

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 23 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 20	As of Nov 23	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	25,474	27,407	1,933*
Total active cases in BC	7,122	7,360	238
Currently in intensive care	57	58	1
Currently hospitalized	227	277	50
Total hospitalized to date	1,451	1,559	108
Total deaths in BC	331	348	17
Total recovered in BC	17,477	19,069	1,592

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Nov 20	As of Nov 23	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	25,474	27,407	1,933*
Vancouver Coastal Health	7,404	7,818	414
Fraser Health	15,742	17,046	1,304
Island Health	446	494	48
Interior Health	1,203	1,307	104
Northern Health	588	649	61
Out of Canada	91	93	2
Total individuals tested in BC	1,030,631	1,066,696	36,065

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Nov 20	As of Nov 23	Change
Total individuals tested	4,509	4,732	223
Total confirmed cases	29	38	9
Recovered cases	22	23	1
Deaths	1	1	0
Negative results	4,361	4,519	158
Pending results	121	175	54

*The BCCDC reported 713 new cases for Nov 21st, 626 for Nov 22nd and 594 new cases Nov 23rd for a total of 1,933

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 19	As of Nov 20	Change
Total confirmed cases	2,853	2,956	103
Total active cases	1,174	1,204	30
Currently hospitalized	133	135	2
Total deaths	25	25	0
Total recovered	1,654	1,727	73
Total confirmed cases in BC	205	213	8

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix released a joint statement regarding updates on the COVID-19 response in British Columbia.⁵ Highlights from the statement include the following:
 - “Over the next two weeks, we need to reduce the level of transmission in our province to relieve the stress on our health-care system and keep our schools and workplaces open.”
 - “It (COVID-19) is not the same as it was even a few weeks ago. We have learned that as we have moved into winter the virus spreads more easily. As much as possible, we need to take things virtually.”
 - “It is about putting our social gatherings with anyone outside of our immediate household on hold and only doing those things that are essential and safe right now. We’re asking you to put the safety measures at the top of your list and focus on making a difference, rather than thinking about shortcuts or workarounds.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley, confirmed six new cases of COVID-19 in the territory:⁶
 - Five of the new cases are linked to a previous case while one is still under investigation. Yukon Communicable Disease Control is reaching out to contacts.
 - These new cases represent three separate clusters and outbreaks.
- On November 21st, Dr. Brendan Hanley, confirmed three new cases of COVID-19 in the Yukon:⁷
 - An additional public exposure notice is now issued for an already identified location:
 - Better Bodies, Whitehorse on Monday, November 16, between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m.
 - Anyone who is experiencing the symptoms and was at Better Bodies on that date should contact the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre in Whitehorse at 867-393-3083.
 - Cases 30 and 31 have been linked to previous cases while case 32 is related to out-of-territory travel.

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0061-001955>

⁶ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/november-23-2020-new-covid-19-cases-confirmed>

⁷ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/november-21-2020-new-covid-19-cases-confirmed>

- Today, The Yukon Government announced a new drive-thru screening service that opened in Whitehorse on November 22nd.⁸
 - The drive-thru is located at Centennial Motors, 91628 Alaska Highway, in the wash bay and will be available until November 28th, 2020 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.
 - Drive-thru testing will help meet the increased demand for testing. It will be used for people with COVID-19 symptoms, providing an easier and more convenient way for them to get tested.
 - Anyone who is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 should get tested.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, and on November 22nd, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, issued the following statements regarding the COVID-19 situation in Canada:^{9,10}
 - “Across Canada, the number of people experiencing severe illness continues to increase. This situation is putting pressure on local healthcare resources and forcing hospitals to make the difficult decision to cancel elective surgeries and procedures in several areas of the country.”
 - “As we head into the holiday season, I encourage Canadians to take some time today to make a plan for safer holidays, ensuring that you consider the risks to yourself and your loved ones. Our best protection, now and into the holiday season, is to limit errands and outings to the essentials, keep in-person social activities to our existing household and strictly and consistently maintain public health practices.”
- Today, Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue, opened the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) to receive applications from qualifying organizations for the period from September 27 to October 24, 2020 through the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).¹¹
 - The CRA will collect applications over the coming days and, on November 30th, process applications received to date.
 - Qualifying organizations should expect to begin receiving payments starting on December 4th.
 - Applications for the second CERS period (October 25 to November 21, 2020) will open on November 30.
 - The CERS provides direct support of up to 65% of eligible expenses to tenants and property owners for qualifying organizations affected by COVID-19.¹²

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

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/whitehorse-covid-19-screening-drive-thru-opens>

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/11/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-november-23-2020.html>

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/11/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-november-22-2020.html>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2020/11/canada-revenue-agency-opens-applications-for-the-canada-emergency-rent-subsidy.html>

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2020/11/canada-emergency-rent-subsidy.html>