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December 2020

December 23 – 09:56 – Statement from Minister of Health and Social Services on the approval of Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine

Minister Pauline Frost released the following statement:

"We are very pleased that Health Canada has granted final regulatory approval to Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine. Approval means the vaccine meets Canada’s stringent safety, efficacy and quality requirements.

This is the exciting news Yukoners have been waiting for and our team is ready to begin vaccinating Yukoners as soon as possible. Now that the vaccine is approved, Health Canada and the manufacturer will provide training instructions for the handling and delivery of the vaccine..."

[Read the statement.](#)

December 22 – 15:43 – COVID-19 update

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, December 22, the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 59. Fifty-eight people have recovered, one person has died and there are no active cases. We have tested 5,872 people.

Visitor isolation options and guidelines

There are options for visitors to Yukon who are sharing accommodations with others who have not travelled outside Yukon.

Option 1

Visitors can self-isolate for 14 days without physical distancing within a home if all residents are isolating together with no outside contact. For example, a visiting university student and their family can hug, share meals and share living spaces if no one has contact outside the home for the entire isolation period.

Households that have guests departing prior to the 14 days may leave isolation three days after their departure, as long as they self-monitor and check in with their guests. If neither have symptoms during those three days then they're able to return to their daily lives.

Option 2

If someone in the household chooses to go to work, school or run errands, then guests in self-isolation must maintain two metres distance at all times within that home.

More information about visitor self-isolation is available at: <https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19-information/your-health-covid-19/information-self-isolation>

[Read the news release.](#)

December 17 – 10:00 – COVID-19 update

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, December 17, the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 59. Fifty-seven people have recovered, one person has died, and there is currently one active case. We have tested 5,790 people.

Social bubble guidelines: COVID-19

As COVID-19 continues in Yukon and the holiday season approaches, we're asking Yukoners to be careful and respect gathering guidelines and stick to their social bubbles.

[Read the complete update.](#)

December 17 – 9:45 – Additional school buses for new routes starting in January

Three new buses will provide additional school bus services in areas not currently being serviced starting on January 4, 2021.

Guidelines for school bus operations have been updated by Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health. Starting January 4, all students age five years and older will be required to wear a non-medical mask while riding the school bus.

[Read the new release.](#)

December 15 – 12:53 – Statement from Minister Frost on recent announcement about the delivery of Moderna vaccine to the territories

Minister Frost released the following statement:

"We are happy to hear that the Moderna vaccine is closer to approvals and that it could arrive in Yukon as early as the end of December.

We will continue to work with our federal colleagues on the delivery logistics so that as soon as the vaccine is approved and ready for distribution, we can begin rolling it out to Yukoners. We have already received three freezers to help with the storage of the vaccine..."

[Read the Statement from Minister Frost.](#)

December 14 – 10:36 – COVID-19 relief and recovery plan for Yukon tourism sector released

Tourism and Culture Minister Jeanie McLean has released the Tourism Relief and Recovery Plan, Yukon government's strategic

guide to stabilizing and rebuilding the territory's tourism sector in the wake of the drastic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Based on extensive research, industry feedback and guided by the values and pillars of the Yukon Tourism Development Strategy, the Tourism Relief and Recovery Plan provides targeted investments that prioritize safety and economic viability, with a focus on building sector resiliency for the future.

With investments of up to \$15 million over three years, the plan is built around four key themes:

1. Providing tourism sector leadership;
2. Rebuilding confidence and capabilities for tourism;
3. Supporting the recovery of tourism industry operators, and
4. Refining Yukon's tourism brand and inspiring travellers to visit the Yukon.

[Read the news release.](#)

December 10 – 14:27 – Strategy for COVID-19 vaccinations in Yukon released

The Government of Yukon has released Yukon's COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy. The strategy outlines Yukon's plan to safely and efficiently deliver COVID-19 vaccines across the territory.

All eligible, adult Yukoners who want to receive a COVID-19 vaccine will have access to one, at no cost, in early 2021. No vaccine is currently approved for children or recommended for pregnant people.

Yukon will be receiving enough vaccine to immunize 75 per cent of the eligible adult population in the first quarter of 2021. This allocation recognizes Yukon's significant Indigenous populations and remote communities. If more Yukoners choose to immunize, additional vaccine doses will be available in the second quarter of 2021.

[Read the news release.](#)

December 8 – 13:37 – COVID-19 update

The Government of Yukon has the following updates for the Yukon public on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, December 8, the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 58. Forty-seven people have recovered, one person has died and there are currently 10 active cases. We have tested 5,607 people.

Guidelines for visitors

Visitors from outside the territory must isolate for 14 days in Whitehorse, unless they are a Yukon resident with a home outside the city or are isolating with a Yukon family member who lives outside the city. Visitors who are isolating at a shared location with others must follow specific guidelines which can be found here: <https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19-information/your-health...>

[Read the news release.](#)

December 8 – 10:30 – Yukon is extending the state of emergency for another 90 days

The Government of Yukon is extending the state of emergency under the *Civil Emergency Measures Act* (CEMA) for 90 days.

The state of emergency has facilitated the necessary speed and flexibility that has been central to the Government of Yukon's response to COVID-19, including putting in place a number of ministerial orders that support the health, safety and economic wellbeing of Yukoners. Without the state of emergency, these ministerial orders would expire.

[Read the news release.](#)

December 4 – 17:12 – Three new COVID-19 cases confirmed

Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley confirms three new cases of COVID-19 today, bringing the territory's total to 54 cases. There are currently 12 active cases in Yukon.

Read the [news release](#).

Read the public exposure notice.

December 4 – 13:20 – New requirement to assist with contact tracing

Beginning Monday, December 7, 2020, restaurants and bars throughout Yukon will be required to maintain a daily list of patrons. Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley, has introduced this requirement to assist with contact tracing.

One patron in each party will be required to sign in and provide contact information. The eating and drinking establishments will be required to keep the sheets for 30 days. They will only be provided to Yukon Communicable Disease Control if an exposure has been identified.

[Read the news release.](#)

December 2 - 18:14 - COVID-19 update

Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley confirms one new case of COVID-19 today, bringing the territory's total to 50 cases. There are currently 20 active cases in Yukon.

Case 48 and 49 from Tuesday, December 1, are linked to a previous case.

Case 50 from Wednesday, December 2, is in Whitehorse and is currently under investigation.

Public exposure notifications are being issued for:

- Winter Long Brewing Co.
 - Friday, November 27 between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Whiskey Jacks Pub & Grill
 - Wednesday, November 25 between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

If you are experiencing any symptoms and have been at these locations, call the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre in Whitehorse at 867-393-3083 to arrange for testing. Or drop in at the drive-thru testing centre located at Centennial Motors on the Alaska Highway across from the airport.

You can also contact your rural community health centre.

Due to a high volume of calls, you may be required to leave a number where you can be contacted. The COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre staff will return your call. If you do not receive a call within 24 hours, please call back.

