

COVID-19 PUBLIC UPDATE

October 15, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

This information is subject to change without notice. Changes from the last update are highlighted.

Public update for the week of October 15, 2020.

Yukon numbers	Confirmed cases: 15	Recovered: 15	Negative tests: 3,632	Pending results: 56	Total tested: 3,703
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Emergency status: a state of emergency was declared on March 27, 2020. It was extended.

Health care

- On Saturday, October 10, we announced a probable case of COVID-19, following tests using the Genexpert analyzer. Confirmatory testing resulted in a negative final result.
- From Tuesday, October 6, to Monday, October 12, we tested 93 people at the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre (CTAC) in Whitehorse.
- A new swish and spit, or gargle, COVID-19 test developed in BC may be used within Yukon in the near future.
- The COVID testing centre's hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Sunday. Referrals are no longer required for a COVID-19 test.
- There are new symptom criteria for staying home from schools and daycares:
<https://yukon.ca/en/news/september-16-2020-covid-19-update>
- To help Yukoners at risk during this pandemic, people can access [mental health and social supports online](#).

Travel and borders

- Beginning October 1, on-site road border personnel are transitioning from the current 24-hours a day schedule to 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Alaska Highway and Junction 37 borders.
 - Travellers arriving outside of these hours will be required to stop at an on-site kiosk.
 - They must sign a declaration and submit their self-isolation plan, along with a contact number when they arrive from outside of BC, the NWT or Nunavut.
 - Completing the self-declaration is required by law.
- Residents of BC, Nunavut, NWT and Yukon are allowed to travel in those jurisdictions without the need to self-isolate for 14 days in Yukon.
- Individuals entering Yukon's airports must wear a mask.
- Yukoners are reminded that if you choose to go past the Canadian border station at Fraser or Beaver Creek, you must be aware of the federal rules for re-entering Canada at the time of your departure.
- Canada and the U.S. have extended border closures to non-essential travel until October 21.

Businesses and financial relief

- 2020–21 First Supplementary Estimates include COVID-related supports for Yukoners and Yukon businesses:
<https://yukon.ca/en/news/economy-remains-resilient-supports-yukoners-continue>
- The Yukon Business Relief Program has been extended until March 31, 2021.
- The Government of Canada is extending the Emergency Wage Subsidy to the summer of 2021.

Enforcement and other guidelines

- If anyone has concerns that someone is violating a Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA) Order, they can now fill in a form on Yukon.ca: <https://yukon.ca/en/cema-report>
- The Government of Yukon will receive up to \$4.16 million from the Government of Canada's new Safe Return to Class Fund to help further the safety of students and staff members throughout the school year:
<https://yukon.ca/en/news/government-yukon-welcomes-safe-return-class-funding>
- If you have a question about enforcement, email covid19enforcement@gov.yk.ca or phone 1-877-374-0425.