

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 16 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 13	As of Nov 16	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	20,985	22,944	1,959*
Total active cases in BC	5,579	6,279	700
Currently in intensive care	50	57	7
Currently hospitalized	167	181	14
Total hospitalized to date	1,244	1,308	64
Total deaths in BC	290	299	9
Total recovered in BC	14,901	16,087	1,186

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Nov 13	As of Nov 16	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	20,985	22,944	1,959*
Vancouver Coastal Health	6,237	6,692	455
Fraser Health	12,814	14,175	1,361
Island Health	340	381	41
Interior Health	1,001	1,088	87
Northern Health	504	518	14
Out of Canada	89	90	1
Total individuals tested in BC	955,239	987,796	32,557

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Nov 13	As of Nov 16	Change
Total individuals tested	4,267	4,343	76
Total confirmed cases	24	24	0
Recovered cases	22	22	0
Deaths	1	1	0
Negative results	4,206	4,270	64
Pending results	37	49	12

*The BC Government reported 654 new COVID-19 cases Nov. 14th, 659 new cases Nov.15th, and 646 Nov. 16th (1,959 total).

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 12	As of Nov 13	Change
Total confirmed cases	2,253	2,335	82
Total active cases	892	952	60
Currently hospitalized	112	115	3
Total deaths	17	18	1
Total recovered	1,344	1,365	21
Total confirmed cases in BC	187	187	0

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix released a statement regarding COVID-19 in BC.⁵ Highlights from the statement include the following:
 - “We have seen that much of the (COVID-19) transmission is occurring in private homes at social gatherings, at workplaces where people are gathering, or in risky indoor settings, like group fitness activities.
 - “These are all locations where there are limited layers of protection and people are not wearing masks.”
 - “Masks are especially important in businesses and public spaces, on transit and ferries, when we are around people we don’t know and are unable to keep a safe distance. This also includes indoor public places like shopping malls, stores and community centres.”
 - “It is important to remember that businesses are required to ensure the health and safety of their employees and right now, that means a requirement to have COVID-19 safety plans in place to operate.”
 - “In addition to such things as barriers, having fewer people in spaces and health screening, masks are the cornerstone of many COVID-19 safety plans and should be included for all businesses or organizations that have public areas or require employees to gather.”
 - “Equally important, employees and customers are required to abide by these safety plans. You wouldn’t ask a business owner to operate outside of their posted business hours, nor should you expect them to bend their COVID-19 rules for you.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Government.

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0061-001941>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN CANADA

- Today, Nunavut Territory's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Michael Patterson, Premier Joe Savikataaq, and minister of health, Lorne Kusugak, announced that Nunavut will enter into a mandatory territory-wide restriction period for two weeks, beginning on November 18th.⁶
 - This decision was made in reaction to an increase of 26 cases new COVID-19 cases since November 6th, including 22 new cases in the past 72 hours.
 - Restrictions during this period include:
 - The closure of all non-essential services, businesses, and organizations
 - The closure of all recreation facilities, personal services, and sporting events
 - The closure of all schools
 - Classes will be held remotely
 - An advisory against non-essential travel
 - The closure of all bars
 - Restaurants limited to take-out only
 - The closure of all health centres except for emergency services
 - No longer permitting over five people in outdoor gatherings
 - Limiting gatherings indoor to five people, in addition to household members
 - Any individuals or organizations that do not comply with these measures could face fines between \$575 and \$2,000.

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

⁶ <https://www.gov.nu.ca/executive-and-intergovernmental-affairs/news/nunavut-moves-territory-wide-covid-19-restrictions>