If you are waiting for a test result you must self-isolate until you receive your result.

If you were in contact with anyone who was at a location listed above, you are a secondary contact. In this situation, we ask that you monitor yourself for symptoms but you do not need to self-isolate.

If you are not notified and do not have symptoms, you may continue your usual daily activities, while following the Safe 6 plus 1 (wear a mask).

[Read the news release.](#)

December 1 – 13:35 – COVID-19 update

The Government of Yukon has the following updates for the Yukon public on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, December 1, the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 47. Twenty nine people have recovered, one person has died, and there are currently 17 active cases. We have tested 5,336 people.

Support programs

Learn more about a variety of supports available to help Yukoners during the pandemic by going to <https://yukon.ca/en/economic-and-social-supports-covid-19>. Available supports include:

- paid sick leave rebates for employers;
- employee access to unpaid sick leave;
- new relief funding programs for the tourism sector and non-profit organizations; and
- relief grants to cover fixed costs for businesses.

[Read the news release.](#)

December 1 – 13:19 (updated 16:37) – Masks now mandatory in all indoor public space

Effective today, the use of masks is mandatory in all indoor public spaces in Yukon. The mandate on masks authorized by a Ministerial Order under the *Civil Emergency Measures Act* ensures a heightened public health response to COVID-19.

Masks are now required to be worn by everyone five years and older in most indoor public spaces. These include:

- shopping centres and retail businesses such as grocery stores, pharmacies and clothing stores;

- service businesses;
- locations that provide personal services or health care provider services;
- restaurants, bars and other places selling food or drink;
- places of public worship or a faith gathering;
- places for sports, fitness and dance activities;
- places where non-profit organizations provide goods or services to the public;
- movie theatres, art centres, concert halls, billiard halls, museums and libraries;
- conference centres, community centres and community halls;
- indoor common areas of:
 - office buildings;
 - government buildings (other than a school);
 - multi-unit residential buildings;
 - hospitals;
 - hotels, bed and breakfasts and rental cabins; and
 - Yukon university campuses.
- entrances of daycare centres and day homes; and
- on public transportation, in taxis, shuttles or other vehicles for hire.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 2020

November 29 – 16:45 – New COVID-19 case confirmed

Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley confirmed one new case of COVID-19 today, bringing the territory's total to 46 cases. There are currently 16 active cases in Yukon.

This case is in Whitehorse and is currently under investigation.

An additional public exposure notification is being issued for:

- Baked Café & Bakery
 - Saturday, November 21 between 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.

If you are experiencing any symptoms and were at this location, self-isolate immediately and call the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre at 867-393-3083 to arrange for testing, or drop in at the drive-thru testing centre located at Centennial Motors on the Alaska Highway across from the airport in Whitehorse.

If you are outside of Whitehorse but were at the location on the indicated date and time, contact your rural community health centre.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 27 – 20:08 – New COVID-19 cases confirmed

Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley confirmed three new cases of COVID-19, bringing the territory's total to 45 cases. There are currently 15 active cases in Yukon.

All three cases are in Whitehorse and all remain under investigation:

- Case 43 and 44 are linked to a known case in Whitehorse.
- Case 45 is linked to travel outside Yukon.

Additional public exposure notifications are being issued for:

- Better Bodies
 - Sunday, November 1 to Wednesday, November 18, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Canada Games Centre in the Wellness Room
 - Saturday, November 21, 11 a.m. to noon.
- Sakura Sushi
 - Friday, November 20, 5 p.m. to closing

- Whitehorse Transit
 - Wednesday, November 18:
 - Route #2 from Copper Ridge to 2nd Avenue between the hours of 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
 - Route #2 from 2nd Avenue to Copper ridge between 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
 - Thursday, November 19:
 - Route #2 from Copper Ridge to 2nd Avenue between the times of 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
 - Route #5 from 2nd Avenue to Range Road between 7:30 p.m. and 7:50 p.m.
 - Route #2 from 2nd Avenue to Copper Ridge between 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 26 – 14:45 – COVID-19 Recovery Research Program launched

This is a joint news release with the Government of Canada.

Today, the Government of Canada and the Government of Yukon announced a research program that focuses on gathering the unique information needed to support Yukon's strategic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program is requesting expressions of interest for research projects to support the territory's recovery from the direct and indirect impacts of the pandemic.

The goal of the program is to fund research that will increase understanding of the social, cultural, environmental, economic and health impacts of COVID-19 and address gaps in research and data specific to Yukon.

Through the financial support of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, the Government of Yukon is able to offer a total of \$1 million in funding.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 26 – 20:15 – New COVID-19 cases confirmed

Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley confirmed three new cases of COVID-19, bringing the territory's total to 42 cases. There are 6 new recoveries and 12 active cases in Yukon.

TOTAL TO 42 CASES. THERE ARE 6 NEW RECOVERIES AND 12 ACTIVE CASES IN WHITEHORSE.

Two cases are in Whitehorse and the third is in a rural community:

- Case 40 is linked to a known case in Whitehorse.
- Case 41 is linked to the Diwali festival in Whitehorse.
- Case 42 is the rural case that is still under investigation but likely linked to exposure to one of the other known outbreaks in Whitehorse.

If you were at the Diwali festival on Saturday, November 14 and are experiencing any symptoms we recommend that you get tested immediately.

An additional public exposure notice is being issued for:

- Save-On-Foods
 - Wednesday, November 18 between 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 26 – 17:45 – Whitehorse COVID-19 screening drive-thru extended

Drive-thru testing will be extended for two weeks at the Centennial Motors wash bay location with further extension at a possible new location into 2021. Testing and contact tracing remain a critical part of the Government of Yukon's management of COVID-19 in the territory. With a growing demand for testing, the Government of Yukon responded quickly to launch the new testing centre to increase testing capacity.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 25 – 10:24 – Statement from Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley regarding daycares

Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley has issued the following statement.

We have received confirmation that an employee of a daycare in Whitehorse has tested positive for COVID-19. The employee is self-isolating and recovering well at home. Children who had contact with the employee have been contacted directly by Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) and instructed to self-isolate through the morning of December 1, 2020. The owner has chosen to close the daycare until November 30, 2020.

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[Read the news release.](#)

November 24 – 11:05 – COVID-19 update

The Government of Yukon has the following updates for the Yukon public on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, November 24, at 9 a.m., the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 38. Twenty three people have recovered, one person has died, and there are currently 14 active cases. We have tested 4,624 people. Additional exposure notifications have been released.

