

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 27 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 26	As of Nov 27	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	29,973	30,884	911
Total active cases in BC	7,899	8,472	573
Currently in intensive care	64	69	5
Currently hospitalized	294	301	7
Total hospitalized to date	1,676	1,722	46
Total deaths in BC	384	395	11
Total recovered in BC	19,998	21,304	1,306

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Nov 26	As of Nov 27	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	29,973	30,884	911
Vancouver Coastal Health	8,329	8,482	153
Fraser Health	18,779	19,428	649
Island Health	544	571	27
Interior Health	1,491	1,538	47
Northern Health	737	772	35
Out of Canada	93	93	0
Total individuals tested in BC	1,102,307	1,116,642	14,335*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Nov 25	As of Nov 26	Change
Total individuals tested	4,987	5,113	126
Total confirmed cases	39	42	3
Recovered cases	23	29	6
Deaths	1	1	0
Negative results	4,633	4,740	107
Pending results	315	331	16

*The BCCDC has reported 14,336 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between Nov 26th and 27th.

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 25	As of Nov 26	Change
Total confirmed cases	3,451	3,524	73
Total active cases	1,400	1,392	-8
Currently hospitalized	152	155	3
Total deaths	29	30	1
Total recovered	2,022	2,102	80
Total confirmed cases in BC	228	252	24

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix released the following information regarding the increase in COVID-19 cases in BC:⁵
 - BC is now in the eye of the COVID-19 storm and the activities that were considered safe a few weeks ago, including as activities and gatherings, are no longer safe today.
 - It is important to note that in many cases, including at temples and churches, the places themselves are not cause for concern, it is our level of risk that has gone up, which means that our ability to have safe gatherings has gone down.
 - That is why, everyone needs to do their part to bring community transmission down so we can safely resume those activities that are meaningful to our daily lives.
 - If you are thinking of shopping this holiday season, please remember to bring your mask, keep your distance, limit travel and shopping local, wash your hands often, and shop online, when necessary.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- On November 26th, Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Brendan Hanley, confirmed three new cases of COVID-19 in the Yukon.⁶
 - Through contact tracing, it was determined that:
 - One case is linked to a known case in Whitehorse
 - One case is linked to the Diwali festival in Whitehorse
 - One case is a rural case that is still under investigation but is likely linked to one of the other known outbreaks in Whitehorse
 - Anyone who was at the Diwali festival on Saturday, November 14th, and is experiencing symptoms, is advised to get tested immediately.
 - An additional public exposure notice is being issued for:
 - Save-On-Foods on Wednesday, November 18th between 10:30 am and 12:00pm

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

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0061-001971>

⁶ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/november-26-2020-new-covid-19-cases-confirmed>

- Today, the Government of Yukon and the Government of Canada announced a new research program that will support Yukon’s recovery from the impacts of COVID-19.⁷
 - Through the financial support of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, the Government of Yukon is contributing \$1 million in funding.
 - The research program will support with pandemic-related planning and decision-making needs of the Government of Yukon, the Government of Canada, First Nations governments and communities, and other Yukon organizations.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) released an update regarding COVID-19 for Indigenous Peoples and communities.⁸ Highlights included the following information:
 - The week of November 15-21, 2020 continued to see an increase in newly reported COVID-19 cases in First Nations communities in Canada, with 270 new cases reported as of November 23rd.
 - ISC will continue to cover the eligible costs of First Nations child and family services agencies providing services to youth who would normally be aging out of care during this time and do so as long as the pandemic lasts.
 - ISC is paying close attention to the current outbreaks in Nunavut and the prairie provinces. ISC has been in close communication with community leadership to support their efforts to respond to the course of the virus and to address increasingly acute needs.
 - Collaborative action among Indigenous partners, including provincial and territorial governments, is critical to responding to current outbreaks of COVID-19.
 - The Government of Canada recognizes and thanks the frontline workers who put their own safety on the line every day to make sure families, youth, and especially Elders are kept safe. Without their dedication and hard work, the number of people who tested positive for the virus would have been even greater.
 - As COVID-19 cases continue to rise across the country, the risk of spread increases. ISC urges all community members to support their leadership and follow public health measures that have proven to save lives. Everyone can help limit the spread by making wise decisions and following recommended public health measures.
- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam issued the following statement regarding the increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases in Canada:⁹
 - “All jurisdictions are implementing a range of public health measures and urging their populations to do everything they can to limit contact with people outside of their household.”
 - “Ultimately, the concern is the same everywhere: continued spread of COVID-19 puts a strain on healthcare and essential services and threatens to overwhelm our capacity to respond.”
 - “If we continue on the current pace, our longer-range models continue to forecast significant increases in daily case counts and estimate that there could be up to 10,000 cases reported daily by mid-December.”

⁷ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/covid-19-recovery-research-program-launched>

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/11/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities2.html>

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/11/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-covid-19-november-27-2020.html>

- On November 26th, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Dominic LeBlanc, held a call with Canada’s provincial and territorial premiers to discuss the shared response to COVID-19.¹⁰
 - The following topics were discussed on the call:
 - The continued rise in COVID-19 cases across the country
 - Limiting non-essential travel to help reduce interprovincial and interterritorial transmission of cases, and agreed on the need to encourage Canadians not to travel abroad during the holiday season
 - The importance of working together to ensure Canadians have timely and broad access to vaccines once they are available.
 - Including distribution to vulnerable people and Indigenous communities.
 - The ongoing work to ensure Canadians receive vaccines as soon as they are available, and discussed:
 - The procurement strategy
 - The regulatory process
 - Work underway to prepare for delivery and distribution of vaccines
 - The Prime Minister also outlined federal supports that are available, such as the newly launched Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and the new Lockdown Support, to help Canadians and businesses through restrictions initiated by local jurisdictions.
- Today, Minister of Canadian Heritage, Steven Guilbeault, announced \$14 million in funding towards regional and community sport organizations to help manage the challenges and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.¹¹
 - The investment will allow provinces and territories to extend support to smaller recreational organizations and ensure the continuation of sport and recreation program operations across the country.
 - The investment is made as part of the Emergency Support Fund for Cultural, Heritage and Sport Organizations.

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

¹⁰ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2020/11/26/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-speaks-premiers-continued-efforts-address>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2020/11/additional-covid-19-emergency-funding-to-support-the-sport-community-through-the-provinces-and-territories.html>