

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 19 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 18</b>	<b>As of Nov 19</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	24,422	24,958	<b>536</b>
Total active cases in BC	6,861	6,926	<b>65</b>
Currently in intensive care	58	59	<b>1</b>
Currently hospitalized	209	217	<b>8</b>
Total hospitalized to date	1,384	1,415	<b>31</b>
Total deaths in BC	320	321	<b>1</b>
Total recovered in BC	16,914	17,206	<b>292</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Nov 18</b>	<b>As of Nov 19</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	24,422	24,958	<b>536</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	7,079	7,256	<b>177</b>
Fraser Health	15,140	15,448	<b>308</b>
Island Health	417	429	<b>12</b>
Interior Health	1,144	1,172	<b>28</b>
Northern Health	552	563	<b>11</b>
Out of Canada	90	90	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	1,005,759	1,019,551	<b>13,792</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Nov 17*</b>	<b>As of Nov 19</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total individuals tested	4,376	4,446	<b>70</b>
Total confirmed cases	25	26	<b>1**</b>
Recovered cases	22	22	<b>0</b>
Deaths	1	1	<b>0</b>
Negative results	4,296	4,345	<b>49</b>
Pending results	55	75	<b>20</b>

\*The Government of Yukon released updated case counts for November 18<sup>th</sup> after the Daily Update report was published yesterday. So today we are reporting on two days' worth of data.

\*\*1 new case of COVID-19 was confirmed yesterday (November 18<sup>th</sup>).

<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

CASES IN CANADA <sup>4</sup>	As of Nov 17	As of Nov 18	Change
Total confirmed cases	2,662	2,751	89
Total active cases	1,170	1,122	-48
Currently hospitalized	122	130	8
Total deaths	20	21	1
Total recovered	1,472	1,608	136
Total confirmed cases in BC	193	199	6

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced new province-wide orders to curb the spread of COVID-19.<sup>5</sup> Highlights from the announcement include the following:
  - “On Nov. 7, we issued regional orders to slow the rapid transmission we are seeing in social interactions, in certain workplaces and in higher-risk indoor settings, like group fitness activities.
  - “As we’ve been watching so carefully over the last few weeks, it has become apparent that this surge in transmission is happening across the province. We are now seeing increased activity in terms of community transmission, outbreaks and effects on our healthcare system in every health authority in the province.”
  - “We are **now expanding and amending these provincial health officer orders across the province**. As was the case for the previous regional orders, the new province-wide orders focus on three areas: social gatherings, workplaces and group physical activities.”
  - “Our focus is to slow the spread over the next one to two incubation periods and protect those who are most at risk. We want to see clear and noticeable difference in slowing across our province.”
  - “The coming weeks will be the most difficult in our pandemic, but hope is on the horizon. We can protect the ones we love and keep our hospitals, schools and workplaces open if we remain focused on reducing our in-person interactions for now.”
  - “To support the continued safe operation of schools, the provincial health officer has created a rapid response team that will identify and manage exposures and outbreaks in Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health region schools, and enhance communication with school communities.”
  - “To support comprehensive workplace COVID-19 safety plans, active inspections will be increased across the province. Businesses that do not comply will be subject to fines and/or ordered to close.”
  - “As we approach the winter solstice, the darkest day of the year, we should remind each other that it is also the day that we begin to turn back toward the light. By pulling together now we can overcome the challenges before us.”

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

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P00avsC7KP0>

- Today, the following province-wide restrictions were announced by the Government of B.C.:<sup>6</sup>

**“By order and direction of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), all individuals, places of work and businesses in B.C. must significantly reduce their level of social interactions and travel.”**

  - The order is in effect from **November 19, 2020** at midnight to **December 7, 2020** at midnight.
  - **Social gatherings and events:** No social gatherings of any size with anyone other than your household or core bubble. For example:
    - Do not invite friends or extended family to your household
    - Do not gather outdoors
    - Do not gather in your backyard
    - Do not have playdates for children
  - **Core bubble:** For most people, their core bubble is their immediate household. For others, their core bubble may contain a partner, relative, friend or co-parent who lives in a different household. This should be a maximum of two people outside of those living in your immediate household.
    - An immediate household is:
      - A group of people who live in the same dwelling. For example:
        - If you have a rental suite in your home, the suite is a separate household
        - If you live in an apartment or house with roommates, you are all members of the same household
    - People who live alone
      - People who live alone cannot host gatherings. They can continue to see the same one or two people of their core bubble at each other’s homes.
    - University students
      - Welcoming your child home from university is okay. This is not a social gathering.
  - Businesses, recreation centres or other organizations that organize or operate **high risk indoor group physical activities** must suspend the following activities:
    - Spin classes; Hot yoga; High intensity interval training (HIIT)
  - **Masks are required in all indoor public and retail spaces, and in shared areas of workplaces.**
    - This does not apply to those who are unable to put on and remove masks on their own.
  - **All non-essential travel should be avoided.** This includes travel into and out of B.C. and between regions of the province. For example:
    - Do not travel for a vacation
    - Do not travel to visit friends or family outside of your household or core bubble
  - For more details on today’s orders, visit: <http://gov.bc.ca/covid19>

