

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 17 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 16	As of Nov 17	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	22,944	23,661	717
Total active cases in BC	6,279	6,589	310
Currently in intensive care	57	63	6
Currently hospitalized	181	198	17
Total hospitalized to date	1,308	1,347	39
Total deaths in BC	299	310	11
Total recovered in BC	16,087	16,469	382

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Nov 16	As of Nov 17	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	22,944	23,661	717
Vancouver Coastal Health	6,692	6,869	177
Fraser Health	14,175	14,659	484
Island Health	381	397	16
Interior Health	1,088	1,106	18
Northern Health	518	539	21
Out of Canada	90	91	1
Total individuals tested in BC	987,796	994,615	6,819

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Nov 16	As of Nov 17	Change
Total individuals tested	4,343	4,376	33
Total confirmed cases	24	25	1
Recovered cases	22	22	0
Deaths	1	1	0
Negative results	4,270	4,296	26
Pending results	49	55	6

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 13	As of Nov 16	Change
Total confirmed cases	2,335	2,597	262
Total active cases	952	1,125	173
Currently hospitalized	115	120	5
Total deaths	18	20	2
Total recovered	1,365	1,452	87
Total confirmed cases in BC	187	193	6

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix released a joint statement regarding updates on the COVID-19 response in B.C.⁵ Highlights from the statement include the following:
 - “We need everyone working together to stay small, stay local and help us slow the spread of COVID-19 in our province.”
 - “The biggest impact you can make is through the small actions you take every day.”
 - “Just as we put on our jackets to keep us warm in the rain and snow, so too are our COVID-19 safety layers there to protect all of us. Washing your hands, keeping a safe distance and always wearing a mask in places where you are around people you don’t know – these things make a difference. “
 - “When we spend time inside with people from outside of our household, our work group or school cohort, the risks increase for everyone. Instead, let’s stay connected virtually and make it a safer winter for all of us.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Yukon Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Brendan Hanley, confirmed a new case of COVID-19 and issued the following public health notification for Whitehorse:⁶
 - “The additional case is linked to a previous case. The case investigation is underway and YCDC has reached most of the contacts. A public exposure notice has been issued.”
 - “Anyone who has been at any of the following locations and who develops symptoms should contact the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre at 867-393-3083 in Whitehorse or contact the health centre in their community.”
 - Listers Motor Sports, Whitehorse, 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon on Tuesday, November 10
 - A&W restaurant, Whitehorse, 3 p.m – 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 8
 - Save-On-Foods, Whitehorse, before 1 p.m. on Friday, November 6
 - If you were in these locations but have no symptoms monitor yourself for 14 days after your possible exposure.
 - If you develop symptoms, no matter how mild, you should self-isolate immediately and: phone 811; or complete the self-assessment tool; or contact your health care provider.

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0061-001943>

⁶ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/covid-19-public-health-notification-issued-whitehorse>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN CANADA

- Today, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Tam, issued a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic situation in Canada.⁷ Highlights from the statement include the following:
 - "Over the weekend and yesterday, there were a number of very troubling developments in the trajectory of COVID-19 resurgence in Canada. In addition to ever-increasing case counts and rising numbers of hospitalisations, critical care admissions and deaths, we are seeing disease transmission spill over into the most vulnerable populations."
 - "Cases have been increasing in elderly adults for several weeks, with those over 80 years of age now having the highest incidence rate nationally."
 - "More and more outbreaks are occurring in long term care homes, congregate living settings and hospitals, and spreading in Indigenous communities."
 - "The measure of a society is in how it protects its most vulnerable. Canadians are once again at a critical juncture. Let's do everything we can to protect and support others, by staying physically apart but using everything we've learned to support each other through these times."
 - Dr. Tam concluded by recommending the following:
 - "limit errands and outings to just the essentials"
 - "keep in-person social activities to just your existing household"
 - "strictly and consistently follow public health measures"
- Today, Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, held a joint press conference with Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Tam, and Canada's Deputy Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Njoo. Highlights from the press conference include the following:⁸
 - Canada has secured tens of millions of doses of the Moderna vaccine candidate.
 - Moderna has submitted their vaccine candidate for Health Canada review.
 - This is in addition to the vaccine candidates submitted from Pfizer/BioNtech.
 - Despite the progress, the Prime Minister reiterated that "vaccines are many months away."
 - Dr. Njoo further specified, "We're looking at hopefully covering the vast majority of the Canadian population by the end of next year."
 - An update on Bill C-9, "An Act to amend the Income Tax Act", was provided:
 - "Rent assistance that was passed through the House with (Bill) C-9, and that we hope will pass through the Senate shortly, will be retroactive to the beginning of October."
 - Bill C-9 includes a 25% "top-up" for businesses located in areas where local and regional public health authorities mandated a lockdown.

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

⁷ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/11/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-covid-19-november-17-2020.html>

⁸ <https://www.cpac.ca/en/programs/covid-19-canada-responds/episodes/66294922/>