- Canadian Tire, Whitehorse
 - November 17, opening to close
- Wykes Independent Grocer, Whitehorse
 - November 17, opening to close
- Starbucks, Chilkoot Way, Whitehorse
 - November 12 to 18, opening to close
- Tony's, SKKY Hotel, Alaska Highway Whitehorse
 - November 14, 5 p.m. to close.
- General Store in Dawson City
 - November 15, opening to close
- Air North
 - Flight 573, November 15
 - Flight 333 November 9
 - Flight 528 November 8

- Air Canada
 - Flight 111 November 7

If you are experiencing any symptoms and have been at these locations please call the COVID 19 Testing and Assessment Centre (CTAC) to arrange for testing or drop in at the drive-thru testing centre located at Centennial Motors on the Alaska Highway across from the airport.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 23 – 11:33 – Whitehorse COVID-19 screening drive-thru opens

A drive-thru COVID-19 screening service opened in Whitehorse on Sunday, November 22, 2020. The drive-thru is located at Centennial Motors, 91628 Alaska Highway, in the wash bay.

Drive-thru testing will help meet the increased demand for testing. It will be used for people with COVID-19 symptoms, providing an easier and more convenient way for them to get tested.

The service will be available for one week from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., ending on Saturday, November 28, 2020. Screening needs will be assessed at the end of this week and the service will be extended if necessary.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 23 – 11:19 – new COVID-19 cases confirmed

Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley confirmed six new cases of COVID-19, bringing the territory's total to 38 cases. There are currently 14 active cases in Yukon.

Five of the new cases are linked to a previous case while one is still under investigation. Yukon Communicable Disease Control is reaching out to contacts.

These new cases represent three separate clusters.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 21 – 19:50 – new COVID-19 cases confirmed

Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley has confirmed three new cases of COVID-19, bringing the territory's total to 32 cases.

Cases 30 and 31 have been linked to previous cases while case 32 is related to out-of-territory travel. The case investigation is underway and Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) is reaching out to contacts.

An additional public exposure notice is now issued for an already identified location:

- Better Bodies, Whitehorse
 - Monday, November 16, between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 20 – 17:45 – new COVID-19 cases confirmed

Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley confirmed three new cases of COVID-19, bringing the territory's total to 29 cases.

Cases 27, 28 and 29 have been linked to previous cases. The case investigation is underway and Yukon Communicable Disease Control is reaching out to contacts.

An additional public exposure notice has been issued.

Anyone who is experiencing symptoms and has been at the following location should contact the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre at 867-393-3083 in Whitehorse or contact the health centre in their community and say they were at the location.

- Better Bodies, Whitehorse
 - Saturday, November 14 between 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 18 – 19:28 – COVID-19 update

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Expansion of self-isolation requirements

As of 5 p.m. on Friday, November 20, everyone other than critical services workers entering Yukon will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. This includes residents of British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 18 – 19:13 – COVID-19 public health notification issued for Whitehorse

Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley confirmed a new case of COVID-19 in Whitehorse, bringing the territory's total to 26 cases.

Investigation into the original source of exposure for this case is ongoing. Yukon Communicable Disease Control is leading this work and has been actively reaching out to all contacts.

Public exposure notices have been issued.

Anyone who has been at of the following locations and who develops symptoms should contact the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre at 867-393-3083 in Whitehorse or contact the health centre in their community and say they were in one of these places.

- Starbucks, Main Street, Whitehorse
 - Thursday, November 12 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 - Friday, November 13 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Starbucks, Chilkoot Way, Whitehorse
 - Saturday, November 14 between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- Better Bodies, Whitehorse
 - Thursday, November 12 between 6:30 p.m. and closing
 - Friday, November 13 between 6:30 p.m. and closing
- Diwali Festival, 120 Copper Road Whitehorse on Saturday, November 14, between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- Giorgio's Cucina, Whitehorse on Saturday, November 14, between 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
- Tony's Pasta and Seafood House in the SKKY hotel, on the Alaska Highway, Whitehorse on Saturday, November 14 between 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 17 – 17:16 – COVID-19 update

The Government of Yukon has the following updates for the Yukon public on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, November 17, the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 25. Twenty-two people have recovered and there are currently two active cases. A new case announced today is linked to a previous case. Yukoners are encouraged to check the latest public health notification.

We have tested 4,376 people for COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic.

COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre

From Monday, November 9, to Sunday, November 15, we tested 122 people at the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre (CTAC) in Whitehorse.

Spread of misinformation

Be patient and understanding and help reduce the spread of misinformation. If you hear information about COVID-19 in the territory, double check the facts by visiting Yukon.ca before telling others.

Long-term care homes

Residents in long-term care facilities are now allowed to have four people on their visitor list. Visitors are limited to two at a time and then only if they're in the same social bubble.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 17 – 17:09 – COVID-19 public health notification issued for Whitehorse

Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley has confirmed a new case of COVID-19, bringing the territory's total to 25 cases.

The additional case is linked to a previous case. The case investigation is underway and Yukon Communicable Disease Control has reached most of the contacts. A public exposure notice has been issued.

Anyone who has been at any of the following locations and who develops symptoms should contact the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre at 867-393-3083 in Whitehorse or contact the health centre in their community and say they were in one of these places.

- Listers Motor Sports, Whitehorse, between 8:30 a.m. and noon on Tuesday, November 10
- A&W restaurant, Whitehorse, between 3 p.m and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 8
- Save-On-Foods, Whitehorse, before 1 p.m. on Friday, November 6

[Read the news release.](#)

November 12 – 13:16 – COVID-19 public health notifications issued for Whitehorse

Yukon Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Catherine Elliott today confirmed a new case of COVID-19, bringing the territory's total to 24 cases since the first infection was announced on March 22, 2020.

The case investigation is underway and the Yukon Communicable Disease Centre has reached most of the contacts.

People who have been at the following locations and who have symptoms are asked to get tested.

- Save-On-Foods, Whitehorse, before 1 p.m. on November 6
- A&W restaurant, Whitehorse, between 3 to 6:30 p.m. on November 8

Anyone who was at these locations during these periods who develops symptoms should contact the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre at 867-393-3083 in Whitehorse, or contact their nearest community health centre and state their connection to their notification.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 10 – 09:34 – 2020–21 School Year Education program update

Grades 10 to 12 students in Whitehorse will remain on their current schedule for the second semester to ensure the three larger Whitehorse high schools continue to meet the health and safety guidelines developed by Yukon's Chief Medical Officer

The Government of Yukon will continue engaging with school councils, Yukon First Nations governments and school administration at the three Whitehorse high schools to identify additional supports to ensure students are successful on this schedule. The second survey on learning during COVID-19 will be launched later this November to allow students, parents and school staff to provide their feedback on additional supports they may need.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 10 – 09:22 – COVID-19 update

The Government of Yukon has the following updates for the Yukon public on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, November 10, at 9 a.m., the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 23. Twenty-one people have recovered and there is currently one active case.

COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre

From Monday November 2, to Sunday, November 8, we tested 89 people at the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre in Whitehorse. To date, we have tested 4,197 people. The centre will be open on Wednesday, November 11.

Updates to school guidelines

The school health and safety guidelines for Grades K to 12 have been updated to reduce the requirement for two-metre distancing between students in the classroom and to make masks mandatory in common areas outside of the classroom. This is intended to provide clarity for all schools.

