

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 13 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 9 | As of Oct 13 | Change |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 10,185 | 10,734 | 549* |
| Total active cases in BC | 1,406 | 1,476 | 70 |
| Currently in intensive care | 19 | 24 | 5 |
| Currently hospitalized | 68 | 77 | 9 |
| Total deaths in BC | 245 | 250 | 5 |
| Total recovered in BC | 8,502 | 8,974 | 472 |
| CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION² | As of Oct 9 | As of Oct 13 | Change |
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 10,185 | 10,734 | 549 |
| Vancouver Coastal Health | 3,728 | 3,892 | 164 |
| Fraser Health | 5,253 | 5,595 | 342 |
| Island Health | 225 | 235 | 10 |
| Interior Health | 559 | 582 | 23 |
| Northern Health | 331 | 341 | 10 |
| Out of Canada | 89 | 89 | 0 |
| Total individuals tested in BC | 638,915 | 678,085 | 39,170 |
| STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³ | As of Oct 9 | As of Oct 13 | Change |
| Total individuals tested | 3,588 | 3,646 | 58 |
| Total confirmed cases | 15 | 15 | 0** |
| Recovered cases | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Negative results | 3,479 | 3,602 | 123 |
| Pending results | 94 | 29 | -65 |

*The BCCDC reported 170 new cases on Oct 10, 159 cases on Oct. 11, 119 cases on Oct. 12, and 101 cases on Oct. 13 (549 total).

** There is a probable case of COVID-19 in Yukon. Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) is awaiting confirmation from the BC.

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 8 | As of Oct 9 | Change |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Total confirmed cases | 778 | 792 | 14 |
| Total active cases | 129 | 118 | -11 |
| Currently hospitalized | 61 | 64 | 3 |
| Total deaths | 13 | 13 | 0 |
| Total recovered | 636 | 661 | 25 |
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 167 | 169 | 2 |

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, the Province of British Columbia 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.⁵
 - The state of emergency is extended through the end of the day on Oct. 27, 2020, to allow staff to continue to take the necessary actions to keep British Columbians safe and manage immediate concerns and COVID-19 outbreaks.
- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Stephen Brown, deputy minister of health, issued the following joint statement regarding updates on the COVID-19 response in B.C.:⁶
 - “The increase in cases is in part a result of a recent testing backlog, which was cleared with extra lab processing over the weekend. While this has meant an increase in the overall number of confirmed positive cases, the active cases and percentage positive remain stable.
 - “Physical activity is very important to our overall health and well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic, but equally important is the need to ensure we are staying active, safely.”
 - “As recreational sports like hockey and youth soccer return, we have seen an increase in COVID-19 exposures. In some cases, sport facilities have been closed.”
 - “We have to remember that spending time socializing or cheering with other parents and fans before, during and after games, increases the risk of transmission and exposure for you and your family.”
 - “It is important for all of us to think about our cumulative interactions. If you are in a busy workplace or have kids in school, then it is all the more important to limit your time with others elsewhere.”

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0053-001874>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0053-001875>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- On October 10, Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley announced a probable case of COVID-19 in Yukon.⁷
 - Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) is awaiting confirmation from the BC Centre for Disease Control.
 - The individual from Whitehorse is currently stable and self-isolating after receiving care at the Whitehorse General Hospital Emergency Department.
 - YCDC has begun contact tracing and investigation; no public exposure has been identified.
 - Anyone who may have been in contact with this person will be contacted by YCDC and directed on next steps to take.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam issued the following statement on COVID-19 in Canada:⁸
 - “Over the weekend, I enjoyed hearing about the many creative ways that Canadians celebrated Thanksgiving while keeping up with good public health practices. Thank you to all those who did their part by celebrating safely. Finding ways to stay connected socially while physically distanced will continue to be key to our work together for the ongoing management of COVID-19.”
 - “As we have said before, the virus that causes COVID-19 can spread quickly without us knowing it is present in our friend and family groups or in our communities. People who are infected can transmit the virus before they develop symptoms or without ever developing any symptoms at all. This is why we must all continue with good personal public health practices, even in areas of the country with few identified cases of COVID-19.”
 - “...A number of communities that did very well at preventing outbreaks in the spring, are now facing new clusters of cases. When new chains of transmission emerge, a community’s best defense is the individual actions of its community members to limit opportunities for the virus to spread further.”
 - “...We must all keep our number of contacts with others low, particularly in areas of high incidence. This will not be easy, and will require hard choices between what we need to do, and what we would like to do. But the more we can do our part to reduce the spread, the less local health authorities will have to rely on broader measures like business closures to reduce COVID-19 exposures and manage resurgences.”
- Today, the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) announced the launch of a new customizable tool kit resource to help workplaces across Canada operate safely and prevent the spread of infection during the COVID-19 pandemic.⁹
 - The online hub provides one-stop access to more than 40 free resources to reduce the spread and protect everyone in the workplace.

⁷ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/new-probable-case-covid-19-yukon-announced>

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/10/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-covid-19-october-13-2020.html>

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/centre-occupational-health-safety/news/2020/10/online-tool-kit-helps-workplaces-build-customized-covid-19-health-and-safety-plan.html>

- The guide includes information on the responsibilities of employers and workers, and what workplaces should do to control risks. Topics covered include:
 - how the coronavirus spreads
 - employers' duties
 - handling work refusals
 - hazard and risk assessment identification for COVID-19
 - how to control the risk and apply the hierarchy of controls in the workplace.
- Workplaces can download the guide on its own or bundle other industry and workplace-specific tip sheets, infographics, and posters to create a customized and comprehensive COVID-19 tool kit tailored to their industry or specific workplace needs.
- The COVID-19 tool kit of health and safety resources can be found on the CCOHS website: www.ccohs.ca/products/publications/covid19-tool-kit/.
- On Monday, October 12th, the Honourable Diane LeBouthillier, Minister of National Revenue, opened the application process for the CRB.¹⁰
 - The CRB provides \$500 per week for up to 26 weeks, to workers who have stopped working or had their employment/self-employment income reduced by at least 50% due to COVID-19 and who are not eligible for EI.
 - The CRA is providing an application process for the CRB similar to the one that millions of Canadians relied on to access Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB). Eligible people can apply for these benefits online through the CRA's My Account portal or by phone through our automated toll-free phone line at 1-800-959-2019 or 1-800-959-2041.
 - To ensure that the recovery benefits provide more targeted support for those people who continue to need it, the application process for the CRB includes new elements, such as:
 - shorter eligibility periods of two weeks;
 - retroactive periods, meaning that people will be required to apply after the two-week period has ended;
 - a 10% tax withholding at source; meaning that people will receive payments of \$900 for each two-week eligibility period;
 - a three-to-five day window to receive payments for applications made by direct deposit, and a 10-12 day window for cheque by mail.
 - For more information, visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/recovery-benefit.html>

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

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