

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 30 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 29	As of Oct 30	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	14,109	14,381	272
Total active cases in BC	2,344	2,390	46
Currently in intensive care	24	25	1
Currently hospitalized	86	78	-8
<i>Total hospitalized to date</i>	984	990	6
Total deaths in BC	262	263	1
Total recovered in BC	11,448	11,670	222
CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Oct 29	As of Oct 30	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	14,109	14,381	272
Vancouver Coastal Health	4,588	4,664	76
Fraser Health	8,036	8,219	183
Island Health	256	256	0
Interior Health	734	741	7
Northern Health	406	412	6
Out of Canada	89	89	0
Total individuals tested in BC	817,076	827,496	10,420
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Oct 29	As of Oct 30	Change
Total individuals tested	4,031	4,053	22
Total confirmed cases	23	23	0
Recovered cases	17	17	0
Deaths	0	1	1
Negative results	3,968	3,981	13
Pending results	40	49	9

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 27	As of Oct 29	Change
Total confirmed cases	1,279	1,360	81
Total active cases	387	348	-39
Currently hospitalized	73	74	1
Total deaths	15	15	0
Total recovered	877	997	120
Total confirmed cases in BC	181	182	1

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Joint statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, latest updates

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix released the following statement regarding the COVID-19 response in B.C.:⁵
 - “As we all enjoy Halloween tomorrow, make it about the treats and not the tricks. Respect homes that are choosing not to participate this year and give everyone the space to stay safe, both indoors and outdoors.”
 - “There are many ways to make fun memories this fall. This weekend is a great opportunity to be outside, enjoying the fall foliage and Halloween decorations.”
 - “Now is not the time for parties or large gatherings in our homes. Instead, let’s spend time with others in a safe way, outside or in venues that have COVID-19 safety plans in place.”
 - “The provincial health officer order limiting the number of people who can visit our home is in effect and surveillance will be increased for the weekend ahead.”

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

First COVID-19-related death in Yukon

- Today, Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley, confirmed the death of one of the five people recently diagnosed with COVID-19 in Watson Lake.⁶
 - The person passed away at home on October 29 while they were in self-isolation.
 - A Coroner’s investigation has concluded that their death was caused by COVID-19 infection.
 - The person who has died was older and had underlying medical conditions.
 - The level of COVID-19 risk to residents of Watson Lake and other Yukoners has not changed as a result of this death.

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0058-001905>

⁶ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/first-covid-19-related-death-yukon>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Over \$200 million in funding announced for Indigenous peoples and communities

- Today, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced over \$200 million in new funding to provide support to Indigenous Peoples and communities during the pandemic. The funding includes:⁷
 - \$120.7 million to help Indigenous early learning and child care facilities safely operate during the pandemic.
 - The investment is expected to support over 35,000 First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Nation children who access culturally relevant Indigenous early learning and child care programs.
 - \$59 million for First Nations to adapt their on-reserve community infrastructure.
 - First Nations can use the funds for implementing public health and safety measures in community buildings by:
 - adding hand washing stations,
 - buying hand sanitizers and personal protective equipment for staff,
 - buying cleaning supplies,
 - installing signage and barriers to promote physical distancing, and
 - doing safety checks and upgrades to existing ventilation systems.
 - \$25.9 million to support to Indigenous post-secondary institutions in 2020-21.
 - The investment will help these institutions address increased costs and financial uncertainty resulting from the pandemic, including:
 - putting in place supports to retain staff,
 - automating services to process student applications and registrations,
 - adapting courses for online learning, and
 - implementing public health and safety measures for in-person services.

Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities

- Today, the Government of Canada released the following COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities:⁸
 - The week of October 18-24 has seen 163 new cases of COVID-19 reported in First Nations communities as of October 24.
 - An increasing number of case transmission has been linked to community transmission and to large private and public gatherings in settings where physical distancing and wearing of masks were not observed.
 - The more cases there are in the community, the greater the opportunity for the virus to be introduced into workplaces, schools and vulnerable settings like long-term care centres. People must continue to:

⁷ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/10/30/prime-minister-announces-new-supports-indigenous-peoples-and>

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/10/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities3.html>

- Properly wear a mask or face covering when in public or around those at risk, especially when it is hard to maintain a physical distance.
- Limit contact to the same small circle of people and practice physical distancing with those outside of the household.
- Create a supportive environment for people who are isolating to take care of their mental health, and minimize the stress and hardship associated with isolation.
- Wash hands frequently and for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol if soap and water aren't available.

