

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 14 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 13	As of Oct 14	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	10,734	10,892	158
Total active cases in BC	1,476	1,496	20
Currently in intensive care	24	24	0
Currently hospitalized	77	84	7
Total deaths in BC	250	250	0
Total recovered in BC	8,974	9,112	138
CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Oct 13	As of Oct 14	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	10,734	10,892	158
Vancouver Coastal Health	3,892	3,941	49
Fraser Health	5,595	5,697	102
Island Health	235	237	2
Interior Health	582	585	3
Northern Health	341	343	2
Out of Canada	89	89	0
Total individuals tested in BC	678,085	683,531	5,446
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Oct 13	As of Oct 14	Change
Total individuals tested	3,646	3,678	32
Total confirmed cases	15	15	0
Recovered cases	15	15	0
Negative results	3,602	3,615	13
Pending results	29	48	19

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 9	As of Oct 13	Change
Total confirmed cases	792	880	88
Total active cases	118	197	79
Currently hospitalized	64	66	2
Total deaths	13	13	0
Total recovered	661	670	9
Total confirmed cases in BC	169	169	0

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, the First Nations Health Authority shared the following tips on how to wear a face mask while wearing hearing aids:⁵
 - When unlooping a mask from behind the ears, stand still and slowly remove one loop at a time. Standing still enables you to see where the hearing aid lands if it falls out.
 - Remove the mask in the same place every time, such as inside a car, home entrance way or living room. If a hearing aid falls out, it will be easier to find in an enclosed space.
 - Sew a button on each side of a headband or ball cap, or on each end of a flat strip of cloth to make an 'ear saver'. Hook the ear loop over each button to secure the mask to the ear saver. (These headbands are also available for sale in some pharmacies).
 - Buy or sew a mask that ties around the back of the head instead of the ears. This design can be found in stores, through craft sellers and online.
 - If sewing isn't an option, grab a t-shirt and a pair of scissors and make a t-shirt mask.
 - Tie long hair into a ponytail, braid or bun and crisscross the loops around it. If the loops are too short, make two ponytails or braids and loop the mask around them.
 - Remember to always wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer before fitting or removing a hearing aid or mask

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon released the following updates on COVID-19:⁶
 - Regarding the previously announced probable case of COVID-19 in an individual in Whitehorse:
 - Confirmation testing resulted in a negative final result.
 - Contacts are notified through Yukon Communicable Disease Control or Community Nursing.

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

⁵ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/six-tips-for-using-a-mask-while-wearing-hearing-aids>

⁶ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/october-14-2020-covid-19-update>

- Review of the state of emergency declaration:
 - The need for the state of emergency and ministerial orders issued under CEMA are regularly re-evaluated.
 - The state of emergency and accompanying orders enable the government to adapt and respond rapidly to the pandemic and keep pace with developments across Canada, with the aim to minimize risk and help Yukoners to manage through uncertainty.
 - The state of emergency was extended on September 9, 2020 and is valid for up to 90 days from that date.
- Land border update:
 - Land border traveller numbers are in decline as the winter season approaches
 - 102 self-declaration forms have been completed since October 2, 2020.
 - Total number of people recorded travelling to Yukon since October 2 is 3,282.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, issued the following statement on COVID-19 in Canada:⁷
 - “Fall is upon us, and so is the start of flu season. Influenza, or the flu, is a serious and highly contagious respiratory infection. This year it is more important than ever to get your flu shot.”
 - “The flu shot provides protection against infection with influenza A and B viruses that are expected to circulate in the Canadian population this fall and winter while COVID-19 activity continues.
 - Although the flu shot doesn't provide protection against infection with the virus that causes COVID-19, it will help reduce the risk of you getting the flu before, during or after a possible COVID-19 infection. Having both illnesses close together in time, or at the same time, could put you at higher risk for severe illness.”
 - “Getting the flu shot protects you and those around you, providing you protection from infection and serious illness, and reducing the likelihood of you spreading the illness to others. By keeping you and others healthier, the flu shot is also an important prevention measure to help reduce the burden on Canada's health care system during this unprecedented time.”
 - “Please plan to get your flu shot as soon as it becomes available in your area. It can take up to two weeks for your body to build immunity against the flu once you get the flu shot. You can get a flu shot at a flu clinic near you, a pharmacy that offers the flu shot, or by contacting your local public health unit to find other available options in your area.”

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

⁷<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/10/declaration-de-ladministratrice-en-chef-de-la-sante-publique-du-canada-a-propos-de-la-covid-19-le-14-octobre.html>