

October 1, 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 1, 2020.

<b>Yukon numbers</b>	Confirmed cases: 15	Recovered: 15	Negative tests: 3,343	Pending results: 44	Total tested: 3,402
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**Emergency status:** a state of emergency was declared on March 27, 2020. It was extended on September 9.

## Health care

- A non-Yukon resident has tested positive for COVID-19:
  - They have been hospitalized in Whitehorse and are in a stable condition.
  - Contact tracing has been carried out and all close contacts in Yukon have been contacted by public health officials.
  - Based on the risk assessment by Yukon Communicable Disease Control, the public health risk associated with this case is low.
- Once Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) receives notification of a positive result of COVID-19 they then begin the process of contract tracing. This process involves speaking with the patient, family and close contacts to determine the level of risk of exposure. Yukon Communicable Disease only contacts people who are identified as contacts. Public notifications are only issued when YCDC is not able to identify everyone who may have come into contact with an infected person.
- The Respiratory Assessment Centre has been renamed to the COVID testing centre (CTC). 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>
- Residents of Yukon's five long-term care homes can receive two designated visitors indoors.
- The Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) and the Government of Yukon have developed a campaign that addresses some of the indirect consequences to children and families of the COVID-19 pandemic: <https://yukon.ca/en/news/joint-initiative-reaches-out-families-and-children-crisis>

## 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.
- 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.
- Stricter rules and additional entry conditions for travellers transiting through Canada to Alaska: <https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2020/07/covid-19-stricter-rules-for-foreign-nationals-transiting-through-canada-to-alaska.html>
- Residents of BC, Nunavut, NWT and Yukon are allowed to travel in those jurisdictions without the need to self-isolate for 14 days when they enter into Yukon with some restrictions.
- Individuals entering Yukon's airports must wear a mask.



## **Businesses and financial relief**

- Yukon businesses impacted by COVID-19 will continue to receive support from the Government of Yukon. 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.
- The Government of Yukon is distributing \$1,687,000 in federal relief funds to support local not-for-profit sport and recreation organizations affected by COVID-19: <https://yukon.ca/en/news/yukon-sport-and-recreation-groups-receiving-covid-19-relief-funds>
- The Government of Yukon is receiving up to \$4.16 million from the Government of Canada's new Safe Return to Class Fund: <https://yukon.ca/en/news/government-yukon-welcomes-safe-return-class-funding>

## **Enforcement and other guidelines**

- Five Ministerial Orders have been repealed: <https://yukon.ca/en/news/yukon-extending-state-emergency-maintain-response-covid-19>
- Guidelines for contact sports are on Yukon.ca: <https://yukon.ca/en/news/august-26-2020-covid-19-update>
- 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>
- If you have a question about enforcement, email [covid19enforcement@gov.yk.ca](mailto:covid19enforcement@gov.yk.ca) or phone 1-877-374-0425.