

Yukon COVID-19 PUBLIC UPDATE

October 22, 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 22, 2020.

Yukon numbers	Confirmed cases: 17	Recovered: 15	Negative tests: 3,735	Pending results: 62	Total tested: 3,814
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Emergency status: a state of emergency was declared on March 27, 2020. It was extended.

Health care

- With the COVID-19 pandemic, this year the flu vaccine is more important than ever. Vaccines will be available for the general public as of Monday, October 26.
- As of October 21, the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 17. Fifteen people have recovered and there are currently two active cases, with both people in self-isolation and recovering at home.
- 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.
- To help Yukoners at risk during this pandemic, people can access [mental health and social supports online](#).

Travel and borders

- Canada and the US has continued to extend the border closures to non-essential travel until November 21.
- 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.

Businesses and financial relief

- A new funding package was announced for the tourism industry that has been hard hit by COVID-19: <https://yukon.ca/en/news/new-funding-package-announced-tourism-industry-hard-hit-covid-19>
- 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

- Be kind and understanding. People in transit through the territory are now driving in winter conditions. Report concerns at <https://yukon.ca/en/cema-report> and avoid direct actions when suspecting someone is not following measures.
- All Yukoners are reminded to adhere to Yukon's guidance on gatherings and keep social groups small and intimate. Your social bubble can include 15 people but you should not socialize with more than 10 at a time indoors.
- One charge was laid on October 19 for a Yukon resident who travelled outside of Yukon, BC, the NWT and Nunavut within the previous 14 days and did not follow self-isolation requirements.