[Read the news release.](#)

November 4 – 11:15 – COVID-19 update

The Government of Yukon has the following updates for the Yukon public on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, November 4, at 11 a.m., the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 23. Twenty people have recovered and there are currently two active cases. Contact tracing remains underway.

COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre

From Tuesday, October 27, to Monday, November 2, we tested 114 people at the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre in Whitehorse. To date, we have tested 4,114 people.

Remembrance Day

Yukoners are encouraged to honour our veterans virtually this year. To reduce risks from COVID-19 the Whitehorse Legion Branch is broadcasting a Remembrance Day Ceremony live on its Facebook.

[Read the news release.](#)

October 2020

October 30 – 11:44 – First COVID-19-related death in Yukon

Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley has confirmed the death of one of the five people recently diagnosed with COVID-19 in Watson Lake.

The person passed away at home on October 29 while they were in self-isolation. A Coroner's investigation has concluded that their death was caused by COVID-19 infection.

The person who has died was older and had underlying medical conditions.

The level of COVID-19 risk to residents of Watson Lake and other Yukoners has not changed as a result of this death.

[Read the news release.](#)

October 29 – 14:57 – Yukon's COVID-19 case count rises to 23

One new case of COVID-19 was confirmed today by Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley. This is the territory's 23rd case of COVID-19 infection and is not linked to the Watson Lake cluster.

Laboratory results confirmed the positive diagnosis on the night of Wednesday, October 28. Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) staff has completed contact tracing and there is no risk of public exposure.

Because they had travelled as well as having a contact history the person was already self-isolating and is recovering well at home. The new case was identified through contact tracing and is linked to travel-related cases previously reported in Whitehorse.

[Read the news release.](#)

October 28 – 11:07 – COVID-19 update

The Government of Yukon has the following updates for the Yukon public on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, October 28, at 11 a.m., the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 22. Seventeen people have recovered and there are currently five active cases, and all individuals are recovering. Contact tracing remains underway. All Watson Lake residents who are experiencing symptoms and were present at the advised locations, are urged to arrange for testing at the Watson Lake Community Hospital immediately.

Public exposure notice:

- Watson Lake Foods – Super A – October 8 and October 16
- Home Hardware – October 7 and October 10
- Big Horn Motel – October 7 through 9 and October 13 through 20

[Read the news release.](#)

October 26 – 16:30 – COVID-19 update

Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley today confirmed 2 additional cases of COVID-19 in Watson Lake.

This brings the territory's total to 22 cases since the 1st case was announced on March 22, 2020.

[Read the news release.](#)

October 23 – 17:25 – COVID-19 update

Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley today confirmed three additional cases of COVID-19, bringing the territory's total to 20 cases since the first infection was announced on March 22, 2020.

A source of origin is still being investigated and contact tracing is actively underway.

This is the fourth incidence of infection in a rural community since COVID-19 was reported in Yukon.

The community is being identified because of possible cases of exposure at three locations in Watson Lake.

[Read the news release.](#)

October 21 – 11:08 – COVID-19 update

The Government of Yukon has the following updates for the Yukon public on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, October 21, at 11 a.m., 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. We have tested 3,814 people.

COVID-19 Testing Centre

From Tuesday, October 13, to Monday, October 19, we tested 100 people at the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre (CTAC) in Whitehorse.

[Read the news release.](#)

October 19 – 14:20 – COVID-19 case count increases to 17

Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley confirmed two additional cases of COVID-19 in Yukon. This brings

the territory's total to 17 cases since the first case was announced on March 22, 2020.

Lab results confirmed the positive diagnosis on Sunday. Contact tracing has been completed and Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) has been in touch with all contacts. There is no increased risk to the public due to these cases.

The new cases are travel-related. The two individuals returned to Whitehorse after travel out of territory and were self isolating. They began feeling mild symptoms which were confirmed to be COVID-19. They are currently recovering at home.

[Read the news release.](#)

October 19 – 10:43 – New funding package announced for tourism industry hard hit by COVID-19

Tourism and Culture Minister Jeanie McLean today announced the Tourism Accommodation Sector Supplement. This support program of up to \$2.88 million is being added to the Yukon Business Relief Program to help eligible accommodation businesses as they are a critical part of Yukon's tourism infrastructure.

[Read the news release.](#)

October 14 – 12:20 – COVID-19 update

The Government of Yukon has the following updates for the Yukon public on measures underway in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, October 14, at 11 a.m., the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 15. Everyone has recovered. We have tested 3,635 people.

COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre

From Tuesday, October 6, to Monday, October 12, we tested 93 people at the COVID-19 Testing Centre (CTC) in Whitehorse.

Update on previously announced probable case

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. It is important to remember that contacts are notified through Yukon

Confirmatory testing resulted in a negative final result. It is important to remember that contacts are notified through Yukon Communicable Disease Control or Community Nursing. Protection of personal health information is of utmost importance.

[Read the news release.](#)

October 10 – 17:35 – New probable case of COVID-19 in Yukon announced

Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley has announced a probable case of COVID-19 in Yukon. Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) is awaiting confirmation from the BC Centre for Disease Control.

The individual is from Whitehorse, and received care through the Whitehorse General Hospital Emergency Department. The person is currently stable and safely self-isolating. The case is linked to travel outside of Yukon. Initial testing was undertaken using the Genexpert rapid test. A subsequent test was sent to BC for confirmation.

[Read the news release.](#)

October 7 – 11:28 – COVID-19 update

The Government of Yukon has the following updates for the Yukon public on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, October 7, at 11 a.m., the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 15. Everyone has recovered. We have tested 3,542 people.

COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre

From Tuesday, September 29, to Monday, October 5, we tested 108 people at the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre (CTAC) in Whitehorse.

[Read the news release.](#)

September 2020

September 30 – 14:35 – COVID-19 update

The Government of Yukon has the following updates for the Yukon public on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, September 30, at 2 p.m., the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 15. Everyone has recovered. We have tested 3,402 people.

COVID-19 Testing Centre

From Tuesday, September 22, to Monday, September 28, we tested 157 people at the COVID-19 Testing Centre (CTC) in Whitehorse.

The Respiratory Assessment Centre has been renamed the COVID-19 Testing Centre. 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 at the CTC.

[Read the news release.](#)

September 26 – 9:01 – Non resident tests positive for COVID-19 while in Yukon

An out of territory resident has tested positive for COVID-19. The person has been hospitalized in Whitehorse and they are in a stable condition.

Contact tracing is well under way 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.

[Read the news release.](#)

September 23 – 14:15 – COVID-19 update

The Government of Yukon has the following updates for the Yukon public on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, September 23, at 2 p.m., the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 15. Everyone has recovered. We have tested 3,211 people.

Respiratory Assessment Centre

From Wednesday, September 16, to Tuesday, September 22, we tested 98 people at the Respiratory Assessment Centre in Whitehorse.

The Respiratory Assessment Centre will now be known as 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 COVID 19 test at the CTC.

