

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 3 November 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 Nov 2</b>	<b>As of Nov 3</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	15,501	15,800	<b>299</b>
Total active cases in BC	2,945	3,017	<b>72</b>
Currently in intensive care	19	22	<b>3</b>
Currently hospitalized	90	92	<b>2</b>
<i>Total hospitalized to date</i>	1,028	1,030	<b>2</b>
Total deaths in BC	269	272	<b>3</b>
Total recovered in BC	12,207	12,430	<b>223</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Nov 2</b>	<b>As of Nov 3</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	15,501	15,800	<b>299</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	4,898	4,993	<b>95</b>
Fraser Health	9,049	9,234	<b>185</b>
Island Health	265	270	<b>5</b>
Interior Health	777	788	<b>11</b>
Northern Health	422	425	<b>3</b>
Out of Canada	90	90	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	852,267	857,115	<b>4,848</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Oct 30</b>	<b>As of Nov 3</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total individuals tested	4,053	4,092	<b>39</b>
Total confirmed cases	23	23	<b>0</b>
Recovered cases	17	20	<b>3</b>
Deaths	1	1	<b>0</b>
Negative results	3,981	4,049	<b>68</b>
Pending results	49	20	<b>-29</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 RESERVE

<b>CASES IN CANADA<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>As of Oct 30</b>	<b>As of Nov 2</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	1,421	1,610	189
Total active cases	380	500	120
Currently hospitalized	77	83	6
Total deaths	15	15	0
Total recovered	1,026	1,095	69
Total confirmed cases in BC	182	182	0

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Réka Gustafson, B.C.'s deputy provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, released the following information regarding COVID-19 in B.C.:<sup>5</sup>
  - “Our goal for the COVID-19 pandemic is to continue to minimize severe illness, death and social disruption in our communities. The more we learn about the virus, the better we are able to manage all three of these important objectives.”
  - “Today, much of the recent transmission is connected to social gatherings. That is why it is so important to keep our groups small.”
  - “Keeping our communities well means keeping them safe. It is about ensuring we have capacity within our health-care system, protecting those who are most vulnerable and continuing what's important to our well-being in safe, responsible ways.”
  - There continues to be exposure events around the province and public alerts and notifications are posted on the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) website and on all health authorities' websites.
    - For the Northern Health, please visit: <https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/public-exposures-and-outbreaks>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

<sup>5</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0059-001910>

## LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, issued:
  - The following statement regarding 3-layer non-medical masks:<sup>6</sup>
    - “The degree of protection that non-medical masks provide varies with the construction, number of layers, materials used, and most importantly, the fit of the mask.”
    - “To improve the level of protection that can be provided by non-medical masks or face coverings, we are recommending that you consider a 3-layer non-medical mask, which includes a middle, filter layer.”
    - “To find more information on how to purchase or make and wear your non-medical mask for most effective use, read our updated guidance at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/about-non-medical-masks-face-coverings.html>”
    - “It is important to remember that masks are an additional layer and that core public health practices including staying home if you have symptoms, handwashing and physical distancing remain vital protections.”
  - The following information regarding COVID-19 vaccines in Canada:<sup>7</sup>
    - Although there is no approved COVID-19 vaccine at this time, we (the Public Health Agency of Canada) are optimistic that a COVID-19 vaccine will be available in the first quarter of 2021.
    - At first, there will be a limited supply of vaccine and federal, provincial, and territorial governments will have to make important decisions on how to use the initial vaccine supply to protect high-risk populations and key workers.
    - The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), an advisory group providing independent guidance and recommendations on the use of vaccines in Canada, today provided the government with recommendations on key populations for early COVID-19 vaccination.
    - For the guidance provided to Public Health Agency of Canada, please visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci/guidance-key-populations-early-covid-19-immunization.html>

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/11/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-covid-19-november-3-2020.html>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/11/cpho-statement-on-nacis-preliminary-guidance-on-key-populations-for-early-covid-19-vaccination.html>

- Today, Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion, and International Trade, announced new actions, through the CanExport Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) program, to help Canadian businesses with challenges accessing international markets during the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>8</sup>
  - The new actions are designed to help small businesses:
    - Develop and expand their e-commerce presence by covering partial costs associated with online sales platforms and digital strategy consulting, advertising, and search engine optimization.
    - Attend virtual trade shows and other business-to-business events.
    - Navigate new COVID-19 related trade barriers by helping pay for new international market certifications and requirements.
  - These new actions will also provide dedicated support for Indigenous and women-owned small businesses, which have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.
  - Small business owners and entrepreneurs are encouraged to apply.  
To do so, please visit:  
<https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/funding-financement/canexport/sme-pme/>

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<sup>8</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/11/minister-ng-announces-new-measures-to-help-canadian-small-businesses-access-global-markets-amid-covid-19.html>