

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 20 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 19	As of Nov 20	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	24,958	25,474	516
Total active cases in BC	6,926	7,122	196
Currently in intensive care	59	57	-2
Currently hospitalized	217	227	10
Total hospitalized to date	1,415	1,451	36
Total deaths in BC	321	331	10
Total recovered in BC	17,206	17,477	271

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Nov 19	As of Nov 20	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	24,958	25,474	516
Vancouver Coastal Health	7,256	7,404	148
Fraser Health	15,448	15,742	294
Island Health	429	446	17
Interior Health	1,172	1,203	31
Northern Health	563	588	25
Out of Canada	90	91	0
Total individuals tested in BC	1,019,551	1,030,631	11,080*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Nov 19	As of Nov 20	Change
Total individuals tested	4,446	4,509	63
Total confirmed cases	26	29	3
Recovered cases	22	22	0
Deaths	1	1	0
Negative results	4,345	4,361	16
Pending results	75	121	46

* The BCCDC has reported 11,087 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between Nov. 19th and 20th.

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 18	As of Nov 19	Change
Total confirmed cases	2,751	2,853	102
Total active cases	1,122	1,174	52
Currently hospitalized	130	133	3
Total deaths	21	25	4
Total recovered	1,608	1,654	46
Total confirmed cases in BC	199	205	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:
 - “Yesterday, new and expanded provincial health officer's orders came into effect around the province. The orders will help us slow the spread of COVID-19; to relieve the pressure on our health-care system and reduce the risks within our communities.”
 - “The province-wide orders are about all of us seeing fewer people, having safer workplaces and pausing higher risk activities.”
 - “We also strongly recommend that everyone focus on essential travel only and put aside recreational or social travel for now. It is not about community boundaries, it is about only going where we really need to right now.”



New public health orders and directions for all of BC

- Non-essential travel advisory
- Socialize with your household only
- No sports spectators or travel
- High-risk group fitness suspended
- Masks mandatory in indoor public places
- No events or gatherings

COVID-19 IN BC

New Public Health Orders

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0061-001954>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley, confirmed 3 new cases of COVID-19 in Whitehorse and issued the following public health notification:⁶
 - “Cases 27, 28 and 29 have been linked to previous cases. The case investigation is underway and Yukon Communicable Disease Control is reaching out to contacts.”
 - “Anyone who is experiencing symptoms and has been at the following location 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 at the location.”
 - Better Bodies, Whitehorse
 - Saturday, November 14 between 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau held a live press conference providing an update on the COVID-19 pandemic across Canada.⁷ Highlights from the press conference include the following:
 - “Cases across Canada are spiking massively. We are facing a winter that is going to drive people inside more and more, and we’re really at risk of seeing caseloads go up and hospitals being overwhelmed, and more loved ones dying. So we need to do everything we can, right now, to slow the spread of COVID-19, to stop the spike in its tracks.”
 - “We’re in a moment right now, where even with all the sacrifices I know Canadians have been making these past ten months, we are now going to have to really tighten up once again.”
 - “We’re going to need to do this, for another few weeks, another few months, but we can begin to see the other side of this.”
 - “Earlier today, Dr. Tam presented the updated COVID-19 modelling for Canada.”
 - “Canada could have up to 20,000 new cases daily by the end of December if we don’t limit or reduce our contacts now. And if we loosen, and increase our contacts, we could see tens of thousands more. I know this isn’t what people wanted to hear, but we have to be realistic about the situation.”
 - “Overwhelmed hospitals are a problem for people who need COVID-19 care, but it’s also an issue for people who need other care – whether it’s cancer treatments or emergency surgery. And each new case of COVID-19, every extra week that goes on with more cases, puts added pressure on our front-line workers and our healthcare system workers.”
 - “If you live in a region that is experiencing a surge in cases, stay home if you can and avoid all non-essential travel.”
 - “To employers who can do so, please make arrangements for your employees to once again work from home.”
 - “And if you don’t need to, don’t leave your home.”
 - “Today I can also confirm that **the Canada-U.S. border restrictions have been extended until at least December 21st.**”

⁶ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/november-20-2020-new-covid-19-cases-confirmed>

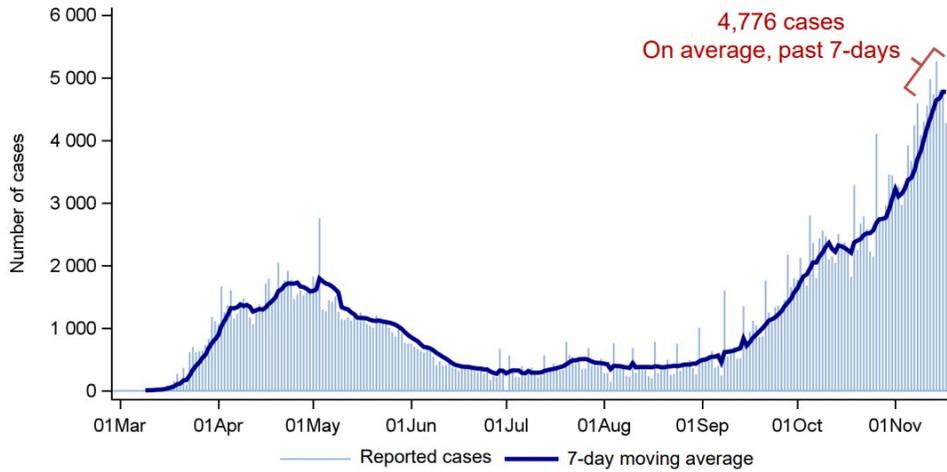
⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/JustinPJTrudeau/videos/723434141591901/>

