

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 6 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 5	As of Oct 6	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	9,739	9,841	102
Total active cases*	1,353	1,384	31
Currently in intensive care	16	16	0
Currently hospitalized in BC	66	71	5
Total deaths in BC	242	244	2
Total recovered in BC	8,115	8,184	69

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Oct 5	As of Oct 6	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	9,739	9,841	102
Vancouver Coastal Health	3,580	3,612	32
Fraser Health	4,980	5,038	58
Island Health	220	221	1
Interior Health	548	556	8
Northern Health	322	324	2
Out of Canada	89	90	1
Total individuals tested in BC	600,443	608,645	8,202

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Oct 5	As of Oct 6	Change
Total individuals tested	3,488	3,522	34
Total confirmed cases	15	15	0
Recovered cases	15	15	0
Negative results	3,448	3,453	5
Pending results	25	54	29

*Active cases exclude those who have died, discontinued isolation or been lost to follow up (n=29).

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 Oct 2	As of Oct 5	Change
Total confirmed cases	709	722	13
Total active cases	97	95	-2
Currently hospitalized	59	60	1
Total deaths	13	13	0
Total recovered	599	614	15
Total confirmed cases in BC	161	161	0

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Stephen Brown, deputy minister of health, issued the following statement on the COVID-19 response in B.C.:⁵
 - “People are doing the right thing and, as evidenced by the latest modelling data, individual actions are making a difference for all of us to stay safe and strong in the face of COVID-19.”
 - “Public health measures are a part of our ‘new normal.’ As a result, we are starting to flatten our curve once again.”
 - “There is no question that what we do today directly influences the well-being of our communities tomorrow, so let’s continue to do our part to protect ourselves and each other – each day and every day.”

- Today, Dr. Shannon McDonald, FNHA Acting Chief Medical Officer, issued a reminder that gatherings, including sweat lodge ceremonies, should not be held during the COVID-19 pandemic:⁶
 - “I commend you for all the safety measures you are taking to avoid getting or spreading COVID-19. Let’s continue staying strong and staying the course. What we are doing is working, and we will get through this together.”
 - “The FNHA continues to strongly advise Indigenous communities in BC to postpone all gatherings until the pandemic has passed. This includes sweat lodges and potlatches, even though they are key spiritual and cultural activities. The FNHA acknowledges their significance to our health and wellness, as well as the trauma caused by past banning of these activities. However, there is a time for everything, and now – during the COVID-19 pandemic – is not the time to hold or participate in these or any other kinds of group activities.”
 - “I encourage communities to consider alternatives – for example, while we postpone sweats and other gatherings, we can still connect to the Creator through prayer or being on the land and focusing on our hopes for our future generations.”

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0310-001867>

⁶ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/a-reminder-that-gatherings-including-sweat-lodge-ceremonies-should-not-be-held-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Government of Yukon.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam shared the following update on COVID-19 and Thanksgiving:⁷
 - “National daily case counts continue to increase, with an average of 1,951 new cases being reported daily during the most recent 7 days. At the same time, we are monitoring closely an upward trend in the number of individuals with COVID-19 requiring hospital care. Over the past week, there have been an average of 613 COVID-19 cases in hospital on any given day and 16 deaths reported daily.”
 - “Thanksgiving is a special time for many Canadians; a celebration centered on visiting and enjoying meals with families, friends and neighbors. University students travel home and faith groups gather in thanks. People often head indoors as temperatures drop and the weather becomes more unpredictable.”
 - “We will be able to return to these cozy indoor gatherings one day, but while we live with COVID-19, we all need to think carefully about our Thanksgiving plans this year to protect ourselves, our loved ones and communities. This is very hard because friends and family give us comfort and it might feel safer to gather with them; but this is in fact a false sense of security and can increase the risk of COVID-19 for those you love the most.”
 - “There are in-person activities we all need to do and there are others we can live without. By limiting our number of close contacts we can all help to slow the spread of COVID-19 and help essential services, businesses and educational facilities remain open.”
 - “Gatherings indoors will be safest if they only include household members, especially where infection rates are highest. Gatherings outdoors that involve people from outside our households will be safest if well-spaced. Remember, too close is too close, even if you are outdoors. Don’t share food or objects, “Bring-Your-Own” is safer. Do share friendships, experiences and the great Canadian outdoors – together apart!”
- Today, Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, and the Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, announced that the Government of Canada has signed a new agreement with Abbott Rapid Diagnostics to purchase up to 20.5 million Panbio COVID-19 Antigen rapid tests.⁸
 - Health Canada has authorized this test for use in Canada.
 - The Public Health Agency of Canada will deploy these tests to provinces and territories to support them in ramping up COVID-19 testing.
 - COVID-19 testing technologies are advancing as the pandemic continues. Public Services and Procurement Canada continues to pursue additional agreements to secure access to the most promising candidates.

⁷ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/10/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-covid-19-october-6-2020.html>

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/news/2020/10/government-of-canada-signs-new-agreement-for-covid-19-rapid-tests.html>

- Today, Darren Fisher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health and Member of Parliament for Dartmouth–Cole Harbour, on behalf of Maryam Monsef, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development, announced up to \$50 million in funding to support organizations providing supports and services to those experiencing gender-based violence. The funding includes:⁹
 - Up to \$10 million for women’s shelters and sexual assault centres to help them continue to provide their critical services safely;
 - Up to \$10 million to support organizations providing services related to gender-based violence to Indigenous people off-reserve; and
 - Up to \$30 million for other women’s organizations to support the delivery of GBV supports, to help combat the spread of COVID, and to address the increased demand for services.

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

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/status-women/news/2020/10/darren-fisher-announces-funding-for-organizations-supporting-people-experiencing-gender-based-violence.html>