New charges under the Civil Emergency Measures Act

Below is a summary of charges laid on September 17 and September 23. We do not provide any information that may identify anyone, such as their name, where they received the charge or their contact information.

- One charge laid on September 17:
 - failure to comply with the self-isolation order.
- Two charges laid on September 23:
 - Two failures to comply with indoor gathering of 10 people or fewer.

Stop light symptom criteria for staying home from schools and daycares

We have updated guidance based on three colour zones (green, yellow and red) to help parents and guardians know when to keep children home from school or daycare. The school posters is available on line and the daycare poster will be up by the end of day.

Flu clinics to begin in mid-October

Flu clinics throughout Yukon will begin the week of October 19 for individuals considered as high risk or with a chronic disease. The clinic will open to the general public on October 26. This year, the Yukon Convention Centre will be used for all Whitehorse flu clinics. The clinic will be open six days a week initially with extended hours, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Further details will be released in early October.

Enforcement statistics

September 30, 2020: Please note that we have added a clarification to the "Other approved jurisdictions" category below.

The Government of Yukon has received 832 complaints:

- Failure to self-isolate: 466
- Social gatherings over 10 inside or 50 outside: 23
- Failure to transit through Yukon in 24 hours or stay on the designated route: 321
- Businesses failing to comply with Orders: 9
- Failure to abide by a declaration form or not permitted entry into Yukon: 12
- Other: 1

There have been a total of 11 people charged, and 15 charges laid under the Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA).

A total of 48,107 travellers have come into Yukon:

- Resident travellers: 10,060
- BC residents: 9,601
- NWT residents: 265
- Other approved jurisdictions: 652*
- Non-residents staying: 9,196
- Non-residents transiting: 18,270
- Other: 63
- Decals distributed indicating out-of-territory vehicles allowed in Yukon: 269

* Due to the fact that the way we've collected traveller data has changed since we started collecting statistics, the "Other approved jurisdictions" category has been used to categorize travellers that did not fall into an existing category. We're reviewing how we collect and categorize statistics to maintain accuracy, and will make adjustments as necessary.

September 16 - 14:34 - Review of inclusive and special education in Yukon extended

The Government of Yukon is extending the review of inclusive and special education into the 2020-21 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The extension will provide more time and opportunities to safely connect and gather perspectives on these programs and services.

[Read the news release.](#)

September 16 – 14:18 – COVID-19 update

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, September 16, at 2 p.m., the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 15. Everyone has recovered. We have tested 3,020 people.

Respiratory Assessment Centre

From Wednesday, September 9, to Tuesday, September 16, we tested 129 people at the Respiratory Assessment Centre in Whitehorse.

Symptom criteria for staying home from schools and daycares

We have developed guidance based on three colour zones to help parents and guardians know when to keep children home from school or daycare.

[Read the news release.](#)

September 9 – 15:31 – Government of Yukon seeks feedback on COVID-19 impacts to non-profit societies

As part of its response to the impacts of COVID-19, the Government of Yukon is conducting a survey of Yukon's non-profit societies to gain a better understanding of economic and operational pressures related to the pandemic.

Yukon non-profit organizations deliver a wide range of critical services and programs throughout the territory. Understanding the current impacts on these organizations is a key step in ensuring the community is supported as the territory enters its COVID-19 recovery phase.

[Read the news release.](#)

September 9 – 14:08 – Yukon extending state of emergency to maintain response to COVID-19

The Government of Yukon is extending the state of emergency under the Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA). The extension will allow the ministerial orders issued under CEMA to remain in place to continue to support and protect Yukoners,

including the Health Protection Order.

Ministerial orders issued under CEMA include a range of measures, such as health protections setting requirements for entry to Yukon, and mandatory self-isolation when applicable, along with other orders that extend benefits and protections related to economic impacts, such as landlord and tenant protections. The state of emergency and accompanying orders enable the government to adapt and respond rapidly to the pandemic and to keep pace with developments across Canada, with the aim to minimize risk and help Yukoners to manage through uncertainty.

[Read the news release.](#)

September 2 – 14:16 – COVID-19 update

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, September 2, at 2 p.m., the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 15. Everyone has recovered. We have tested 2,643 people.

Respiratory Assessment Centre

From Wednesday, August 27, to Tuesday, September 1, we tested 109 people at the Respiratory Assessment Centre in Whitehorse.

Yukon Business Relief Program

This Yukon Business Relief Program will continue in partnership with CanNor's Northern Business Relief Fund. Businesses can apply for support for both or either of these programs through the Government of Yukon.

[Read the news release.](#)

August 2020

August 31 – 10:01 – Yukon sport and recreation groups receiving COVID-19 relief funds

The Government of Yukon has begun distributing \$1,687,000 in federal relief funds to support local not-for-profit sport and recreation organizations affected by COVID-19. This funding is part of the \$500 million in COVID-19 relief funding that the Government of Canada announced in May 2020 for cultural, heritage and sport organizations across the country.

[Read the news release.](#)

August 26 – 14:37 – COVID-19 update

The Government of Yukon has the following updates for the Yukon public on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, August 26, at 3 p.m., the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 15. Everyone has recovered. We have tested 2,459 people.

Respiratory Assessment Centre

From Wednesday, August 19, to Tuesday, August 25, we tested 116 people at the Respiratory Assessment Centre in Whitehorse.

Contact sports guidelines

Guidelines for contact sports are [now on] Yukon.ca. By adapting the way we play contact sports to reduce the risk of COVID-19 we can get back on the ice, field and court. The new guidelines apply to children and adult leagues and supplement the Government of Yukon's existing sport and recreation guidelines.

[Read the news release.](#)

August 26 – 14:30 – Government of Yukon welcomes Safe Return to Class funding

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.

The federal government will provide the funding in two phases: 50 per cent now and 50 per cent in early 2021.

The Government of Yukon will have the flexibility to spend the funding according to its educational needs and could use it in a range of ways to protect students and staff during the pandemic, including adapting learning spaces, providing more custodial staff, supplying additional buses and providing mental health supports, health and safety training and more support for students and learning communities.

[Read the news release.](#)

August 19 – 15:08 – COVID-19 update

The Government of Yukon has the following updates on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 case count

As of today, August 19, at 2 p.m. the COVID-19 case count for Yukon is 15. All 15 people have recovered. We have tested 2,270 people.

Respiratory Assessment Centre

From August 12 to August 18, 139 people went to the Respiratory Assessment Centre in Whitehorse and we tested 134 people.

Extension of US border restrictions

The Canada Border Services Agency and US Customs are temporarily restricting all non-essential travel across its borders to limit the spread of COVID-19 as a precautionary measure. They've extended the current border measures until September 21, 2020.

[Read the news release.](#)

August 12 – 14:29 – COVID-19 update

The Government of Yukon has the following updates on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 case count

As of today, August 12, at 2 p.m. the COVID-19 case count is 15. Yukon currently has 13 recovered cases and 2,062 people have been tested.

