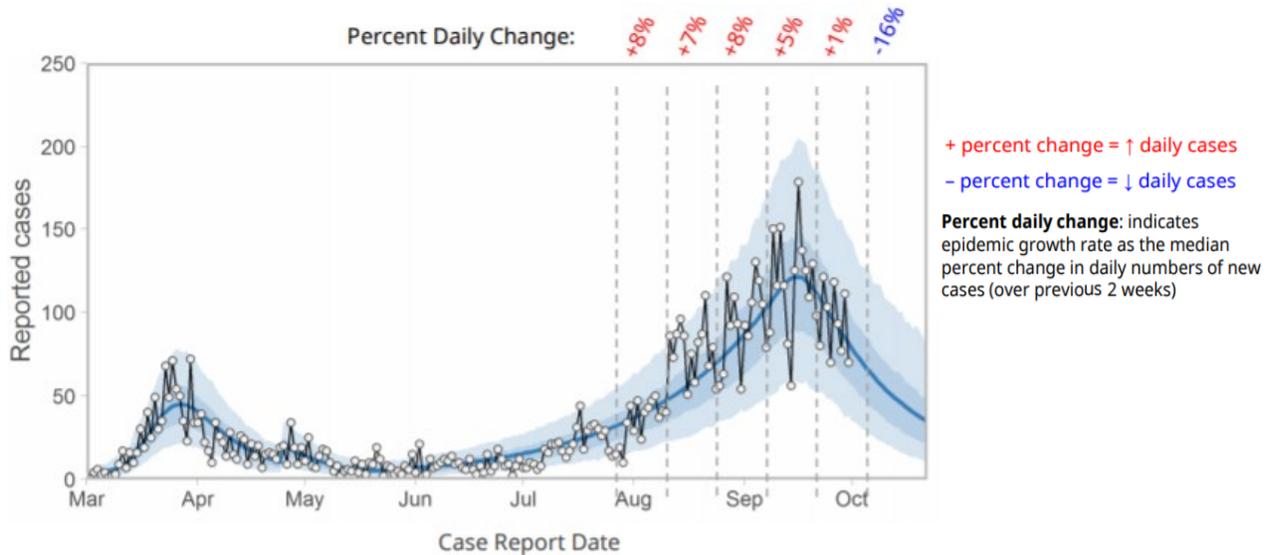


Solid line: median R_t ; **Grey band:** 5%-95% credible intervals; **Purple bars:** reported cases, excluding those attributed to outbreak clusters; The most recent case counts and R_t values are not shown due to data lags from transmission to case reporting. R_t values in most recent 2 weeks incorporate mobility data for improved estimation.

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

⁵ https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/COVID19_Going_Forward_Oct_2020.pdf

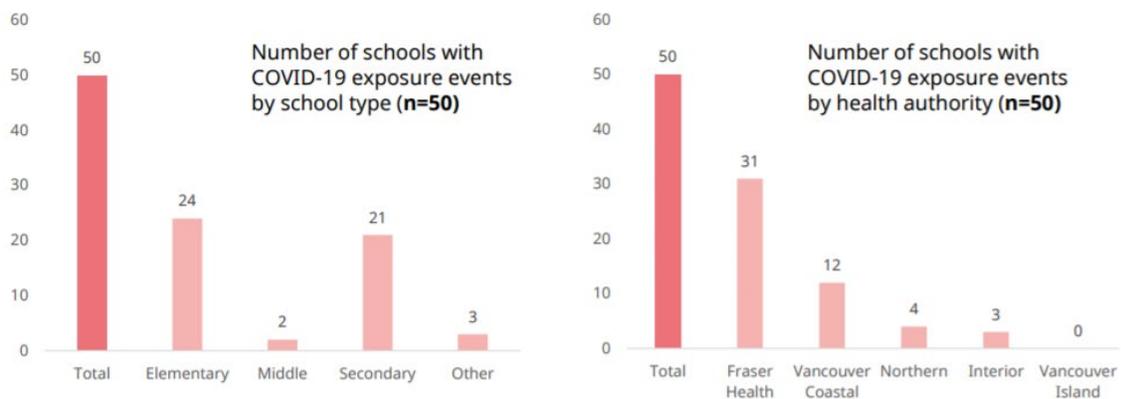
Figure 2: Modelling: Recent Trends



Solid blue line: median model fit; **Shaded bands:** 50% and 90% credible intervals; **Open circles:** reported cases, excluding reportable outbreaks March 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020.

