

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 14 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 11	As of Dec 14	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	40,797	42,943	2,146*
Total active cases in BC	9,589	10,039	450
Currently in intensive care	87	87	0
Currently hospitalized	342	359	17
Total hospitalized to date	2,207	2,307	100
Total deaths in BC	598	647	49
Total recovered in BC	29,598	31,207	1,609

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Dec 11	As of Dec 14	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	40,797	42,943	1,696
Vancouver Coastal Health	10,236	10,536	300
Fraser Health	25,867	27,341	1,474
Island Health	758	787	29
Interior Health	2,601	2,851	250
Northern Health	1,240	1,331	91
Out of Canada	95	97	2
Total individuals tested in BC	1,278,078	1,316,237	11,142

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Dec 11	As of Dec 14	Change
Total confirmed cases	58	59	1
Total active cases	3	4	1
Total deaths	1	1	0
Total recovered	54	54	0
Total individuals tested	5,723	5,756	33
Negative results	5,613	5,682	69
Pending results	52	15	-37

*The BC Government reported 698 new COVID-19 cases Dec 12th, 689 new cases Dec 13th, and 759 new cases Dec 14th (2,146 total).

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 Dec 10	As of Dec 11	Change
Total confirmed cases	5,675	5,731	56
Total active cases	2,100	2,196	96
Currently hospitalized	240	248	8
Total deaths	49	49	0
Total recovered	3,526	3,486	-40*
Total confirmed cases in BC	440	459	19

ISC has reported 3,486 recovered cases but this does not align with the higher number of recovered cases reported on December 10th.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix released the following statement regarding the ongoing provincial COVID-19 response:⁵
 - “Today, the first doses of a COVID-19 vaccine manufactured by Pfizer-Biontech have arrived here in British Columbia. Teams now are doing their final preparations to start our first immunizations in our clinics tomorrow.”
 - “The first delivery has included approximately 4000 doses and will be administered to Lower Mainland health-care workers who work in long-term care homes and front-line health-care workers essential to the COVID-19 response.”
 - “This is the first step in our path to protecting people most at risk in our communities and taking the pressure off of our healthcare system.”
 - “Vaccines will be given at two sites in the Lower Mainland – one in Vancouver and one in the Fraser Health region. Next week a vaccine will be available in every health authority across the province.”
 - “As we are heading into holiday celebrations, we have to remember that every time we are together there is risk.”
 - “No event or gathering is completely safe right now and we need to be aware of that because the virus continues to circulate in our communities.”
 - “We are not out the woods yet, but the measures we have put in place are making a difference”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Yukon Minister of Tourism and Culture, Jeanie McLean, released the Tourism Relief and Recovery Plan for the Yukon:⁶
 - The plan represents the government’s strategic guide to stabilizing and rebuilding the territory’s tourism sector in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

⁵ Dr. Bonnie Henry via live press conference at 03:30 PM on 12/14/20

⁶ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/covid-19-relief-and-recovery-plan-yukon-tourism-sector-released>

- The plan is based around investments of up to \$15 million over three years, and provides targeted investments that prioritize safety and economic viability, with a focus on building sector resiliency for the future.
- This plan includes:
 - Support for industry adoption of standardized safe travel protocols for the protection of visitors and residents.
 - Creation of a one-window “concierge” service to assist tourism businesses in navigating and maximizing Yukon government’s COVID-19 business supports.
- COVID-19 travel restrictions have triggered an unprecedented crisis in the global tourism industry. In Yukon, recently available statistics show that:
 - Air arrivals at YXY: down 96 per cent in second quarter of 2020, from April to June, compared to 2019.
 - International Border crossings: down 92 per cent in first half 2020, from January to June, compared to 2019.
 - Destination Canada scenarios indicate that the potential impact could range between a 43 and 61 per cent decline in the Canadian tourism economy in 2020.
- The plan can be viewed here:
<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/tc/tc-tourism-relief-and-recovery-plan.pdf>
- Today, the Yukon government has announced one new case of COVID-19 but no additional public exposure notices have been issued.⁷

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- On December 13th, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer issued the following statement regarding the COVID-19 vaccine plan for Canada.⁸ Highlights include the following:
 - “A phased approach is being prepared for vaccine delivery that prioritizes Canadians who need early access to the vaccine. The overall approach to allocation is on a per capita basis, with adjustments made to account for the complexity of delivering vaccines to the Territories, and remote and isolated Indigenous communities.”
 - “Health Canada has a rigorous regulatory review process that evaluates vaccine safety and efficacy in preventing the diseases they target and whether the benefits of the vaccines outweigh the risks.”
 - “Once the vaccine is on the market, Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada will monitor for any adverse events after immunization, in collaboration with the provinces and territories and the manufacturer.”
 - “The process of vaccine rollout is presented in Canada’s COVID-19 Immunization Plan, available here:”
 - <https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/phac-aspc/documents/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/canadas-covid-19-immunization-plan-en.pdf>

⁷ <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/12/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-december-13-2020.html>

- “As welcome as news of a first vaccine for Canadians may be, it is very important to understand that the events of the past week do not change our current situation.”
- “Canada (is) still experiencing high COVID-19 infection rates, which have placed intense strain on our hospitals and health systems, as well as the health workers that have been on the frontlines of this crisis for many months.”
- “For this reason, it is crucial that we continue with public health measures to protect ourselves, and others, in the coming months.”
- On December 12th, Dr. Theresa Tam provided the following information and guidance while Canadians await wide distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.⁹
 - “Knowing access to safe and effective vaccines for all Canadians is within sight might lead some to think COVID-19 is no longer a problem, but the reality is very different.
 - “Nationally, we remain in a rapid growth trajectory. The latest longer-range forecasting, using a model from Simon Fraser University, forecasts that we could have 12,000 cases daily by the beginning of January (across Canada).”
 - “This trajectory can be limited by continuing to limit close contacts to only those in our immediate household and reduce in-person interactions to only essential errands and activities, while consistently maintaining key public health practices.”

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

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