Masks in schools

MASKS IN SCHOOLS

Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health is recommending to the Department of Education that children age 10 and older wear non-medical masks where physical distancing cannot be maintained, such as on school buses. Children under 10 can use masks in these settings but it is not specifically recommended. The Department of Education will ensure all schools have access to masks for situations where they are needed or recommended by the Chief Medical Officer of Health. Schools will decide where masks should be worn within each school. The Chief Medical Officer of Health has recommended that they are not required in classrooms where students are well-spaced.

[Read the news release.](#)

August 12 - 14:15 - Update on school operational plans and school bussing for 2020-21

School operational plans and school bussing information, including bus routes and schedules, for 2020-21 are being shared this week.

School operational plans

Each school in Yukon is required to have an operational plan that outlines how the school will meet the health and safety guidelines for Kindergarten to Grade 12 school settings set by Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Central administration staff and school principals have been working with public health officials, school councils and Yukon First Nations in each school community to finalize operational plans and adapt school routines for the 2020-21 school year so that students and staff can safely return to classes.

School operational plans are being reviewed, finalized and distributed through each school as they come in to keep students, parents and school staff updated on specific measures in place at their school. School operational plans are being shared on school websites.

[Read the news release.](#)

August 7 - 15:35 - One new case of COVID-19 in Yukon

Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley today announced the first in-territory case of COVID-19 since April

20, 2020, bringing the territory's total to 15, including the three Yukon residents diagnosed outside Yukon.

The person is a Whitehorse resident who is recovering at home. Yukon Communicable Disease has begun contact tracing.

The individual travelled recently to Dawson. All Dawson-related contacts have been identified and are being followed up on.

[Read the news release.](#)

August 7 – 14:37 – Government of Yukon shares feedback on student learning during the end of the 2019–20 school year

Yukon students, families and school staff were recently asked to share their experiences and perspectives with learning during the end of the 2019–20 school year. A summary of survey results is now available on engageyukon.ca.

The Government of Yukon asked students, families and school staff to share what worked well and what didn't while face-to-face classes were suspended. The feedback from the survey will help identify which activities and supports were effective while student's learned away from school and will support staff in planning learning opportunities and ongoing instruction for students for the 2020–21 school year.

[Read the news release.](#)

August 5 – 14:32 – Territory-wide Community Wellbeing Survey launched this week

The Government of Yukon has partnered with the Canadian Index of Wellbeing and the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health to undertake a comprehensive study of wellbeing in Yukon.

As Yukon begins transitioning into Phase 3 of the pandemic response, all Yukoners are being called on to complete the Yukon Community Wellbeing survey to measure territorial wellbeing and better understand the local impacts of COVID-19. The survey opened on Monday and responses will be collected throughout the next four weeks, closing in early September.

The results of the Community Wellbeing Survey will provide a territory-wide snapshot of Yukoners' wellbeing. The survey will generate the needed data to support informed decision making to best meet the unique and changing needs of Yukoners with programs, services and supports tailored to the local context. The COVID-specific questions at the start of the survey will

be used to inform next steps in the pandemic response.

[Read the news release.](#)

August 5 – 14:13 – COVID-19 update

COVID-19 case count

As of today, August 5, at 2 p.m. the COVID-19 case count is 14. All of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered. There are no active cases in the territory and 1,769 people have been tested. We have had no new cases since April 20.

Additional information stations set up in Beaver Creek and Watson Lake

To support the government's COVID-19 response, the visitor information centre in Watson Lake and the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre will be closing on August 6. The visitor information centre in Beaver Creek will be closing on August 9. Staff from these three facilities have been reassigned to work out of information stations at Yukon's land and air borders where they will provide visitors with COVID-19 resources and information about how and where to travel safely, respectfully and responsibly in and through Yukon.

[Read the news release.](#)

July 2020

July 31 – 10:32 – Yukon offers internships to study impact of COVID-19

Joint news release with the Government of Yukon, Mitacs, Yukon University and the University of Alberta North

A unique opportunity to participate in COVID-19 research internships will benefit both Yukon organizations and post-secondary students.

Starting immediately, Yukon businesses, not-for profit organizations and municipalities can apply to be matched with post-secondary students who will research COVID-19's impact on their operations and help develop plans to overcome those challenges. In return, students will gain high-quality work experience in the field of applied research.

[Read the news release.](#)

July 30 – 15:01 – Joint initiative reaches out to families and children in crisis

Joint news release with the Council of Yukon First Nations

The Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) and the Government of Yukon have co-developed a campaign that addresses some of the indirect and unforeseen consequences to children and families of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Family violence, substance use and child maltreatment may have increased within families due to an array of factors such as the reduction in child care, social isolation and general anxiety due to the pandemic.

To support families who may feel overwhelmed by the new demands, CYFN and the Government of Yukon are promoting their services in a joint advertising and social marketing campaign.

[Read the news release.](#)

July 29 – 14:22 – Phase 3 begins August 1, includes changes to social gatherings, social bubbles and plans for sports

The Government of Yukon and Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health officially announced today that Phase 3 of Yukon's plan for safely lifting COVID-19 public health measures will begin on August 1. This will be the longest of the stages, lasting until a vaccine is developed, and will involve a gradual easing of restrictions for Yukoners.

Starting on August 1, Yukoners can increase their household bubble from one additional family by adding three to five families depending on family size. The maximum number of individuals in a bubble should be 15 people. Members of this bubble can interact without having to physically distance

[Read the news release.](#)

July 24 – 09:48 – New COVID-19 case outside of Yukon

A Yukon resident currently outside of Yukon has tested positive for COVID-19. The new case has been confirmed by Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley. The individual acquired the disease and was tested outside the territory.

This brings Yukon's total case count to 14, three of whom contracted the disease and were diagnosed outside of Yukon. These cases were all diagnosed after July 1.

Yukon Communicable Disease Control is working closely with the provincial health authority to ensure the individual is receiving the appropriate care and to coordinate contact tracing.

[Read the news release.](#)

July 23 – 16:17 – Health and safety guidelines for schools and school buses released

The Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Government of Yukon have finalized more detailed health and safety guidelines for Kindergarten to Grade 12 school settings and school bus operations. The guidelines will help schools plan for the return of students to classes for the 2020–21 school year.

Department of Education central administration staff are working with school principals and school staff to finalize school operational plans and adapt their school routines based on these health and safety guidelines. School principals will share finalized school operational plans with school communities by August 12 before the start of the 2020–21 school year.

[Read the news release.](#)

July 22 – 14:09 – COVID-19 update

COVID-19 case count

As of today, July 22, at 2 p.m. the COVID-19 case count is 13. All of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered. There are no active cases in the territory and 1,450 people have been tested.

Update on the start of Phase 3

Phase 3 is expected to begin on August 1, 2020. The public is reminded that Phase 3 will be a long one, anticipated to take Yukon through until a COVID-19 vaccine is available.

