

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 28 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 Dec 23</b>	<b>As of Dec 24*</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	48,027	48,609	<b>582</b>
Total active cases in BC	9,137	8,865	<b>-272</b>
Currently in intensive care	80	78	<b>-2</b>
Currently hospitalized	348	341	<b>-7</b>
Total hospitalized to date	2,621	2,621	<b>0</b>
Total deaths in BC	796	808	<b>12</b>
Total recovered in BC	36,952	37,784	<b>832</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Dec 23</b>	<b>As of Dec 24</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	48,027	48,609	<b>582</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	11,428	11,535	<b>107</b>
Fraser Health	30,559	30,885	<b>326</b>
Island Health	847	857	<b>10</b>
Interior Health	3,440	3,511	<b>71</b>
Northern Health	1,651	1,719	<b>68</b>
Out of Canada	102	102	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	1,409,122	1,417,542	<b>8,415*</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Dec 22</b>	<b>As of Dec 24*</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	59	60	<b>1*</b>
Total active cases	0	0	<b>0</b>
Total deaths	1	1	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	58	59	<b>1</b>
Total individuals tested	5,872	5,887	<b>15</b>
Negative results	5,788	5,816	<b>28</b>
Pending results	25	11	<b>-14</b>

\* The BC Government has not released updated case numbers since the last report on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

\*\* Yukon numbers were last updated at 15:00 on December 24<sup>th</sup> and are reflected in today's report. The Yukon Government has not released updated case numbers since this time.

<sup>1</sup> <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

<sup>2</sup> <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

<sup>3</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

## STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

### CASES IN CANADA<sup>4</sup>

	As of Dec 23	As of Dec 27	Change
Total confirmed cases	7,704	8,157	453
Total active cases	2,977	3,019	42
Currently hospitalized	363	376	13
Total deaths	70	76	6
Total recovered	4,657	5,062	405
Total confirmed cases in BC	573	585	12

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- On December 27<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix issued a joint statement regarding the first COVID-19 variant case in British Columbia:<sup>5</sup>
  - The variant strain was detected by the BC Centre for Disease Control Public Health Laboratory during a review of individuals who had recently returned from travel to the United Kingdom.
  - They noted “Studies suggest the COVID-19 variant first identified in the United Kingdom can spread more quickly and easily, which is why British Columbians everywhere must continue to be cautious and follow all orders and guidelines, stay close to home, avoid non-essential travel, practice safe, physical distancing, and wear a mask when in public indoor spaces.”
  - At this time, there is no evidence that the new COVID-19 variant is more likely to cause severe illness, nor that vaccines will be any less effective against the new variant.
  - The B.C. Government continues to support the Canada-wide travel ban on all flights arriving from the United Kingdom until January 6, 2021, and all British Columbians are urged to continue to avoid all non-essential travel to keep people and communities safe.

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- There are no significant updates from the Government of Yukon today.

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- On December 26<sup>th</sup>, the Public Health Agency of Canada released a statement regarding new variants of COVID-19 in Canada:<sup>6</sup>
  - While early data suggests that these new variants may be more transmissible, there is no evidence that they cause more severe disease or have any impact on antibody response or vaccine effectiveness to date.
  - As the monitoring continues, it is expected that other cases of this variant and other variants of concern may be found in Canada.

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

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

<sup>5</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0068-002147>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/12/statement-on-the-variants-of-covid-19-virus-found-in-ontario.html>