

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 21 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

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Oct 20</b>	<b>As of Oct 21</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	11,854	12,057	<b>203</b>
Total active cases in BC	1,688	1,766	<b>78</b>
Currently in intensive care	18	21	<b>3</b>
Currently hospitalized	69	70	<b>1</b>
Total deaths in BC	254	256	<b>2</b>
Total recovered in BC	9,871	9,993	<b>122</b>
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Oct 20</b>	<b>As of Oct 21</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	11,854	12,057	<b>203</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	4,175	4,215	<b>40</b>
Fraser Health	6,366	6,517	<b>151</b>
Island Health	244	244	<b>0</b>
Interior Health	624	632	<b>8</b>
Northern Health	357	361	<b>4</b>
Out of Canada	88	88	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	736,637	747,119	<b>10,482</b>
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Oct 20</b>	<b>As of Oct 21</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total individuals tested	3,785	3,814	<b>29</b>
Total confirmed cases	17	17	<b>0</b>
Recovered cases	15	15	<b>0</b>
Negative results	3,722	3,735	<b>13</b>
Pending results	46	62	<b>16</b>

<sup>1</sup> <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

<sup>2</sup> <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

<sup>3</sup> <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>

## STATUS OF FIRST NATION

RESERVE CASES IN CANADA <sup>4</sup>	As of Oct 19	As of Oct 20	Change
Total confirmed cases	1,040	1,068	28
Total active cases	300	315	15
Currently hospitalized	72	72	0
Total deaths	14	14	0
Total recovered	726	739	13
Total confirmed cases in BC	176	176	0

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Shannon McDonald, FNHA Acting Chief Medical Officer issued the following guidance regarding how to celebrate Halloween safely during COVID-19:<sup>5</sup>
  - “We ask that children stay with their bubble in their local neighbourhood and trick-or-treat in very small groups. Ideally, there would one guardian for one or two children as your group (to a maximum of six people) travels around your own block while maintaining physical distancing from others.”
  - If you and your children will be trick-or-treating:
    - Do not go out in a large group, and definitely avoid crowded trick-or-treating areas— where many people are gathered, there is a “super spreader” risk.
    - Incorporate a mask into your child’s costume. There are many ways to use a mask while letting Halloween-costume-making creativity shine.
    - Do not let your child dig into bowls of loose candy. You do not want them touching things that may also be touched by many other people.
    - Bring hand sanitizer – and use it frequently.
    - Do not crowd a doorway with other trick-or-treaters. Have your children wait their turn to walk to the house so that they can practise safe physical distancing.
  - If you are handing out candy to trick-or-treaters:
    - Provide a table set up with pre-arranged candy so children can grab what they need without reaching into a bowl. If possible, set up closer to the road and not at your doorway.
    - Do not give out any candy that is not packaged.
    - Get creative in thinking of ways to hand out candy while practising safe physical distancing.
      - You may be able to use a small bag of candy at the end of a hockey stick or a pole.
    - Do not give out candy if you are not feeling well. Stay inside!

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

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/how-to-celebrate-halloween-safely-during-covid-19>

- Halloween Parties
  - Please skip the parties this year. Indoor gatherings, whether large or small, put people at unnecessary risk of contracting COVID-19. Instead, watch a spooky movie, decorate your house, or participate in a social gathering online.
  - If you do hold a party, keep it small and keep it in your bubble (with six people maximum).
- Today, the First Nations Health Authority has announced the launch of a youth campaign inspired by and co-created with Indigenous youth.<sup>6</sup> The campaign involves Indigenous youth reaching out to their peers with messages, advice, personal videos aiming to inspire and support young people to stay mentally and emotionally well during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - The 12-week campaign features digital ads and videos on Instagram, Tiktok, and Snapchat, as well as a Snapchat filter that youth can use and share with their friends.
    - #FNHAWellnessWithin is the campaign hashtag.
  - The FNHA developed the youth campaign to address the special challenges that physical distancing and other pandemic protocols present to youth.
    - Visit [www.fnha.ca/youth](http://www.fnha.ca/youth) for more information about the youth campaign and to watch the youth videos.

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon released the following updates on COVID-19 in the Territory:<sup>7</sup>
  - Gatherings and social bubbles can include 15 people; 10 people at a time indoors.
    - If you gather with anyone who is not in your social bubble, you must keep a two-metre (six feet) distance from them at all times.
    - Organized and seated gatherings have higher limits, as long as all precautions are observed.
  - Canada and U.S. border:
    - Canada and the U.S. has continued to extend the border closures to non-essential travel until November 21.
  - Civil Emergency Measures Act charges
    - One charge was laid on October 19 for a Yukon resident who travelled outside of Yukon, BC, NWT and Nunavut within the previous 14 days and did not follow self-isolation requirements.
    - There have been a total of 14 people charged, and 19 charges laid under the Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA).

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/fnha-collaborates-with-youth-to-create-covid-19-wellness-campaign>

<sup>7</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/october-21-2020-covid-19-update>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, issued the following statement:<sup>8</sup>
  - “As the resurgence of COVID-19 activity continues in Canada, we are tracking a range of epidemiological indicators to monitor where the disease is most active, where it is spreading and how it is impacting the health of Canadians and public health, laboratory and healthcare capacity.”
  - “Though the numbers are high and continue to increase at an accelerated pace, it is important to remember that the vast majority of Canadians remain susceptible to COVID-19. This is why it is important for everyone to continue with individual precautions that will keep ourselves, our families and our communities safer.”
  - “Canada needs a collective effort to sustain the public health response through to the end of the pandemic, while balancing the health, social and economic consequences. We can all do our part by keeping our number of in-person close contacts low and committing to proven effective public health practises”
- Today, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance announced the following measures to support Canadian businesses during the second wave of COVID-19:<sup>9</sup>
  - Freezing the wage subsidy program at current rates to ensure businesses, charities, and non-profits have the support they need to keep their workers paid through the second wave.
    - Intent to extend wage subsidy until June 2021
  - Proposing a new Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy program to provide rent or mortgage support of up to 65% to businesses facing revenue loss.
    - Top-up of 25% of eligible rent or mortgage expenses for businesses facing lockdown restrictions.
  - Expanding the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) so eligible impacted businesses can access another interest-free \$20,000.

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

<sup>8</sup><https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/10/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-october-21-2020.html>

<sup>9</sup><https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/10/deputy-prime-minister-and-minister-of-finance-speaking-remarks-on-business-supports.html>