

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 6 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 5	As of Nov 6	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	16,560	17,149	589
Total active cases in BC	3,389	3,741	352
Currently in intensive care	24	28	4
Currently hospitalized	97	104	7
<i>Total hospitalized to date</i>	1,059	1,083	24
Total deaths in BC	273	275	2
Total recovered in BC	12,806	13,035	229

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Nov 5	As of Nov 6	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	16,560	17,149	589
Vancouver Coastal Health	5,223	5,369	146
Fraser Health	9,707	10,109	402
Island Health	281	286	5
Interior Health	821	845	24
Northern Health	438	450	12
Out of Canada	90	90	0
Total individuals tested in BC	877,987	888,593	10,606

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Nov 5	As of Nov 6	Change
Total individuals tested	4,155	4,164	9
Total confirmed cases	23	23	0
Recovered cases	20	20	0
Deaths	1	1	0
Negative results	4,063	4,092	29
Pending results	69	49	-20

*The BCCDC reported 10,591 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between Nov. 5th and 6th.

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 4	As of Nov 5	Change
Total confirmed cases	1,673	1,728	55
Total active cases	519	542	23
Currently hospitalized	84	94	10
Total deaths	15	15	0
Total recovered	1,139	1,171	32
Total confirmed cases in BC	182	182	0

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix released the following statements regarding the text messaging notification service for individuals who have been tested for COVID-19 and updated guidance for public health measures in the workplace:⁵
 - “The BCCDC has implemented a texting service for cases of COVID-19. People in BC can now sign up to receive text notification of both positive or negative results, in addition to test results being available through Health Gateway and other online portals. For more information, go to: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing/understanding-test-results>”
 - “As we have done with many sectors, public health teams are continually reviewing guidance and working with individual business owners to help navigate the challenges of COVID-19 and continue to operate safely.”
 - “When faced with the gathering storm clouds of increased exposure and transmission in a particular sector, we step up inspections to identify gaps and, at times, increase the safety measures that are required. Only if it is clearly demonstrated that a business or sector is unable to operate safely are businesses ordered to close.”
 - “Right now, particularly in the Lower Mainland, we are asking businesses to review their COVID-19 safety plans to ensure every step is being taken to protect everyone.”
 - “For employees and customers, you can also do your part and help businesses to stay open by staying away if you are feeling unwell, using a mask when indoors and not asking businesses or their employees to bend the rules.”

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory.

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0059-001919>

LATEST ADVICE AND MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, the Government of Canada released the following COVID-19 update for Indigenous Peoples and communities:⁶
 - The number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Indigenous communities continues to grow, with 254 new cases reported for the period of October 25th to 31st.
 - This increase continues to be linked to large private and public gatherings in settings where physical distancing and wearing of masks was not observed.
 - To date, the Government of Canada has committed close to \$2.5 billion to support Indigenous communities and organizations during COVID-19, including:
 - \$120.7 million to help Indigenous early learning and childcare facilities operate safely during the pandemic through enhanced cleaning protocols, hiring of additional staff, and offering training.
 - \$59 million for First Nations to adapt their community infrastructure on reserve through implementation of public health and safety measures.
 - \$25.9 million to provide immediate support to Indigenous post-secondary institutions in 2020-21, including supports to retain staff, adapting courses for online learning, and implementing public health and safety measures.
- Today, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Marie-Claude Bibeau, announced that Food Banks Canada has launched a \$2.3 million Rural and Northern Capacity Fund to address food insecurity in communities that are underserved during the COVID-19 pandemic.⁷
 - Organizations in rural and northern areas can receive support under the initiative to develop or improve infrastructure that helps get food to vulnerable individuals and families.
 - Food Banks Canada is now accepting applications for funding from community or charitable organizations, Indigenous groups, and not-for-profit co-operatives.
- Today, The Action Committee on Court Operations in Response to COVID-19 published a document⁸ called Restoring Court Operations in Northern, Remote and Indigenous Communities.⁹
 - This document follows presentations from experts on how the pandemic has affected court operations in northern, remote, and Indigenous communities.
 - This document outlines the common challenges and concerns for communities during COVID-19, ideas for change, and key principles that should be reflected in any future response.
 - The Action Committee also published a new Tip Sheet that outlines the emergency measures that may be required to ensure the safety of persons present in a courtroom if COVID-19 symptoms appear. To view the Tip Sheet, please visit:
<https://www.fja.gc.ca/COVID-19/pdf/court-symptoms-appearance-eng.pdf>

⁶ <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/11/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities.html>

⁷ <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/11/government-of-canada-joins-food-banks-canada-in-improving-food-security-for-rural-and-northern-communities.html>

⁸ https://www.fja.gc.ca/COVID-19/pdf/4.1_E%20AC%202020-09-28%20Northern%20Remote%20and%20Indigenous%20Communities.pdf

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-justice/news/2020/11/update-from-the-action-committee-on-court-operations-in-response-to-covid-19.html>

- Today, Minister of Innovation, Science, and Industry, Navdeep Bains, announced funding of \$155 million to support businesses financially impacted by COVID-19.¹⁰
 - This funding extends the National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program's (NRC IRAP) Innovation Assistance Program (IRAP IAP).
 - This extension of IRAP IAP will allow recipients to access funding, on a priority basis, for the period of June 24, 2020 to December 19, 2020.

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

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/national-research-council/news/2020/11/minister-bains-announces-extension-of-innovation-assistance-program.html>