

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 30 September 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 Sept 29</b>	<b>As of Sept 30</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	9,013	9,138	125
Currently in intensive care	20	21	1
Total deaths in BC	234	234	0
Total recovered in BC	7,485	7,591	106
Currently hospitalized in BC	69	72	3
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Sept 29</b>	<b>As of Sept 30</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	3,286	3,340	54
Fraser Health	4,594	4,658	64
Island Health	206	208	2
Interior Health	531	533	2
Northern Health	309	312	3
Out of Canada	87	87	0
Total confirmed cases in BC	9,013	9,138	125
Total individuals tested in BC	534,461	544,271	9,752*
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Sept 29</b>	<b>As of Sept 30</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total individuals tested	3,376	3,402	26
Total confirmed cases	15	15	0
Recovered cases	15	15	0
Negative results	3,315	3,343	28
Pending results	46	44	-2

\*The BC Gov reported 9,810 new tests on Sept. 30, which does not align with the difference in reported test numbers between Sept 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

<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>

<b>STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE CASES IN CANADA<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>As of Sept 28</b>	<b>As of Sept 29</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	673	676	3
Total active cases	128	125	-3
Currently hospitalized	54	55	1
Total deaths	11	11	0
Total recovered	534	540	6
Total confirmed cases in BC	151	151	0

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- No significant updates from the Province of British Columbia

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon provided the following updates on measures being taken in the Territory in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>5</sup>
  - On October 1<sup>st</sup> border personnel are transitioning from 24-hour shifts to 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. shifts at the Alaska Highway and Junction 37 borders.
    - The COVID-19 information station on the Alaska Highway in Whitehorse will be closing as of 6 p.m. today.
    - Travellers arriving outside of these hours will be required to sign a declaration and submit their self-isolation plan, along with a contact number when arriving from outside of BC, NWT or Nunavut.
  - The process for public notifications regarding active COVID-19 cases is as follows:
    - Once Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) receives notification of a positive result of COVID-19, they begin the process of contact tracing.
    - This involves speaking with the patient, family and close contacts to determine level of risk of exposure.
    - Yukon Communicable Disease only contacts people who are identified as contacts.
    - Public notifications are only issued when YCDC is not able to identify all those who may have come into contact with an infected person.

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

<sup>5</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/september-30-2020-covid-19-update>

- Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health is encouraging Halloween to take place with the following safety precautions:
  - Wear a non-medical mask or face covering, or consider a Halloween themed cloth mask
  - Trick or treat within a consistent social bubble
  - Do not gather on doorsteps
  - Use a prop like a broom or a sword to ring doorbells
  - Those who are distributing candy should use a tool to offer treats, such as tongs or a hockey stick, and should only distribute wrapped, store bought candy.
  - Do not leave treats in a communal bucket.

## **LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer issued the following statement regarding the dual COVID-19 and opioid-related epidemics in Canada:<sup>6</sup>
  - “Most public health authorities across Canada are reporting significant increases in opioid-related harm, including deaths. That is why it is more important than ever to take care of ourselves. If you are struggling with substance use issues or other mental health concerns, there is help.”
    - A full range of resources is available through the Wellness Together Canada mental health and substance use support portal at [Canada.ca/coronavirus](https://Canada.ca/coronavirus) and the Canada COVID-19 App.
  - “Substance use disorder is not a choice; it is a treatable medical condition with many pathways to recovery and wellness. It is always important that those in recovery be met with the compassion, understanding and support they need. If you know someone who is in recovery, reach out and remind them that they are not alone.”
  - “To get through the pandemic, we all need to recommit to supporting each other as we adhere to individual protective measures, including practising physical distancing and good hand hygiene; wearing non-medical masks as recommended; limiting in-person contacts as much as possible to a small, consistent and trusted contact bubble; and following the golden rule of staying home and isolating from others if experiencing any symptoms, even mild ones.”

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

<sup>6</sup><https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/09/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-september-30-2020.html>