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/restrictions>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- On November 18<sup>th</sup>, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley, confirmed a new case of COVID-19 in Whitehorse and issued the following public health notification:<sup>7</sup>
  - “Investigation into the original source of exposure for this case is ongoing. Yukon Communicable Disease Control is leading this work and has been actively reaching out to all contacts. Public exposure notices have been issued.”
  - “Anyone who has been at 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 and say they were in one of these places.”
    - Starbucks, Main Street, Whitehorse
      - Thursday, November 12 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
      - Friday, November 13 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
    - Starbucks, Chilkoot Way, Whitehorse
      - Saturday, November 14 between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
    - Better Bodies, Whitehorse
      - Thursday, November 12 between 6:30 p.m. and closing
      - Friday, November 13 between 6:30 p.m. and closing
    - Diwali Festival, 120 Copper Road Whitehorse
      - Saturday, November 14 between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.
    - Giorgio’s Cucina, Whitehorse
      - Saturday, November 14 between 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
    - Tony’s Pasta and Seafood House in the SKKY hotel, on the Alaska Highway, Whitehorse
      - Saturday, November 14 between 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
  - 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.
- On November 18<sup>th</sup>, the Government of Yukon released the following update regarding self-isolation requirements for the territory:<sup>8</sup>
  - **“As of 5 p.m. on Friday, November 20, everyone other than critical services workers entering Yukon will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.** This includes residents of British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.”
  - “Exceptions include residents of border areas such as Atlin, Lower Post, Fire Side, Jade City, Fraser and Pleasant Camp and those exercising an Aboriginal or treaty right for the time needed to exercise the right.”
  - “The government does not recommend non-essential travel outside the territory.”

<sup>7</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/november-18-2020-covid-19-public-health-notification-issued-whitehorse>

<sup>8</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/november-18-2020-covid-19-update>

- Today, Premier Sandy Silver and Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley, held a joint live update regarding the COVID-19 pandemic in the Yukon territory.<sup>9</sup> Highlights from the statement include the following:
  - Regarding the November 18<sup>th</sup> public health notification:
    - “Now is not the time to panic. Public notification means that individuals that may have been in certain areas, certain locations, at certain times should self-monitor for symptoms.
    - “There is no need to go emptying shelves at grocery stores either. There is no need to spread rumours or misinformation about what’s happening. Our healthcare system remains very well prepared to deal with COVID-19 cases in the territory, including our capacity for testing and contact tracing.”
    - “The best thing that you can do, again, is to continue practicing the Safe Six. Stay informed and follow public health recommendations.”
  - “COVID-19 numbers are accelerating quickly in jurisdictions across Canada, including British Columbia and Nunavut. In light of these surges and following the recommendations from the Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, we are ending the B.C. Territory Mobility Bubble and expanding the self-isolating requirements to all of those entering our territory.”
  - “Travellers and residents returning home must have a self-isolation plan in place before entering the territory. All those will be required to sign a declaration.”
  - “People transiting through Yukon are still required to stay on the designated route, which has not changed.”
  - “At this time, our government does not recommend non-essential travel outside of the territory. We also ask Yukoners to think carefully about the need to travel within the territory, and to do so respectfully and responsibly.”
  - “For those who are planning to travel in the upcoming weeks, I recommend that you reconsider your travel plans. I know many have had trips planned to B.C. and I’m sorry to say that these should be cancelled or rearranged.
  - “As mentioned the other day, we are looking at a potential mask policy and will shortly advise Yukon government of what a mask requirement would look like. Meanwhile, please continue to wear a mask in any setting when required to, asked to, or where physical distancing is difficult. But please, don’t let a mask override the Safe Six. Masks are an additional layer of safety, but they will never in themselves be the ticket to protection.”

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

- Today, Bill C-9, *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy)* received Royal Assent, implementing new, targeted support to help hard-hit businesses.<sup>10</sup>
  - The measures adopted as part of Bill C-9 are:
    - The new Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy, which will provide direct and easy-to-access rent and mortgage interest support to tenants and property owners until June 2021 for qualifying organizations affected by COVID-19.

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<sup>9</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/yukongov/videos/846760142763309/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/11/new-targeted-support-to-help-businesses-through-pandemic-receives-royal-assent.html>

- The new rent subsidy will support businesses, charities, and non-profits that have suffered a revenue drop by providing support up to a maximum of 65 per cent of eligible expenses until December 19, 2020.
- Claims can be made retroactively to September 27, 2020.
- The new Lockdown Support, which will provide an additional 25 per cent through the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy for qualifying organizations that are subject to a lockdown and must shut their doors or significantly restrict their activities under a public health order issued under the laws of Canada, a province or territory (including orders made by a municipality or regional health authority under one of those laws).
- The extension of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy until June 2021, which will continue to protect jobs by helping employers keep employees on the payroll and re-hire workers.
  - The wage subsidy will remain at the current rate of up to 65 per cent of eligible wages until December 19, 2020.

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