

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 18 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 17</b>	<b>As of Nov 18</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	23,661	24,422	<b>761*</b>
Total active cases in BC	6,589	6,861	<b>272</b>
Currently in intensive care	63	58	<b>-5</b>
Currently hospitalized	198	209	<b>11</b>
Total hospitalized to date	1,347	1,384	<b>37</b>
Total deaths in BC	310	320	<b>10</b>
Total recovered in BC	16,469	16,914	<b>445</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Nov 17</b>	<b>As of Nov 18</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	23,661	24,422	<b>761*</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	6,869	7,079	<b>210</b>
Fraser Health	14,659	15,140	<b>481</b>
Island Health	397	417	<b>20</b>
Interior Health	1,106	1,144	<b>38</b>
Northern Health	539	552	<b>13</b>
Out of Canada	91	90	<b>-1</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	994,615	1,005,759	<b>11,144**</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Nov 16</b>	<b>As of Nov 17</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total individuals tested	4,343	4,376	<b>33</b>
Total confirmed cases	24	25	<b>1</b>
Recovered cases	22	22	<b>0</b>
Deaths	1	1	<b>0</b>
Negative results	4,270	4,296	<b>26</b>
Pending results	49	55	<b>6</b>

\*The B.C. Government has reported 762 new cases on Nov 18th but this does not align with the difference in total case numbers between Nov 17th and 18th.

\*\*The BCCDC has reported 11,145 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between Nov 17th and 18th.

<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 Nov 16</b>	<b>As of Nov 17</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	2,597	2,662	65
Total active cases	1,125	1,170	45
Currently hospitalized	120	122	2
Total deaths	20	20	0
Total recovered	1,452	1,472	20
Total confirmed cases in BC	193	193	0

## 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.<sup>5</sup> Highlights from the statement include the following:
  - “This second surge is putting a strain on our health-care system, our workplaces and us all. We need to ease this pressure so we can continue to manage the virus in our province and also continue to do the many activities that are important to us.”
  - “While your personal efforts may seem small or having little impact, the collective benefit to every community in every region is significant. Our safety layers are there to help protect us and they work best when we are all using them, all of the time.”
  - “Now is the time to stay small, stay local and do your part – at home, work, school and in your community.”

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Dr. Shannon McDonald, FNHA Acting Chief Medical Officer, released the following statement regarding Diabetes Awareness Month and COVID-19:<sup>6</sup>
  - “November is Diabetes Awareness Month, so it's an optimal time to review the importance of good treatment plans and self-management skills for people with diabetes.”
  - “They are especially important this year, as adults living with diabetes are at a greater risk of developing serious symptoms and complications of COVID-19, like pneumonia.”
  - “If you have diabetes, I encourage you to be extra careful about following public health recommendations in addition to following your treatment plan and using your self-management skills.”

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

<sup>5</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0061-001947>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/diabetes-awareness-month-you-can-still-live-your-best-life>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN CANADA

- Today, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, issued a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic situation in Canada. Highlights from the statement include the following:<sup>7</sup>
  - "Jurisdictions continue to highlight informal social gatherings and activities as an important driver for spread."
  - "In these more relaxed settings, such as family and holiday celebrations and recreational activities, letting our guard down and not consistently maintaining public health practices, can lead to many exposures and infections."
  - "For these reasons, it is recommended that everyone wear a non-medical mask when spending time indoors with people from outside of your immediate household."
  - "Canada needs a collective effort to support and sustain the public health response through to the end of the pandemic"
- Today, Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, announced an independent review of the Public Health Agency of Canada's Global Public Health Intelligence Network (GPHIN).<sup>8</sup>
  - The GPHIN is an early warning system for potential public health threats worldwide and has been used to inform Canada's response to COVID-19.
  - Aspects of the GPHIN being reviewed include:<sup>9</sup>
    - The capabilities of the existing system.
    - Its role in detecting and informing the Public Health Agency of Canada's response to COVID-19, and in overall global and domestic public health surveillance.
    - Opportunities to improve the system.
    - The future of Canada's global health surveillance system, including advice on the next generation of intelligence systems and lessons learned from COVID-19, so that Government of Canada is well positioned to respond to future public health events.

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

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/11/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-november-18-2020.html>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/11/independent-panel-to-review-global-public-health-surveillance-system3.html>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/corporate/mandate/about-agency/external-advisory-bodies/list/independent-review-global-public-health-intelligence-network.html>