- Today, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) released an update regarding COVID-19 for Indigenous Peoples and communities.⁸ Highlights from the update include the following:
 - “The week of November 8-14 continued to see an alarming increase in the number of newly reported cases of COVID-19 in First Nations communities related to the second wave of the pandemic, with 558 new cases reported as of November 19.”
 - “The majority of the increases continue to be linked to private and public gatherings in settings where physical distancing and wearing of masks were not observed.”
 - “Gatherings with individuals outside of your household without physical distancing carries a risk of infection and can lead to serious illness, endangering the lives of loved ones. The virus can spread very quickly especially where multiple households in a community are in close contact.”
 - “While ISC remains steadfast in our support of Indigenous leaders and communities, including supporting Indigenous service delivery organizations in urban areas, collaborative action among Indigenous partners including provincial and territorial governments is critical to comprehensively responding to current outbreaks of COVID-19.”
 - “As COVID-19 cases continue to rise across the country, the risk of spread increases, We urge all community members to support their leadership and follow public health measures that have proven to save lives.”
 - “The more cases there are in a community, the greater the opportunity for the virus to be introduced into workplaces, schools and at risk settings, like long-term care centres.”
 - **Reminder:** Applications are open for needs-based funding through the Indigenous Community Support Fund, and **the deadline to submit applications is November 30, 2020.** Funding will then be dispersed by December 31, 2020.
 - Funding is available for First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities as well as Indigenous organizations serving Indigenous people in urban centres & off reserves.
 - The application can be accessed via the following link:
<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1603990521589/1603990645077>
- Today, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) released new COVID-19 modelling data.⁹ Findings from the modelling data include the following:
 - Infectious disease patterns are affected by our actions to prevent spread. Models and their predictions therefore will change depending on the actions of the population. They tell us which public health measures are working to slow the spread of COVID-19.
 - At this time, modelling data shows that public health measures remain essential to controlling COVID-19 in Canada. These measures include:
 - physical distancing
 - finding and isolating cases
 - tracing and quarantining contacts
 - preventing spread from cases related to travel

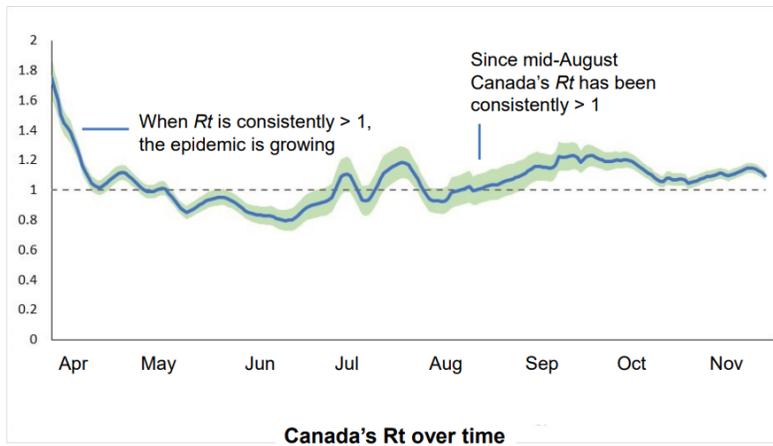
⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/11/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities1.html>

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/phac-aspc/documents/services/diseases-maladies/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/epidemiological-economic-research-data/update-covid-19-canada-epidemiology-modelling-20201120-eng.pdf>

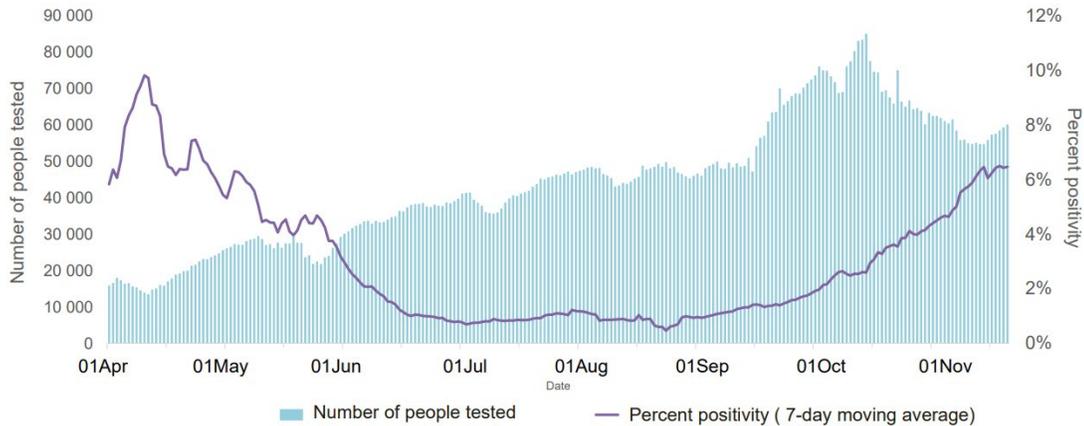
National daily case counts of COVID-19 increasing significantly



Each new case in Canada is spreading infection to more than one person, keeping the epidemic in a growth pattern



The percentage of people testing positive is increasing nationally



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