

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 01 December 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 30</b>	<b>As of Dec 01</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	33,238	33,894	<b>656</b>
Total active cases in BC	8,855	8,796	<b>-59</b>
Currently in intensive care	75	76	<b>1</b>
Currently hospitalized	316	336	<b>20</b>
Total hospitalized to date	1,826	1,867	<b>41</b>
Total deaths in BC	441	457	<b>16</b>
Total recovered in BC	23,111	23,774	<b>663</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Nov 30</b>	<b>As of Dec 01</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	33,238	33,894	<b>656</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	8,850	8,990	<b>140</b>
Fraser Health	21,070	21,478	<b>408</b>
Island Health	629	639	<b>10</b>
Interior Health	1,750	1,833	<b>83</b>
Northern Health	845	860	<b>15</b>
Out of Canada	94	94	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	1,153,408	1,161,867	<b>8,468*</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Nov 30</b>	<b>As of Dec 01</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total individuals tested	5,336	5,336	<b>223</b>
Total confirmed cases	47	47	<b>0</b>
Recovered cases	29	30	<b>0</b>
Deaths	1	1	<b>0</b>
Negative results	4,740	5,183	<b>443</b>
Pending results	331	106	<b>-225</b>

\*The BCCDC has reported 8,468 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

<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 27	As of Nov 30	Change
Total confirmed cases	3,645	3,989	344
Total active cases	1,399	1,562	163
Currently hospitalized	157	162	5
Total deaths	31	34	3
Total recovered	2,215	2,385	170
Total confirmed cases in BC	273	307	34

**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:<sup>5</sup>
  - “It is a time for all of us to pause, to think about the many people throughout our province, our nation and the world who have been impacted by COVID-19 and other global epidemics. It is also a time to think about what we can do to make a difference.”
  - “Let’s be resilient in face of this surge. United and together, let’s make an impact today through our own personal actions.”
  - “Without exception, follow the provincial health officer's orders in place. Remember that events, which refer to anything that gathers people together - whether on a one-time, regular or irregular basis - are not allowed for now. This includes religious, cultural or community events. Do not gather at home with anyone other than your household or core bubble. “
  
- Today, the Government of B.C. announced two new programs, and increased support for a third one, intended to improve food security and build a stronger economy following COVID-19:<sup>6</sup>
  - The new Small Farm Business Acceleration Pilot Program is offering funding up to \$800,000 for business plan coaching for small and new farmers, as well as cost-shared funding for commercial farm infrastructure and equipment, to increase productivity and sales.
    - Applications for the Small Farm Business Acceleration Pilot Program will be accepted between Dec. 7 and Dec. 15, 2020. Further details are available here:
    - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/small-business-acceleration-pilot-program>
  - A new Raspberry Replant Program is receiving a \$90,000 from the BC Government. The program is cost shared with growers, which will result in a minimum of \$162,000 of investments in the sector.
  - The Province is investing an additional \$800,000 into the Beneficial Management Practices Program both this year and next. The program supports farmers in taking steps to better protect the air, land and water, and aligns with government’s CleanBC climate goals.
    - <http://ardcorp.ca/programs/environmental-farm-plan/efp-program-resources/>

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

<sup>5</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0062-001987>

<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AFF0062-001983>

- Today, the B.C. Government announced new infrastructure funding to support COVID-19 response and recovery.<sup>7</sup>
  - The Province is accepting applications from local governments, Indigenous communities and not-for-profit organizations for nearly \$136 million in infrastructure grants to help communities develop resilience in response to COVID-19.
  - In partnership with the Government of Canada, the funds are being made available as part of the new COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS), a new stream under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).
  - CVRIS will support projects that focus on retrofits, rehabilitation and upgrades to existing local government and Indigenous community buildings, COVID-19 response infrastructure, active transportation and disaster mitigation.
  - “This new fund will create new opportunities for communities to build the infrastructure needed to help them respond to the challenges presented by COVID-19,” said Josie Osborne, B.C.’s Minister of Municipal Affairs.
  - CVRIS is accepting applications through two ministries:
    - Up to \$80 million is available for projects administered by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs; and
    - Up to \$56 million is available for flood mitigation and adaptation projects administered by Emergency Management BC (EMBC).
  - Applicants for funding under EMBC’s Adaptation, Resilience and Disaster Mitigation program have until Jan. 11, 2021, to apply. All other applicants have until Jan. 27, 2021.
  - Local governments, Indigenous communities and not-for profit organizations are encouraged to submit applications through the ICIP on the B.C. government website:
    - [www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program](http://www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program)

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN YUKON TERRITORY**

- Today, The Yukon Government announced that the use of masks is now mandatory in all indoor public spaces in Yukon. Specific details include the following:<sup>8</sup>
  - The mandate on masks has been authorized by a Ministerial Order under the Civil Emergency Measures Act for a heightened public health response to COVID-19.
  - For the purposes of this Order, a mask is defined as a medical or non-medical mask that covers the mouth and nose.
  - Masks are now required to be worn by everyone five years and older in most indoor public spaces.
    - Indoor public spaces include: retail/service business, places of worship, shopping centres, restaurants, grocery stores, airports, recreational facilities, etc.
    - A more detailed list of indoor public spaces included in the Order is available at: <https://yukon.ca/en/news/masks-now-mandatory-all-indoor-public-spaces>

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<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MUNI0062-001977>

<sup>8</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/masks-now-mandatory-all-indoor-public-spaces>

- Schools are not considered a public place; however, school staff and students age 10 and older are required to wear a non-medical mask on the school bus and in school commons areas.
- When in an indoor space, masks may be temporarily removed if people are seated at a table in a restaurant or bar, participating in a sport or fitness activity, or providing or receiving personal or health care services that require the mask to be removed.
- Anyone without a mask in an indoor space or who refuses to comply with the direction of an enforcement officer, including refusing to leave a public space where masks are required or engage in abusive or belligerent behavior, may be subject to a \$500 fine.

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

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam issued a statement regarding COVID-19 in Canada, reiterating the following recommendations:<sup>9</sup>
  - “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: stay home if you have symptoms, practise physical distancing and frequent handwashing, wear a face mask in indoor public places, and avoid the 3Cs, crowded places, closed spaces and close contact situations, whenever you can.”
- Today, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, held a press conference to provide an update on the federal response to COVID-19:<sup>10</sup>
  - During the press conference, Trudeau stated that Canada will potentially have the most COVID-19 vaccine doses per capita in the world based on the deals signed with seven different vaccine companies. Trudeau noted, “Out of all the possible vaccines, Canadians have access to the range of them and frankly, more doses potentially per capita than any other country in the world.” He then added that “Canada now has most diverse portfolio of any country for vaccines.”
    - “We are guaranteed some of Moderna’s first batch if the vaccine is safe and approved. Moderna has submitted their candidate for Health Canada review, as have Pfizer, Biontech, and AstraZeneca Oxford. Just yesterday Johnson and Johnson joined this list for Health Canada review.”
  - Trudeau stated that all vaccines are going through an accelerated testing process by Health Canada. Once these are approved, they will begin to be distributed.
    - “In this pandemic, keeping Canadians safe means getting a vaccine as quickly as possible, but it also means making sure that the vaccine is safe for Canadians. We will watch carefully what is going on around the world. Our Health Canada regulators are paying close attention while they are evaluating the top four vaccines that have come forward.”
    - “Our government is also working around the clock with the provinces and territories and through the new national operations center on the vaccine rollout”.

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

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/12/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-covid-19-december-1-2020.html>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.cpac.ca/en/programs/covid-19-canada-responds/episodes/66302218/>