

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 23 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 22</b>	<b>As of Oct 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	12,331	12,554	<b>223</b>
Total active cases in BC	1,920	2,009	<b>89</b>
Currently in intensive care	24	24	<b>0</b>
Currently hospitalized	71	75	<b>4</b>
Total deaths in BC	256	256	<b>0</b>
Total recovered in BC	10,114	10,247	<b>133</b>
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Oct 22</b>	<b>As of Oct 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	12,331	12,554	<b>223</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	4,260	4,319	<b>59</b>
Fraser Health	6,725	6,864	<b>139</b>
Island Health	249	250	<b>1</b>
Interior Health	644	662	<b>18</b>
Northern Health	365	371	<b>6</b>
Out of Canada	88	88	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	757,517	764,099	<b>6,582</b>
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Oct 22</b>	<b>As of Oct 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total individuals tested	3,845	3,857	<b>12</b>
Total confirmed cases	17	20	<b>3</b>
Recovered cases	15	15	<b>0</b>
Negative results	3,790	3,799	<b>9</b>
Pending results	38	38	<b>0</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

<b>RESERVE CASES IN CANADA<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>As of Oct 21</b>	<b>As of Oct 22</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	1,100	1,123	23
Total active cases	322	320	-2
Currently hospitalized	72	72	0
Total deaths	15	15	0
Total recovered	763	788	25
Total confirmed cases in BC	176	176	0

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, the BCCDC released their weekly COVID-19 Situation Report, which included the following significant findings up until the reported week of October 11-17, 2020 (Week 42):<sup>5</sup>
  - Of all COVID-19 associated deaths, 85% have been adults 70 years or older.
  - More than two-thirds of COVID-19 cases in BC occurred after the broad re-opening of services in Phase 3.
    - However, about 60% of hospitalizations, and two-thirds of ICU admissions (65%) and deaths (68%) accrued before Phase 3.
  - Overall, males have comprised 50% cases, 59% hospitalizations, 62% ICU admissions, and 58% deaths up to week 42.
  - Elderly adults 70 years of age or older comprise 10% of COVID-19 cases, similar with their share of the general population of BC (14%), but they are greatly over-represented among severe outcomes including hospitalizations (42%), ICU admissions (39%), and deaths (85%).
  - Local contact with a known case or cluster has most often been considered the source of infection across all pandemic phases to date.
  - The full report can be found here: [http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID\\_sitrep/BC\\_COVID\\_19\\_Situation\\_Report\\_Oct\\_23\\_2020.pdf](http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_sitrep/BC_COVID_19_Situation_Report_Oct_23_2020.pdf)
- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Stephen Brown, deputy minister of health, issued the following joint statement regarding COVID-19 transmission in B.C.:<sup>6</sup>
  - “In recent days, we have seen a number of new outbreaks of COVID-19 in the community and in long-term care facilities. Contact-tracing teams throughout our province are working around the clock to stop further spread, but it requires all of us to do our part to be successful in these efforts.”
  - “This is our opportunity and the time to take a step back from our social interactions and keep our groups small this weekend. In doing this, we show our appreciation and support for the important work of contact tracers.”
  - “It is also the time to show kindness to those around us. None of us know the stories and experiences of those around us, so let’s make this weekend one of compassion and care for everyone.”

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

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID\\_sitrep/BC\\_COVID\\_19\\_Situation\\_Report\\_Oct\\_23\\_2020.pdf](http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_sitrep/BC_COVID_19_Situation_Report_Oct_23_2020.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0054-001891>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant update from the Yukon Territory.

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced multiple investments through the Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) to advance the development of Canadian COVID-19 vaccine technologies:<sup>7</sup>
  - Quebec City-based Medicago will receive up to \$173 million
    - The government has signed an agreement to secure up to 76 million doses of their COVID-19 vaccine candidate, enough to vaccinate 38 million people.
    - This is the first domestically developed vaccine candidate the Government of Canada has secured.
  - The government will also invest up to \$18.2 million in Vancouver-based biotechnology company Precision NanoSystems Incorporated (PNI) through the SIF.
    - This investment will support a \$24.27-million project to help advance the development of a COVID-19 vaccine candidate through pre-clinical studies and clinical trials.
  - Agreements signed to date will secure access to up to 358 million doses of different COVID-19 vaccine candidates.
    - At this time, there are three vaccine candidates currently under review and many others in clinical trials and in development.
- Today, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough, announced that the deadline to apply for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) to receive the one-time payment has been extended from September 25, 2020, to December 31, 2020.<sup>8</sup>
  - An extension of the deadline will give clients more time to submit their applications, and the Government of Canada time to issue decisions regarding eligibility.
  - The one-time payment will help persons with disabilities deal with the expenses incurred during the pandemic, such as:
    - Hiring personal support workers and accessing other disability supports;
    - Paying for increased costs for medical supplies and medication;
    - The purchase of personal protective equipment;
    - Higher costs associated with physical distancing and working from home; and,
    - The increased use of transportation and home delivery services to obtain groceries and prescriptions.
  - The majority of eligible Canadians – nearly 1.6 million people – will begin receiving their payment on October 30, 2020, using direct deposit and mailing information from existing government programs.

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

<sup>7</sup> <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/10/23/prime-minister-announces-funding-advance-development-canadian-covid>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/10/government-of-canada-extends-deadline-to-apply-for-the-disability-tax-credit-to-receive-the-covid-19-one-time-payment-for-persons-with-disabilities.html>