

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 02 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

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Dec 01	As of Dec 02	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	33,894	34,728	834
Total active cases in BC	8,796	8,941	145
Currently in intensive care	76	79	3
Currently hospitalized	336	337	1
Total hospitalized to date	1,867	1,909	42
Total deaths in BC	457	469	12
Total recovered in BC	23,774	24,424	650

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Dec 01	As of Dec 02	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	33,894	34,728	834
Vancouver Coastal Health	8,990	9,164	174
Fraser Health	21,478	22,007	529
Island Health	639	659	20
Interior Health	1,833	1,899	66
Northern Health	860	905	45
Out of Canada	94	94	0
Total individuals tested in BC	1,161,867	1,173,931	12,064*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Dec 01	As of Dec 02	Change
Total confirmed cases	47	50	3
Total active cases	17	21	4
Recovered cases	30	29	-1
Deaths	1	1	0
Total individuals tested	5,336	5,435	99
Negative results	5,183	5,241	58
Pending results	106	144	38

*The BCCDC has reported 12,065 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between Dec 1st and Dec 2nd.

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 30	As of Dec 01	Change
Total confirmed cases	3,989	4,069	80
Total active cases	1,562	1,564	2
Currently hospitalized	162	168	6
Total deaths	34	38	4
Total recovered	2,385	2,467	82
Total confirmed cases in BC	307	307	0

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
 - “This virus moves quickly and easily between us. We are continuing to see unchecked transmission in many places despite our efforts of public health teams and contact tracers. That is why during this second surge, the need to follow provincial health orders is so important.”
 - “Those (orders) are there because we know that these are situations where this virus can spread very easily now. It’s not about bad people and people doing the wrong things, it’s the fact that we know this virus can spread even in places where we thought it was safe with the guidelines we had in place just a few months ago.”
 - “As well, we need more than ever, to stay local, to stay small, and avoid public settings right now where we mix with others. They are a risk for all of us. We strongly recommend... not travelling right now unless it is essential for work or for medical care. This includes within BC and between provinces.”
 - “I cannot stop you by an order from getting into your car or going onto a plane, but I’m asking in the strongest of terms for us to stay put, to stay in our communities, and to protect our communities.”
 - “We continue to see the impact of this virus on our communities, but on our healthcare system, and in particular on our seniors and Elders in long-term care, and we all need to take a step back to stop that.”
- Today, Premier John Horgan held a press conference regarding COVID-19 response in B.C., highlighting the following:⁶
 - “The challenges ahead are significant... as we get into December and look at the Christmas season and Hannukah and other celebrations, we need to make sure that we keep those celebrations to an absolute minimum.”
 - “There will be difficult times ahead for how we conduct ourselves, as individuals, as families, as communities. But if we continue to focus on protecting each other, we’ll come through this stronger than ever before.”

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

⁵ Via Live Press Conference at 3:00pm PST

⁶ Via Live Press Conference at 1:30pm PST

- Today, Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport provided an update regarding the \$21 million in funding to help artists and organizations through the COVID-19 pandemic through the BC Arts Council, as part of the *Stronger BC for Everyone: B.C.'s Economic Recovery Plan*.⁷ This funding includes:
 - \$16 million to expand the Arts and Culture Resilience Supplement
 - \$5 million for the new Pivot Program to help organizations adapt

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, The Yukon Government announced that due to uptake of the flu vaccine slowing, the Whitehorse Convention Centre centralized flu clinic will reduce operating hours beginning this Friday, December 4th and will redeploy staff to support COVID-19 efforts:⁸
 - Rural clinics will continue as planned.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam issued a statement regarding COVID-19 in Canada, reiterating the following recommendations:⁹
 - “With the weather growing colder and winter almost upon us I know that many, including older Canadians, are dreaming of spending time in warmer climates. However, this year the best way to protect yourself, your family, and those most at risk of severe illness from COVID-19 in our communities is to avoid non-essential travel, given the high rates of COVID-19 in many areas of the world.”
 - “Canada's official global advisory, advising Canadians to avoid non-essential travel outside Canada, as well as the cruise ship advisory and pandemic COVID-19 travel health notice all remain in effect.”
- Today, Health Canada provided the following statement on the UK’s authorization of its first COVID-19 vaccine, manufactured by Pfizer/BioNTech:¹⁰
 - “Health Canada is aware that the UK Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency has issued a temporary authorization for temporary limited supply of its first COVID-19 vaccine, manufactured by Pfizer/BioNTech.”
 - “Health Canada's independent review of this vaccine is ongoing and is expected to be completed soon.”
 - “A vaccine would only be authorized in Canada following the completion of an independent review process assessing its safety, efficacy and quality.”

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

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TAC0055-001986>

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/centralized-flu-clinic-will-be-shutting-its-doors-two-weeks-early>

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/12/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-december-2-2020.html>

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2020/12/statement-on-uks-authorization-of-its-first-covid-19-vaccine-manufactured-by-pfizerbiontech.html>