Government extends international travel restrictions

- Today, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Bill Blair, and the Minister of Health, Patty Hajdu, announced the Government has extended the Mandatory Isolation Order and temporary travel restrictions for all non-US travellers, unless their travel is for non-discretionary reasons, to November 30, 2020.⁹
 - The government has also made some practical adjustments to provisions allowing limited Canada-U.S. cross-border travel, in a few specific circumstances.
 - Effective October 31, 2020, residents of Campobello Island, New Brunswick; Stewart, British Columbia; Northwest Angle, Minnesota; and Hyder, Alaska will be exempt from mandatory 14-day quarantine only to access the necessities of life (e.g., food, medical services) from the nearest Canadian or American community.
 - In addition, students from Canada and the U.S. who regularly cross the border to attend school, along with one driver, and children who are subject to shared custody arrangements, along with one parent, are exempt from mandatory 14-day quarantine.
 - Additionally, the government is allowing limited exemptions to mandatory quarantine to enable COVID-testing pilot projects, in coordination with provincial authorities.
 - The Government of Canada also intends to implement new mandatory requirements for the electronic submission of information through the ArriveCAN app or website. The ArriveCAN app was created as a secure and user-friendly alternative to the paper contact form to help travellers comply with these border measures.
 - Anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or who has recently come into close contact with someone infected with COVID-19, should continue to quarantine or isolate for 14 days.
 - At all Canadian ports of entry, border services officers will make the final determination of eligibility to enter Canada for non-citizens and non-permanent residents.

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/news/2020/10/government-extends-international-travel-restrictions.html>

Government of Canada to invest \$2.5 million in a study to better understand the rate of COVID-19 infection among international travellers

- Today, the Minister of Labour, Filomena Tassi, and Member of Parliament for Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas, on behalf of the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, announced that the Government of Canada will invest \$2.5 million in a study that will help us better understand the rate of COVID-19 infection among international travellers.¹⁰
 - The study will also review the importance of public health measures for travellers and assess the benefits and risks of an airport-based COVID-19 testing and surveillance program.

COVID Alert app updated to send more precise notifications

- Today, the Minister of Health, Patty Hajdu, and Joyce Murray, Minister of Digital Government, announced that the COVID Alert app has been updated to send notifications based on a more precise timeline.¹¹
 - With this update, users who have tested positive for COVID-19 and have entered a one-time key from their respective public health authority will now have the option to enter the date of their symptom onset or their testing date, which will provide a better estimation of the period when they may have been most infectious to others.
 - Importantly, the COVID Alert app can now notify users of potential exposure to cases during the time period when the people who tested positive were most infectious.
 - This will align more closely with current public health guidance, as individuals are likely to be most infectious from two days prior to symptom onset for symptomatic individuals.
 - These new features are optional. Any information users provide about their symptom onset and testing date will stay on their phone and will not be shared.

Call for proposals to identify innovative early learning and child care practices

- Today, the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Ahmed Hussen, launched a call for proposals for innovative projects that aim to improve the quality of early learning and child care across Canada by fostering cutting-edge practices.¹²
 - Priority will be given to projects that address the needs of families through the next phase of recovery from the pandemic.
 - Additional consideration will be given to projects promoting cultural diversity and inclusion and to projects targeting children and families with unique child care needs.
 - This includes Indigenous families, lower-income families, families with children with varying abilities, newcomer families, single-parent families, Black and other racialized families, families from official language minority communities, families working non-standard hours and families in underserved communities.

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2020/10/government-of-canada-invests-in-covid-19-border-study-led-by-mcmaster-healthlabs.html>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2020/10/covid-alert-app-updated-to-send-more-precise-notifications.html>

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/10/elcc.html>

- Canadian not-for-profit organizations, provincial and territorial entities, municipalities, and Indigenous organizations are encouraged to submit a proposal by December 3, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Government of Canada announces plan to support economic recovery through immigration

- Today, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) released details on the Government of Canada's Immigration Levels Plan for 2021-2023.¹³
 - The plan aims to address the shortfall in immigration that occurred this year due to the COVID-19 related global travel restrictions and capacity constraints.
 - An increase in admissions over the 3 years of the plan is intended to help the Canadian economy recover from COVID-19, drive future growth and create jobs for middle class Canadians.
 - The plan outlines the number of new permanent residents Canada aims to welcome over the coming years, and what categories Canada aims to admit them under.
 - Over the coming three years, Canada will aim to welcome the following level of new permanent residents:
 - 2021: 401,000 immigrants
 - 2022: 411,000 immigrants
 - 2023: 421,000 immigrants
 - The previous plan set targets of 351,000 in 2021 and 361,000 in 2022.

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

¹³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/notices/supplementary-immigration-levels-2021-2023.html>