

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 27 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 26	As of Oct 27	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	13,371	13,588	217
Total active cases in BC	2,325	2,322	-3
Currently in intensive care	26	27	1
Currently hospitalized	77	84	7
Total deaths in BC	259	259	0
Total recovered in BC	10,734	10,954	220

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Oct 26	As of Oct 27	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	13,371	13,588	217
Vancouver Coastal Health	4,428	4,476	48
Fraser Health	7,529	7,674	145
Island Health	250	250	0
Interior Health	693	717	24
Northern Health	383	383	0
Out of Canada	88	88	0
Total individuals tested in BC	792,224	797,381	5,157

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Oct 26	As of Oct 27	Change
Total individuals tested	3,909	3,946	37
Total confirmed cases	22	22	0
Recovered cases	15	15	0
Negative results	3,857	3,849	-8
Pending results	30	75	45

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 23	As of Oct 26	Change
Total confirmed cases	1,150	1,254	104
Total active cases	323	362	39
Currently hospitalized	72	73	1
Total deaths	15	15	0
Total recovered	812	877	65
Total confirmed cases in BC	178	181	3

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 Nov. 10, 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. Henry and Stephen Brown issued the following joint statement regarding the COVID-19 response in B.C.:⁶
 - “In addition to washing our hands often and staying home when ill, our protective layers include limiting our time with people outside of our household, keeping our groups small, giving people the space to stay safe and if that is challenging, using a non-medical mask.”
 - “A mask is especially helpful in public indoor spaces where you don’t know the people around you and the risks they may have.”
 - “As a result, **the expectation is that masks will be worn within public areas** of health-care facilities, shopping malls, grocery stores, community centres and other public spaces – as you enter, exit and move around.”
 - “Public indoor spaces are quite different from our schools, offices and businesses that have established learning groups and work cohorts, supported by comprehensive COVID-19 safety plans.”

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Government of Yukon.

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the launch of a new Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) that invests \$1 billion to create up to 3,000 new permanent, affordable housing units across the country to help with the impacts of COVID-19.⁷

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0055-001896>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0056-001898>

⁷ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/10/27/new-rapid-housing-initiative-create-3000-new-homes-canadians>

- The RHI will quickly develop new modular multi-unit rentals, convert non-residential buildings into affordable multi-residential homes, and rehabilitate buildings that are abandoned or in disrepair into affordable multi-residential homes.
- Costs to purchase land and buildings will also be eligible under the new initiative.
- The \$1 billion in funding will be provided through two streams:
 - **Major Cities Stream:** \$500 million in immediate support for pre-determined municipalities. The municipalities were determined based on metrics including the levels of renters in severe housing need and of people experiencing homelessness.
 - **Projects Stream:** \$500 million for projects based on applications from provinces, territories, municipalities, Indigenous governing bodies and organizations, and non-profit organizations. Applications will be accepted starting today and until December 31, 2020.
- For more information, visit: www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/NHS/rapid-housing-initiative
- Today, Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, announced an investment of \$4.9 million under the Emergency On-Farm Support Fund to help B.C. farmers better protect the health and safety of farm workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.⁸
 - Eligible activities include:
 - direct infrastructure improvements to living quarters and work stations,
 - temporary or emergency housing (on or off-farm),
 - personal protective equipment (PPE),
 - sanitary stations,
 - work stations, and
 - any other health and safety measures that safeguard the health and safety of Canadian and temporary foreign workers from COVID-19.
 - Contributions under the program will be cost-shared 50:50 with the applicants, up to \$100,000.
 - An additional 10 per cent will be provided to women, youth, visible minorities, Indigenous Peoples, and Persons with disabilities, amounting to a 60:40 split as the Government of Canada promotes and empowers underrepresented groups in the agricultural sector.
 - The IAF will deliver the program under two streams:
 - For recipients looking for reimbursements of already incurred costs
 - For recipients who are looking to undertake future projects
 - Applications will be accepted through Investment Agriculture Foundation's (IAF) portal from October 27, 2020 to November 17, 2020.
 - For more information, visit: <https://iafbc.ca/emergency-on-farm-support-fund/>

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

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/10/government-of-canada-invests-49-million-to-further-protect-british-columbia-farm-workers-during-covid-19.html>