

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 30 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 29</b>	<b>As of Dec 30</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	50,815	51,300	<b>485</b>
Total active cases in BC	7,580	7,551	<b>-29</b>
Currently in intensive care	80	77	<b>-3</b>
Currently hospitalized	373	379	<b>6</b>
Total hospitalized to date	2,806	2,858	<b>52</b>
Total deaths in BC	882	893	<b>11</b>
Total recovered in BC	41,175	41,681	<b>506</b>
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Dec 29</b>	<b>As of Dec 30</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	50,815	51,300	<b>485</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	11,913	12,030	<b>117</b>
Fraser Health	32,260	32,471	<b>211</b>
Island Health	901	917	<b>16</b>
Interior Health	3,749	3,806	<b>57</b>
Northern Health	1,890	1,974	<b>84</b>
Out of Canada	102	102	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	1,444,990	1,451,775	<b>6,785</b>
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Dec 29</b>	<b>As of Dec 30</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	60	60	<b>0</b>
Total active cases	0	0	<b>0</b>
Total deaths	1	1	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	59	59	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested	5,911	5,921	<b>10</b>
Negative results	5,836	5,844	<b>8</b>
Pending results	15	17	<b>2</b>

<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

<b>CASES IN CANADA <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>As of Dec 28</b>	<b>As of Dec 29</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	8,254	8,368	114
Total active cases	3,070	3,104	34
Currently hospitalized	380	390	10
Total deaths	77	78	1
Total recovered	5,107	5,186	79
Total confirmed cases in BC	585	628	43

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry, provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, issued the following joint statement regarding the COVID-19 response in B.C.:<sup>5</sup>
  - New measures prohibiting the sale of alcohol take effect from December 31, 2020 at 12:01 am through to January 1, 2021 at 9 am.
    - The service and sale of alcohol is prohibited after 8 pm.
    - If a full meal service is provided, premises may stay open, but liquor service must not resume until 9:00 am the following day.
  - “We know alcohol can impair people’s judgment and their ability to effectively use the layers of protection required to keep all of us safe. This order, while temporary, will ensure New Year’s Eve leads to a safe new year for everyone.”
  - “We recognize this order creates an added strain on our already challenged restaurant and food services sector that has been working hard to ensure restaurants are safe. However, this is the time to do all we can to keep our wall strong. We remain confident that having a meal with your household contacts in a restaurant in B.C. is safe, and we encourage people to continue to visit their local restaurants to eat in or take away on New Year’s Eve.”
  - “Especially in light of the U.K. [United Kingdom] variant now appearing in B.C., we must do all we can to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.”

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Government of Yukon.

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

<sup>5</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0068-002155>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Howard Njoo, Canada's Deputy Chief Public Health Officer, and Major-General Dany Fortin, among a number of federal ministers, held a joint press conference regarding the federal government's response to COVID-19. Highlights from the press conference include the following:<sup>6</sup>
  - The federal government will soon require travellers arriving in Canada by air to have obtained a negative COVID-19 test within the previous 72 hours.
    - The new testing requirement will be in addition to the mandatory 14-day quarantine that is already in place.
    - Violation of quarantine can result in up to six months in jail, or a \$650,000 fine.
    - Compliance verification is being enhanced to monitor Canadians who have returned from international travel to ensure compliance with the new quarantine orders.
  - This week, the Moderna vaccine arrived in Canada's north for distribution to remote and Indigenous communities.
    - 424,150 vaccine doses have been delivered into Canada throughout December.
    - A weekly shipment of 124,000 doses is scheduled for the first week of January, with 208,000 doses scheduled per week for the remainder of the month.
    - A total of 1.2 million doses of Pfizer-Biontech and Moderna are expected to be delivered by the end of January.
  - While early data suggest that the United Kingdom and South African variants may be more transmissible, there is no evidence that there is any impact on disease severity, antibody response, or vaccine effectiveness to date.
    - All people identified as being infected with the new United Kingdom COVID-19 variant in Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, and Quebec were already in quarantine when the variant was identified.
    - As the federal and provincial monitoring program continues, it is expected that other variants of concern will be found in Canada.
- Today, the Government of Canada released an update regarding the approval process for the AstraZeneca vaccine that was recently approved in the United Kingdom.<sup>7</sup>
  - Health Canada has been reviewing AstraZeneca's vaccine since it was submitted on October 1, 2020 and is expediting the review of COVID-19 vaccines.
  - Health Canada cannot provide a definite timeline for the completion of the review at this time as there is still information and data to be provided by AstraZeneca for review.

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

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.cpac.ca/en/programs/covid-19-canada-responds/episodes/66313634/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2020/12/statement-on-the-uk-authorization-of-the-astrazenecas-covid-19-vaccine.html>