

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 16 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 15	As of Oct 16	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	11,034	11,189	155
Total active cases in BC	1,494	1,513	19
Currently in intensive care	24	26	2
Currently hospitalized	74	72	-2
Total deaths in BC	250	251	1
Total recovered in BC	9,257	9,387	130
CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Oct 15	As of Oct 16	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	11,034	11,189	155
Vancouver Coastal Health	3,974	4,036	62
Fraser Health	5,800	5,884	84
Island Health	239	240	1
Interior Health	587	590	3
Northern Health	345	350	5
Out of Canada	89	89	0
Total individuals tested in BC	692,547	703,402	10,855
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Oct 15	As of Oct 16	Change
Total individuals tested	3,703	3,717	14
Total confirmed cases	15	15	0
Recovered cases	15	15	0
Negative results	3,632	3,675	43
Pending results	56	27	-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 CANADA ⁴	As of Oct 14	As of Oct 15	Change
Total confirmed cases	906	924	18
Total active cases	209	205	-4
Currently hospitalized	66	67	1
Total deaths	13	13	0
Total recovered	684	706	22
Total confirmed cases in BC	169	173	4

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Stephen Brown, deputy minister of health, provided the following statement on voting in BC during the COVID-19 pandemic:⁵
 - “The provincial election is just over one week away and advanced voting is available throughout the province. To ensure the safety of voters, election workers and candidates, Elections BC has COVID-19 safety plans in place for all locations.”
 - “If you are planning on voting in person, remember to give others the space to stay safe when going to vote, wash your hands before and after voting, and consider using a mask if distancing is a challenge.”
 - “If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 or are feeling unwell, you can still vote without going to a voting place. Contact Elections BC at 1-800-661-8683 for more information or assistance.”

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the City of Whitehorse announced that the Canada Games Centre’s phased re-opening plan continues with Phase 3.⁶
 - This phase allows for spectator seating at a reduced capacity and sees the Takhini Arena open for bookings.
 - When visiting the Canada Games Centre, please remember:
 - Stay home if you are feeling sick
 - Physical distancing (2m/6 ft)
 - Practice proper hand hygiene
 - Stay only for the duration of your activity
 - Limit the amount of family members coming to drop-off and pick up patrons, when possible

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0054-001882>

⁶ <https://www.whitehorse.ca/Home/Components/News/News/4600/31>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Navdeep Bains, the federal Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, announced a new initiative in an effort to make COVID-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) more compostable and recyclable.⁷ This initiative involves a call for the development of two innovative solutions:
 - Recycling technologies for disposable (single-use) PPE used in health care sector:
 - National Research Council Canada (NRC), is seeking solutions for the efficient and cost-effective recycling of disposable PPE waste generated in the Canadian health care system.
 - Compostable disposable surgical masks and compostable disposable respirators used in the Canadian health care system
 - NRC is seeking solutions for the manufacturing of compostable disposable surgical masks and compostable disposable respirators to be used by health care workers.
 - Through the Innovative Solutions Canada Challenge Stream, the Government of Canada invites small and medium-sized Canadian enterprises to propose innovations that address the requirements of published challenges.
 - Under these two challenges, successful applicants could receive up to \$300,000 to develop a proof of feasibility.
 - If accepted into Phase 2, companies could receive up to \$1 million to develop a working prototype.

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

⁷<https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2020/10/government-of-canada-launches-new-covid-19-challenges-to-help-reduce-environmental-footprint-of-ppe-in-canada.html>