

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 30 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 27	As of Nov 30	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	30,884	33,238	2,354*
Total active cases in BC	8,472	8,855	383
Currently in intensive care	69	75	6
Currently hospitalized	301	316	15
Total hospitalized to date	1,722	1,826	104
Total deaths in BC	395	441	46
Total recovered in BC	21,304	23,111	1,807

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Nov 27	As of Nov 30	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	30,884	33,238	2,354*
Vancouver Coastal Health	8,482	8,850	368
Fraser Health	19,428	21,070	1,642
Island Health	571	629	58
Interior Health	1,538	1,750	212
Northern Health	772	845	73
Out of Canada	93	94	1
Total individuals tested in BC	1,116,642	1,153,408	36,766**

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Nov 26	As of Nov 30	Change
Total individuals tested	5,113	5,336	223
Total confirmed cases	42	47	5
Recovered cases	29	29	0
Deaths	1	1	0
Negative results	4,740	5,183	443
Pending results	331	106	-225

*The BCCDC reported 750 new cases for Nov 28th, 731 for Nov 29th and 596 new cases Nov 30th, plus an additional 277 historical cases for a total of 2,354.

**The BCCDC has also reported 9,416 new tests for Nov 30th.

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 26	As of Nov 27	Change
Total confirmed cases	3,524	3,645	121
Total active cases	1,392	1,399	7
Currently hospitalized	155	157	2
Total deaths	30	31	1
Total recovered	2,102	2,215	113
Total confirmed cases in BC	252	273	21

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix held a joint press conference regarding updates on the ongoing provincial COVID-19 response:⁵
 - Regarding the increase in deaths over the weekend, Dr. Henry stated:
 - “This weekend, we had an additional 46 people who died from COVID-19 in B.C. which is the highest number we have ever had. My heartfelt condolences go out to the families of each of these people. We all feel your loss, and we mourn with you.”
 - “About 80% of these people lived in long-term care and it reflects... the impact (COVID-19) has on seniors and Elders who are so important to our history, our family, and our community.”
 - Regarding reports of some people in BC defying Dr. Henry’s health orders over the weekend, the following statements were provided:⁶
 - “If you are thinking that it may be okay for you to bend the rules, remember that COVID-19 is a serious, life-threatening illness.
 - “By choosing to make the exception for yourself, you are not only going against all that we are doing to slow this virus down and putting yourself at risk, but you are also endangering the lives of others.
 - “We are facing a significant storm surge, which is why, with the start of vaccine availability only a few short weeks away, it is so important for all of us to work together to keep our wall strong, to push back on COVID-19 united and together.
 - “Remember that you are not alone in your sacrifice; it is our collective effort that makes the difference and will see us through.
 - “We have done this before and we can do it again. Let’s do our part today to slow community transmission, to slow COVID-19 and protect everyone in our province.”
- Police in the Vancouver region have issued several fines over the weekend and in recent days to people violating the provincial health officer’s orders that restrict gatherings due to continued spread of COVID-19.⁷
 - The fines have ranged from \$230 - \$2,300 with the majority being \$2,300.

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

⁵ Via live press conference at 3:00pm PST

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0062-001980>

⁷ <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/birthday-party-limousine-ride-parties-covid-19-fines-1.5822253>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- On November 29th, Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, Brendan Hanley, confirmed one new case of COVID-19 in the Yukon.⁸
 - This case is in Whitehorse and is currently under investigation.
 - An additional public exposure notification is being issued for:
 - Baked Café & Bakery on Saturday, November 21 between 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.
 - If you are experiencing any symptoms and were at this location, self-isolate immediately and call the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre at 867-393-3083 to arrange for testing, or drop in at the drive-thru testing centre located at Centennial Motors on the Alaska Highway across from the airport in Whitehorse.
 - If you are outside of Whitehorse but were at the location on the indicated date and time, contact your rural community health centre.
 - If you are waiting for test results you must self-isolate until you receive your results.
 - If you were in contact with anyone who was at a location listed in the public exposure notices, you are a secondary contact. In this situation, it is always wise to monitor yourself for symptoms but you do not need to self-isolate.
- Today, Yukon Tourism and Culture Minister Jeanie McLean announced the Tourism Non-Accommodation Sector Supplement and the Culture and Tourism Non-profit Sector Supplement, which are financial relief supports to boost economic recovery from COVID-19:⁹
 - \$1 million is available through the Tourism Non-Accommodation Sector Supplement to help ensure visitor-dependent businesses survive through winter 2020–21.
 - \$300,000 is allocated for the Culture and Tourism Non-Profit Sector Supplement to provide support to culture and tourism non-profit organizations who have suffered revenue losses related to declines in tourism visitation.
 - Non-profit organizations can apply for up to \$20,000 each. This program will be in effect between January 1 and March 31, 2021.
 - For more information, visit:
<https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19-information/economic-and-social-supports-covid-19/support-tourism-2>

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/november-29-2020-new-covid-19-case-confirmed>

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/additional-relief-funding-available-tourism-sector-and-non-profit-organizations>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- On November 29th, Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, announced an extension of travel restrictions due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic:¹⁰
 - Canada will extend the Mandatory Isolation Order and temporary travel restrictions for all travelers seeking entry into Canada from a country other than the US, until January 21, 2021.
 - Travel restrictions for US citizens and foreign nationals arriving from the US remain in place until December 21, 2020 and may be extended at that time.
- On November 29th, Dr. Theresa Tam issued a statement regarding the increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases in Canada, which included the following:¹¹
 - “As we head into December, I encourage Canadians to start planning ahead for what will be a different holiday season this year. The safest way to celebrate the holidays is to limit in-person celebrations to members of your immediate household.”
 - “Take some time today to talk to your family and friends so everyone can make their expectations known and you can plan together for a meaningful and safer holiday season. I know these conversations and choices may be difficult, but let’s focus on the things we can do, including doing our utmost to protect our families, friends and communities.”
 - “What comes next for us this Fall and Winter is for every one of us to determine, through our decisions and actions. Every effort you can make matters.”
- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam issued a statement regarding the increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases in Canada, which included the following:¹²
 - “Right now, we have a window of opportunity to act collectively together with public health authorities to bring the infection rate down to a safer trajectory.”
 - “Two things are being asked of us: to follow local public health advice as measures are introduced for controlling spread across the population and to strictly and consistently maintain our individual protective practices to help prevent infection and spreading the virus.”
 - “As with our last effort to bend the curve, and more so now, **this** is not going to be a quick solution but a test of our determination and endurance. While now is not the time to gather, we can take comfort in knowing that the sacrifices we are making today are for our tomorrow.”
 - “Now, is the time to plan holidays that are safer and still allow us to maintain our important traditions - finding new ways to celebrate, connect and support each other. With resilience and resolve, let's focus on the things that we can do, including doing our utmost to protect our families, friends and communities.”

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

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/news/2020/11/government-of-canada-announces-extension-of-travel-restrictions.html>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/11/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-november-29-2020.html>

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/11/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-november-30-2020.html>