

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 25 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 24</b>	<b>As of Nov 25</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	28,348	29,086	<b>738</b>
Total active cases in BC	7,732	7,616	<b>-116*</b>
Currently in intensive care	61	61	<b>0</b>
Currently hospitalized	284	294	<b>10</b>
Total hospitalized to date	1,600	1,619	<b>19</b>
Total deaths in BC	358	371	<b>13</b>
Total recovered in BC	19,605	19,814	<b>209</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Nov 24</b>	<b>As of Nov 25</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	28,348	29,086	<b>738</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	7,992	8,161	<b>169</b>
Fraser Health	17,724	18,167	<b>443</b>
Island Health	505	526	<b>21</b>
Interior Health	1,356	1,356	<b>70</b>
Northern Health	678	713	<b>35</b>
Out of Canada	93	93	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	1,077,733	1,089,225	<b>11,492</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Nov 24</b>	<b>As of Nov 25</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total individuals tested	4,821	4,987	<b>166</b>
Total confirmed cases	38	39	<b>1</b>
Recovered cases	23	23	<b>0</b>
Deaths	1	1	<b>0</b>
Negative results	4,581	4,633	<b>52</b>
Pending results	201	315	<b>114</b>

\*The B.C. Government released a statement regarding discrepancies in new case counts due to a technical error in reporting from the Fraser Health Region, impacting the total case count.

<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 23	As of Nov 24	Change
Total confirmed cases	3,224	3,316	92
Total active cases	1,338	1,400	62
Currently hospitalized	143	147	4
Total deaths	28	28	0
Total recovered	1,858	1,888	30
Total confirmed cases in BC	228	228	0

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix held a live press conference regarding updates on the COVID-19 response in British Columbia.<sup>5</sup> Statements from this include the following:
  - Regarding a data correction in case counts going back to November 16<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Henry stated:
    - “I want to report that we’ve had some challenges with one of our data systems. So we will be reporting right now a data correction in the daily case numbers that affected particularly the Fraser Health Region.”
    - “There was a technical error in the transfer of data from a lab to the Health Authority which meant there were errors in reporting new cases between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of November.”
    - “The data has been reviewed in detail over the last 24 hours and is authenticated. And this will be updated on the BCCDC dashboard in the coming 24 to 48 hours.”
  - Regarding yesterday’s new order regarding mandatory masks, Dr. Henry clarified the rules for those who are unable to wear them for legitimate reasons:
    - “We know that many people can’t wear masks for reasons that may not be apparent to you. Whether it’s a psychological, behavioural, or health condition, or due to physical, cognitive, or mental impairment.”
    - “So if you see somebody without a mask, have compassion. Understand that while we are all in the same storm we don’t always know each other’s story.
    - “And people who are unable to wear a mask must be accommodated. That means **we cannot deny them services**, but we need to find alternative ways of safely providing the services that people need.”
  - Regarding COVID-19 vaccines, Dr. Henry stated:
    - “The BCCDC, along with the Province’s logistics teams, have been working with the federal government to understand the requirements to safely get the right vaccine and to the right people as quickly as possible in the most efficient way starting in early 2021.”
    - “Given the complexity and scope of the program, today we have appointed Dr. Ross Brown, the VP of COVID Response for Vancouver Coastal Health, to be the leader, along with myself and the Deputy Minister, of our COVID-19 Vaccine Program here in British Columbia.”

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

<sup>5</sup> Via live press conference at 3:00pm PST

- Regarding the ongoing illicit drug overdose health emergency Dr. Henry stated:
  - “Today BC Coroner’s Service released their monthly report on illicit drug overdose deaths and once again that number has become unacceptably high, with 162 people in British Columbia dying in the month of October.”
  - “As we have seen, COVID-19 continues to dramatically amplify those consequences that we know are part of the overdose crisis that we have been experiencing here in British Columbia.”

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN YUKON TERRITORY**

- Today, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley, released the following statement regarding an employee of a daycare in Whitehorse who has tested positive for COVID-19:<sup>6</sup>
  - “The employee is self-isolating and recovering well at home.”
  - “The families of the children who had contact with the employee have been contacted directly by Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) and instructed to self-isolate through the morning of December 1, 2020.”
  - “The owner has chosen to close the daycare until November 30, 2020.”
  - “Anyone who has been at risk of exposure will be notified. If YCDC does not contact you, this means that you and your child are not considered to be at risk.”
  - “I encourage parents to keep their children in daycares.”

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

- Today, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, issued the following remarks regarding the COVID-19 situation in Canada:<sup>7</sup>
  - “We know that public participation is vital to success. This is why as public health authorities implement measures to interrupt spread, Canadians are being called upon.”
  - “It is safest for all of us to limit errands and outings to just the essentials, limit in-person activities to just our existing household members and keep up with key prevention practices.”

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

<sup>6</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/statement-yukons-chief-medical-officer-health-dr-brendan-hanley-regarding-daycares>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/11/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-november-25-2020.html>