

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 9 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 8 | As of Oct 9 | Change |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 10,066 | 10,185 | 119 |
| Total active cases in BC | 1,394 | 1,406 | 12 |
| Currently in intensive care | 17 | 19 | 2 |
| Currently hospitalized | 76 | 68 | -8 |
| Total deaths in BC | 245 | 245 | 0 |
| Total recovered in BC | 8,398 | 8,502 | 104 |
| CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION² | As of Oct 8 | As of Oct 9 | Change |
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 10,066 | 10,185 | 119 |
| Vancouver Coastal Health | 3,693 | 3,728 | 35 |
| Fraser Health | 5,174 | 5,293 | 79 |
| Island Health | 223 | 225 | 2 |
| Interior Health | 557 | 559 | 2 |
| Northern Health | 330 | 331 | 1 |
| Out of Canada | 89 | 89 | 0 |
| Total individuals tested in BC | 627,578 | 638,915 | 11,225** |
| STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³ | As of Oct 8 | As of Oct 9 | Change |
| Total individuals tested | 3,561 | 3,588 | 27 |
| Total confirmed cases | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Recovered cases | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Negative results | 3,472 | 3,479 | 7 |
| Pending results | 74 | 94 | 20 |

**The difference in new tests reported by the BCCDC (11,225) does not align with the difference in tests for October 8th and October 9th.

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 7 | As of Oct 8 | Change |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Total confirmed cases | 768 | 778 | 10 |
| Total active cases | 123 | 129 | 6 |
| Currently hospitalized | 61 | 61 | 0 |
| Total deaths | 13 | 13 | 0 |
| Total recovered | 623 | 636 | 13 |
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 167 | 167 | 0 |

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Stephen Brown, Deputy Minister of Health, issued the following statement regarding the Thanksgiving weekend:⁵
 - “Let’s do all we can to protect ourselves and our loved ones from COVID-19 by ensuring we always use our layers of protection this long weekend.”
 - “The care we show each other today will help protect all of us tomorrow, so let’s make this Thanksgiving about safe connections and safe celebrations.”
 - “We offer our thanks and gratitude to everyone throughout the province and in particular, our front-line essential workers, for doing so much to keep our communities safe and strong.”

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dominic LeBlanc, President of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, announced \$12.4 million in supplemental funding under the Safe Restart Agreement for Yukon.⁶
 - The purpose of this investment is to strengthen the financial support available to the people of Yukon, particularly the most vulnerable, as part of the ongoing national response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - The Government of Canada is also investing up to \$7 million for air carriers in the territory to ensure that food, equipment and medicine reach people living in remote communities in a reliable and timely manner.

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0313-001872>

⁶ <https://www.canada.ca/en/intergovernmental-affairs/news/2020/10/the-government-of-canada-announces-supplemental-top-up-safe-restart-funding-to-yukon.html>

- Today, the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) released the following information and guidance on COVID-19 for Indigenous Peoples and communities:⁷
 - ISC is working to support access to point-of-care testing in First Nation communities.
 - As announced on October 6, the Government has signed a new agreement with Abbott Rapid Diagnostics to purchase up to 20.5 million Panbio COVID-19 Antigen rapid tests.
 - Since the spring, the Government has deployed 65 GeneXpert instruments to Indigenous communities, prioritizing those in rural, remote and isolated communities.
 - ISC is continuing to collaborate with partners to ensure that nursing stations and health centres in First Nations communities continue to have the proper equipment and training to administer these tests.
 - In the last month alone, ISC was made aware of more than 200 new cases in First Nations communities.
 - Last week, 68 new cases were reported, which is the largest increase in cases seen since April.
 - This recent increase in cases has been linked to private gatherings, as well as exposure to positive cases from outside of communities.
 - This spring First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities were successful in preventing, responding and stopping the spread of COVID-19 during the first wave of the pandemic.
 - We know these times are challenging, but we must redouble our efforts and continue to follow the measures that saved many lives. We urge everyone to help change the trend by making wise decisions and following recommended public health measures.
 - When you choose to see people outside of your household, choose a small circle that your family will see regularly and who will also choose to see you regularly. When we consistently limit our contact to the same small circle, we keep our households, schools, and workplaces safer.
 - Celebrations this year will look different. Consider setting up a virtual get together with people outside of your household or make sure to proceed with caution when visiting in person by maintaining a safe distance, wearing a face covering, and bringing your own food.
- Today, Patty Hajdu, Canada's Minister of Health, announced an investment of more than \$10.2M in COVID-19 mental health and substance use research.⁸
 - This investment will support 55 research teams from across the country to address the mental health and substance use needs of individuals, communities and populations, and the effects on health care systems due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

⁷<https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/10/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities0.html>

⁸<https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2020/10/government-of-canada-and-provincial-partners-support-research-addressing-mental-health-impacts-of-covid-19-on-canadians.html>

- Today, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced an investment of \$100 million through the Emergency Food Security Fund.⁹
 - This investment will help improve access to food and increase food supply for vulnerable Canadians across the country, who are facing the impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Food banks, local food organizations, and Indigenous groups will be able to use this funding to purchase and distribute food and other necessities.
 - The funds will also be used to hire workers where volunteers are unavailable and buy personal protective equipment to help keep workers, volunteers, and visitors at food banks and local food organizations safe.
- Today Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister, Chrystia Freeland, announced the government's intention to introduce new legislation to create the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy.¹⁰
 - The new Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy would help businesses and organizations experiencing a drop in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic by providing rent and mortgage support until June 2021.
 - The subsidy would:
 - Be provided directly to tenants, while also providing support to property owners.
 - Support businesses, charities, and non-profits that have suffered a revenue drop, by subsidizing a percentage of their expenses, on a sliding scale, up to a maximum of 65 per cent of eligible expenses until December 19, 2020.
 - Allow organizations to make claims retroactively for the period that began September 27 and ends October 24, 2020.
 - Provide a top-up Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy of 25 per cent for organizations temporarily shut down by a mandatory public health order issued by a qualifying public health authority, in addition to the 65 per cent subsidy.

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

⁹ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/10/09/prime-minister-announces-additional-support-food-banks-and-local-food>

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/10/government-announces-new-targeted-support-to-help-businesses-through-pandemic.html>