

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 4 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

| STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹ | As of Nov 3 | As of Nov 4 | Change |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 15,800 | 16,135 | 335 |
| Total active cases in BC | 3,017 | 3,120 | 103 |
| Currently in intensive care | 22 | 25 | 3 |
| Currently hospitalized | 92 | 92 | 0 |
| <i>Total hospitalized to date</i> | 1,030 | 1,048 | 18 |
| Total deaths in BC | 272 | 273 | 1 |
| Total recovered in BC | 12,430 | 12,659 | 229 |

| CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION² | As of Nov 3 | As of Nov 4 | Change |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 15,800 | 16,135 | 335 |
| Vancouver Coastal Health | 4,993 | 5,097 | 104 |
| Fraser Health | 9,234 | 9,439 | 205 |
| Island Health | 270 | 274 | 4 |
| Interior Health | 788 | 803 | 15 |
| Northern Health | 425 | 432 | 7 |
| Out of Canada | 90 | 90 | 0 |
| Total individuals tested in BC | 857,115 | 864,963 | 7,848 |

| STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³ | As of Nov 3 | As of Nov 4 | Change |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Total individuals tested | 4,092 | 4,114 | 22 |
| Total confirmed cases | 23 | 23 | 0 |
| Recovered cases | 20 | 20 | 0 |
| Deaths | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Negative results | 4,049 | 4,056 | 7 |
| Pending results | 20 | 35 | 15 |

*The BCCDC has reported 8,848 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between November 3rd and 4th

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 Nov 2 | As of Nov 3 | Change |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Total confirmed cases | 1,610 | 1,655 | 45 |
| Total active cases | 500 | 535 | 35 |
| Currently hospitalized | 83 | 84 | 1 |
| Total deaths | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Total recovered | 1,095 | 1,105 | 10 |
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 182 | 182 | 0 |

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today the First Nations Health Authority announced a new project to support new and expectant First Nations parents in remote and rural communities who have found themselves physically distanced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic:⁵
 - Parents throughout the province will be able to connect with Elders and Knowledge Keepers through the use of tablets with video messages sharing encouragement and wisdom in helping welcome a new life into the world.
 - The tablets can be used to stay in touch with families, access apps and websites to support them in the time before, during, and after the sacred ceremony of birth, and connect with medical specialists in maternal and child health
 - More information on this new project can be found here:
<https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/tablet-initiative-connects-elders-and-knowledge-keepers-with-expectant-mothers>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- To reduce risks from COVID-19, this year for Remembrance Day, Yukoners are being encouraged to honour our veterans using virtual platforms.⁶
 - To support this, the Whitehorse Legion Branch will be broadcasting a Remembrance Day Ceremony live on its Facebook page.
- On November 3rd the government of Yukon announced that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is enhancing programs and services for seniors and Elders, with the goal of supporting them to age in place in their own homes and communities.⁷ This includes the following initiatives:
 - Working with Yukon First Nations to develop a Yukon-specific Indigenous cultural safety and humility training program.
 - Development of a program that will provide more opportunities for Indigenous residents of long-term care homes to participate in programming that honours and celebrates First Nations history, culture and traditional practices.
 - The Community Day Program, offered at Whistle Bend Place, will be expanded beginning April 1, 2021
 - Two additional staff will be hired, increasing the daily capacity to 16 clients

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

⁵ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/tablet-initiative-connects-elders-and-knowledge-keepers-with-expectant-mothers>

⁶ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/november-4-2020-covid-19-update>

⁷ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/government-increasing-supports-yukon-seniors-and-elders>

- Investments in the Shine a Light on Dementia program, which provides education and training for caregivers of people with dementia.
 - The program will be offered online, in both French and English, on an ongoing basis.
- Up to \$10,000 per individual will be available, which can be used to hire local caregivers to provide needed personal supports in their own home

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Following Dr. Theresa Tam's November 3rd update recommending the use of 3-layer non-medical masks, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has updated its COVID-19 guidelines on the risk of airborne spread of the virus:⁸
 - This includes updated information on the risk of virus aerosol particles that are created when coughing, sneezing, singing, shouting or talking.
 - According to Linsey Marr, one of the top aerosol scientists in the world and an expert on the airborne transmission of viruses, this suggests that distancing alone is not enough to prevent the transmission of COVID-19
 - Studies of superspreading events have supported the conclusion that some degree of transmission is occurring through aerosols.

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

⁸ <https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/coronavirus-canada-aerosol-transmission-covid-19-1.5789906>