Initially, changes under Phase 3 will be internal to the territory only. Changes being considered are expansion of family bubbles, gatherings and a return to sport play.

Additional changes and relaxation of other restrictions will be considered as appropriate, based on public health principles and level of risk.

[Read the news release.](#)

July 17 – 12:00 – Yukoners contract COVID-19 while travelling

Dr. Catherine Elliott, Yukon's acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, has confirmed today that two Yukon residents have contracted COVID-19 while travelling in another province.

The people acquired the illness outside Yukon. They have a mild illness and are recovering in self-isolation. They will return to Yukon once they are no longer infectious.

[Read the news release.](#)

July 16 – 17:06 – A statement from Premier Sandy Silver on the Safe Restart Agreement

I am very pleased to join Canada's First Ministers in announcing the Safe Restart Agreement. This agreement sets out shared objectives and commits \$19 billion in federal resources in areas that are critical to safely resuming economic activity across the country and reducing the impact of a potential "second wave" of COVID-19.

[Read the news release.](#)

July 15 – 14:35 – COVID-19 update

COVID-19 case count

As of today, July 15, at 2 p.m. the COVID-19 case count remains at 11 in the territory. All of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered. There are no active cases in the territory and 1,365 people have been tested. We have had no new cases since April 20.

Border control statistics

Our border measures have given us the time to prepare for COVID-19, including enhancing our testing, tracking and tracing capacity. Since the start of Phase 2 on July 1, 1,587 British Columbia residents and 1,130 Yukoners have entered Yukon. In that

capacity. Since the start of Phase 2 on July 1, 1,307 British Columbia residents and 1,130 Yukoners have entered Yukon. In that time, 1,627 people have transited through the territory. The Government of Yukon Emergency Coordination Centre received 119 complaints from the public since July 1. Since border restrictions began earlier this year, four individuals have been fined for violating the Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA). Right now there are approximately 45 enforcement officers in the territory.

[Read the news release.](#)

July 8 – 14:08 – COVID-19 update

As of today, July 8 at 2 p.m., the case count remains at 11 cases of COVID-19 in the territory.

All of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered. There are no active cases in the territory and 1306 people have been tested. We have had no new cases since April 20 and our last case recovered on May 1.

[Read the news release.](#)

June 2020

June 30 – 15:01 – Yukon’s Visitor Information Centres begin opening for summer season

Visitor Information Centres will begin reopening across the territory July 1.

As Yukon begins welcoming travellers from British Columbia, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories without a 14-day self-isolation period, Visitor Information Centres will be an important resource for attractions and amenities, as well as community health and safety guidelines. The centres will observe appropriate social distancing, as well as all current recommended precautions around personal protective equipment and sanitization.

[Read the news release.](#)

June 30 – 14:07 – Phase 2 begins July 1 includes eased travel restrictions for Canadian

Phase 2 begins July 1, includes eased travel restrictions for Canadian residents

The Government of Yukon and Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health released more details today on Phase 2 of Yukon's plan for safely lifting COVID-19 public health measures. Phase 2 will begin July 1 and includes significant changes to border control measures.

Beginning tomorrow, residents of Yukon, British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Nunavut can enter Yukon without having to self-isolate. To do so, they must provide valid identification proving they are a resident of one of those four jurisdictions and confirm they have not travelled outside of those locations in the previous 14 days.

Yukon's borders will also open to the rest of Canada starting tomorrow, but with strict public health measures in place, including the need to self-isolate for 14-days. Some Canadian residents may be exempt from the self-isolation requirement, such as critical workers and individuals transiting through Yukon.

[Read the news release.](#)

June 25 – 15:01 – Road tests to resume in July

The Government of Yukon's Motor Vehicles branch will resume offering regular road tests as of July 2.

As Yukon enters Phase II of A Path Forward: Yukon's plan for lifting COVID-19 restrictions, regular driver testing will resume three days a week, from Tuesday to Thursday.

[Read the news release.](#)

June 24 – 14:07 – COVID-19 update

COVID-19 case count

As of today, June 17, at 2 p.m. the COVID-19 case count remains at 11 in the territory. All of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered. There are no active cases in the territory and 1,265 people have been tested. We have had no new cases since April 20.

Border controls to be eased

Starting July 1, residents of British Columbia and Yukon will be allowed to travel back and forth without the need to self-isolate for 14 days. BC residents entering Yukon will need to provide documentation proving their BC residence at the border or airport, such as a driver's licence.

Also from July 1, residents of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut will be allowed to enter Yukon without needing to self-isolate for 14 days, as long as they travel directly to Yukon from one of the territories or through BC.

[Read the news release.](#)

June 17 – 14:16 – COVID-19 update

COVID-19 case count

As of today, June 17, at 2 p.m. the COVID-19 case count remains at 11 in the territory. All of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered. There are no active cases in the territory and 1,245 people have been tested. We have had no new cases since April 20.

Full dental services to resume in Yukon

Dental professionals may again offer full dental services in the territory beginning on July 1. All dental care except emergency and urgent procedures had previously been suspended due to the pandemic on March 27. The Chief Medical Officer of Health has recommended the resumption of full dental services as part of the territory's COVID-19 reopening plan, which enters Phase 2 on July 1.

[Read the news release.](#)

June 12 – 14:32 – Tenants continue to receive protection during COVID-19 pandemic

Residential tenants who are under a health protection measure after June 25 or who need to breach their tenancy agreement because they are under a COVID-19 health protection order will continue to be protected from eviction.

As of July 1, all tenants must pay their rent in full as set in their tenancy agreements, unless they are prevented from doing so because they are subject to a health protection measure.

[Read the news release.](#)

June 12 – 14:18 – COVID-19 update

As of today, June 12, at 2 p.m. the COVID-19 case count remains at 11 in the territory. All of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered. There are no active cases in the territory and 1,235 people have been tested. We have had no new cases since April 20.

State of emergency extended

On the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Government of Yukon is extending the state of emergency under the Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA) for another 90 days, as of today. This will allow the government to continue to use every tool at its disposal to protect the health and safety of Yukoners during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Read the news release.](#)

June 9 – 10:04 – Recycling services resume across Yukon

Most recycling services across the territory have now resumed after being suspended since March 30. Raven Recycling and many rural recycling and bottle depots are now open during their regular hours. People are encouraged to contact their local depot to confirm, as some rural depots are still working to reopen as quickly as possible.

Free stores remain closed until further notice but textile recycling is available at all depots. Neither Raven Recycling nor any of the rural depots will accept Styrofoam, as there is no viable market for that product.

[Read the news release.](#)

June 9 – 14:08 – Face-to-face classes on track to resume for 2020–21 school year

The Government of Yukon is planning for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students to return to classes in school at the start of the 2020–21 school year.

As part of A Path Forward: Yukon’s plan for lifting COVID-19 restrictions, initial health and safety guidance for Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools has been developed with Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health to start planning for changes to the operations of Yukon schools for the 2020–21 school year. Health and safety guidelines will be developed before the start of the 2020–21 school year.