- **Exposure events following return to in-class learning:** There have been 50 school exposures in BC's 1,942 schools. Dr. Bonnie Henry noted that COVID-19 outbreaks have not been a result of school's return to in-class learning and of the 50 exposure events (see Figure 3), many were early on, suggesting infection occurred prior to the start of school.

Figure 3: COVID-19 Exposures in a School Setting



- In addition to the modelling data released today, Dr. Bonnie Henry released the following statement:⁶
 - “The modelling data released today tells us, as a direct result of so many people paying attention to the public health precautions and doing the right thing, we are making a difference and flattening our curve.”
 - “The work of public health teams throughout the province has been extremely effective, and contact tracing has shown the majority of new cases are connected to a known case or cluster, which means uncontrolled transmission is limited.”
 - “Additionally, much like other aspects of our society that are now open, we have seen exposures in our schools. However, importantly, schools are not a major source of transmission.”
 - “While the number of overall cases has risen, we have fewer hospitalizations than in the spring. This is in part because many of the recent cases of COVID-19 are those who are younger and, as a result, less susceptible to severe illness.”
 - “While this highlights that no one is immune to COVID-19, the fewer people with severe illness mean we continue to have capacity in our health-care system for those who need additional care.”
 - “Our actions today have a direct impact on how the province will fair tomorrow. What we do for Thanksgiving will make a difference for Halloween and the next celebration after that.”
 - “This weekend give thanks to your neighbours, friends and family for doing their part to keep you safe. We are stronger together by staying apart, so let’s continue to find new ways to support each other and show we care – at a safe distance.”

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon, in partnership with the Yukon First Nations governments, announced the aid of \$950,000 to purchase 1300 devices to improve technology access for Yukon First Nations students in Kindergarten to grade 12.⁷
 - The COVID-19 pandemic has created challenges for students and families and this funding will support equal opportunities for all students.

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0053-001866>

⁷ <https://yukon.ca/en/improved-access-technology-first-nations-students>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Minister of National Revenue, Diane LeBouthillier, announced that applications are now being accepted for the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB) and the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB).⁸
 - To ensure the recovery benefits provide more targeted support, the application process includes new elements, including:
 - Shorter eligibility periods of one week.
 - Retroactive periods, meaning that people will be required to apply after the period has ended.
 - A 10% tax withholding at the source.
 - A three-to-five-day window to receive payments for applications made by direct deposit, and a 10-12-day window by cheque by mail.
 - Applications for the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) will be accepted as of October 12, 2020.
- Today, to support the reunion of families amid border closures during COVID-19, the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, Marco Mendicino, announced details for the opening of the 2020 Parents and Grandparents (PGP) Program.⁹
 - Over a 3-week period, from October 13, 2020 to November 3, 2020, Canadians and permanent residents who wish to sponsor parents and grandparents to come to Canada will have the opportunity to submit an interest to sponsor form online.
 - Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) will randomly select potential sponsors and send an invitation to submit an application.
 - Upon receipt, selected applicants will have 60 days to submit applications.
- Today, Agriculture and Agri-food Minister, Marie-Claude Bibeau, announced that applications are now being accepted for the Emergency On-Farm Support Fund in certain provinces and territories.¹⁰
 - This fund provides a \$35 million investment to improve health and safety on farms and in employee living quarters to prevent and respond to COVID-19.
 - This fund will be delivered to Alberta, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut with arrangements with other provinces to be announced in the coming weeks.

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

⁸<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2020/10/the-government-of-canada-launches-applications-for-the-canada-recovery-sickness-benefit-and-the-canada-recovery-caregiving-benefit.html>

⁹<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2020/10/government-of-canada-announces-details-for-opening-of-2020-parents-and-grandparents-program.html>

¹⁰<https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/10/protecting-the-health-and-safety-of-farm-workers-during-covid-19.html>