

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 29 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 28	As of Oct 29	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	13,875	14,109	234
Total active cases in BC	2,316	2,344	28
Currently in intensive care	25	24	-1
Currently hospitalized	83	86	3
Total hospitalized to date	981	984	3
Total deaths in BC	261	262	1
Total recovered in BC	11,244	11,448	204
CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Oct 28	As of Oct 29	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	13,875	14,109	234
Vancouver Coastal Health	4,545	4,588	43
Fraser Health	7,863	8,036	173
Island Health	253	256	3
Interior Health	727	734	7
Northern Health	399	406	7
Out of Canada	88	89	1
Total individuals tested in BC	806,953	817,076	10,123
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Oct 28	As of Oct 29	Change
Total individuals tested	4,004	4,031	27
Total confirmed cases	22	23	1
Recovered cases	17	17	0
Negative results	3,871	3,968	97
Pending results	111	40	-71

*The BCCDC has reported 10,127 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between Oct 28th and 29th

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 26	As of Oct 27	Change
Total confirmed cases	1,254	1,279	25
Total active cases	362	387	15
Currently hospitalized	73	73	0
Total deaths	15	15	0
Total recovered	877	877	0
Total confirmed cases in BC	181	181	0

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix released the following statement regarding holiday celebrations amidst COVID-19:⁵
 - “This Halloween weekend, we must find a way to celebrate in new ways. We need to keep our groups small – in our homes and on the streets.”
 - “Trick-or-treaters are reminded to give others the space to stay safe and to respect those homes that are choosing not to participate this year. And we remind everyone that there is a provincial health officer’s order limiting the number of people who can be in your home to your household, plus no more than six.”
 - “Despite the best intentions to maintain our distance and use the layers of protection when going to someone’s home, it can be hard to keep up the precautions when we are talking, eating and drinking together indoors.”
 - “Rather, if you are wanting to spend time with a small group of friends, choose a COVID-19 safe space – either outside or a location that has a comprehensive COVID-19 safety plan.”
 - “Let’s protect our loved ones, our Elders and our communities and show them we care by staying small – this weekend and every weekend this winter.”

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley, announced the confirmation of a new case of COVID-19 in the Yukon.⁶
 - This is the territory’s 23rd case of COVID-19 infection and is not linked to the Watson Lake cluster.
 - This new case of COVID-19 was identified through contact tracing and is linked to the travel-related cases previously reported in Whitehorse.
 - Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) staff has completed contact tracing and confirmed that there is no risk of public exposure.
 - The individual had travelled and had a contact history, so was already self-isolating when the diagnosis was confirmed. The individual is recovering well at home.

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0058-001903>

⁶ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/yukons-covid-19-case-count-rises-23>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam released the following statement regarding the increase in COVID-19 activity:⁷
 - “As hospitalisations and deaths tend to lag behind increased disease activity by one to several weeks, the concern is that we have yet to see the extent of severe impacts associated with the ongoing increase in COVID-19 disease activity.”
 - “Presently, we are already seeing increased strain on the health system, including in areas where infection rates are highest.”
 - “Some of the impacts involve hospitals having to postpone non-urgent procedures and elective surgeries, as well as staff absenteeism due to illness or the need to quarantine when outbreaks occur in health care institutions.”
 - “As well, with the anticipated increase in influenza and respiratory infections that is typically seen during the Fall and Winter, additional demands on the health system are likely.”
 - “Collectively our efforts are crucial to keeping the spread of COVID-19 at a manageable level. This enables us to preserve healthcare, public health and laboratory system capacity, while helping us maintain our social and economic wellbeing.”
- Today, given the ongoing situation with COVID-19, Minister of Transport, Marc Garneau, announced the extension of the following measures pertaining to cruise ships and pleasure crafts until February 28, 2021:⁸
 - Cruise ships with overnight accommodations carrying more than 100 people continue to be prohibited from operating in Canadian waters.
 - All other passenger vessels must continue following provincial, territorial, local and regional health authority guidance.
 - Passenger vessels carrying more than 12 people continue to be prohibited from entering Arctic coastal waters, including Nunatsiavut, Nunavik and the Labrador Coast.
 - Adventure-seeking pleasure craft also continue to be banned in Arctic waters.

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/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-october-29-2020.html>

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/10/minister-garneau-announces-extended-measures-for-cruise-ships-and-pleasure-craft-in-canada.html>