[Read the news release.](#)

June 5 – 14:43 – COVID-19 update

As of today, June 5, at 2 p.m. the COVID-19 case count remains at 11 in the territory.

All of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered. There are no active cases in the territory and 1,201 people have been tested. We have had no new cases since April 20.

[Read the information bulletin.](#)

June 2 – 15:57 – Disability Services families to receive additional support

Disability Services families are receiving additional funding to help support them during the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible families will receive an additional \$250 to \$400 per month to help pay for supports, as there has been a significant reduction of services available in the community due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 2020

May 29 – 14:14 – Easing of COVID-19 restrictions continues with details of Phase II announced

Today the Government of Yukon and the Chief Medical Officer of Health provided a progress update on easing COVID-19 restrictions in Yukon. Premier Silver and Dr. Hanley confirmed that if conditions continue trending positively Yukon is on track to begin Phase II on July 1.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 29 – 12:21 – Respiratory Assessment Centre closing this week

Following the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Respiratory Assessment Centre (RAC) will close end of day on Sunday, May 31, 70 days after opening.

The RAC was established to respond to the need for respiratory illness assessment, high rates of influenza and COVID-19 testing outside of the acute care system and at Yukon Communicable Disease.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 29 – 09:49 – Parks and campgrounds ready to open on June 4

Territorial parks and campgrounds will open for the 2020 season on June 4 at 9 a.m.

Facilities including outhouses, boat launches, playgrounds and picnic shelters will be open. Yukoners are encouraged to be as self-contained as possible and to take the following precautions:

- Pre-purchase your camping permit online or at a vendor.
- Pack everything you need before leaving town to limit stops in the communities.
- Only buy supplies in the community if stores are welcoming business.
- Bring extra water, soap, hand sanitizer and toilet paper.
- Only camp with members of your “combined household bubble,” maximum one bubble per site.
- Clean your picnic table and other common use areas before and after use.
- Use your RV’s toilet, if you have one.
- Follow all park and campground rules and the 6 steps to staying safe.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 26 – 14:13 – COVID-19 update

As of today, May 26, at 2 p.m. the case count remains at 11 cases of COVID-19 in the territory.

All of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered. There are no active cases in the territory and 1,159 people have been tested. We have had no new cases since April 20.

We have traced each case in Yukon as far as its origin which means there continues to be no known community spread in the

we have traced each case in Yukon so far to its origin which means there continues to be no known community spread in the territory. We assume community spread has occurred when we can no longer trace how somebody became infected.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 22 – 15:01 – Funding to help Yukon employers hire students for critical and essential services

The Government of Yukon is providing \$750,000 to help Yukon employers create new summer employment for graduating and postsecondary students in critical and essential services. This funding is in addition to recent funding supports announced through the Yukon Essential Worker Income Support Program.

The Staffing Up labour market funding program together with the Yukon Essential Workers Income Support Program will provide employers with up to \$20 per hour for each new student position hired into critical and essential service positions, to a maximum of 40 hours per week and 16 weeks of employment.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 22 – 14:23 – COVID-19 update

As of today, May 22, at 2 p.m. the case count remains at 11 cases of COVID-19 in the territory.

All of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered. There are no active cases in the territory and 1,145 people have been tested. We have had no new cases since April 20.

We have traced each case in Yukon so far to its origin which means there continues to be no known community spread in the territory. We assume community spread has occurred when we can no longer trace how somebody became infected.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 20 – 15:16 – Government of Yukon extends support to Yukon businesses

The Yukon Business Relief Program is being extended to provide continued support to Yukon businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Yukon Business Relief Program helps Yukon businesses that have experienced a 30 per cent reduction in revenue and

need immediate support to cover fixed costs, including rent, utilities and business insurance. Eligible businesses can apply for a grant of up to \$30,000 per month to cover fixed costs. The program has been extended to July 23, 2020.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 19 – 14:31 – Government of Yukon offering support to families impacted by COVID-19

Families with children in Kindergarten to Grade 12 who have been impacted by COVID-19 are eligible for \$250 per student from the Government of Yukon.

Face-to-face classes are suspended for the remainder of the 2019–20 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students are learning from home with support and guidance from teachers and school staff. This funding will help to offset costs for Yukon families with children learning from home during this time.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 19 – 14:15 – COVID-19 update

As of today, May 19, at 2 p.m. the case count remains at 11 cases of COVID-19 in the territory.

All of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered. There are no active cases in the territory and 1,134 people have been tested. We have had no new cases since April 20.

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May 15 – 14:19 – Plan to ease COVID-19 restrictions released with start of Phase I

The Government of Yukon and the Chief Medical Officer of Health have released A Path Forward: Yukon's plan for lifting COVID-19 restrictions.

A Path Forward presents a gradual and phased approach to lifting COVID-19 restrictions, with a focus on protecting communities and vulnerable residents, and on preventing the re-introduction and spread of COVID-19 in Yukon. The plan lays

out the principles that will guide decisions on easing restrictions. They are based on public health advice and best practices across Canada adapted to fit Yukon's local context. Phase I: Restart of A Path Forward begins today, following the easing of certain restrictions already announced during the previous "response phase" of the plan.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 14 – 15:55 – Additional enforcement officers, information station for travellers will help protect Yukon from COVID-19

Starting Friday, May 15, a new roadside information station outside of Whitehorse will ensure travellers in transit through Yukon understand their mandated route through the territory and the restrictions in place under the Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA).

CEMA enforcement officers are now in place in Carmacks, Mayo, Dawson, Ross River, Faro, Haines Junction, Old Crow, Teslin and Watson Lake. RCMP remain available to support enforcement in all communities, and may issue fines or make arrests of those found violating the CEMA orders.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 14 – 13:01 – Yukon Forum focuses on COVID-19

Yukon's Premier, Cabinet members, Council of Yukon First Nation's Grand Chief and Yukon First Nations Chiefs met virtually today for the Yukon Forum.

The meeting focused on how the governments can work together to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Leaders discussed health and social supports, the economy, education, treaty rights, and Yukon's comprehensive reopening strategy, which will be unveiled tomorrow.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 14 – 09:05 – Pharmacists to have new practice options during COVID-19 pandemic

The Government of Yukon has introduced temporary changes for pharmacists to ensure Yukoners can continue to safely access needed prescriptions during the COVID-19 pandemic. The changes will also support effective and efficient health care

during this time.

Under these temporary changes, pharmacists will have new options for extending prescriptions and also a limited ability to initiate prescriptions. The temporary changes support Health Canada's March 2020 exemption under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* to maintain Yukoners' access to controlled substances for medical treatments. Minor changes to pharmacists' licensing requirements ensure pharmacists are supported in their work and Yukoners have better access to pharmacy services.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 13 – 14:33 – Online meetings now supported for annual general meetings under the Civil Emergency Measures Act

Yukon's societies, business corporations and cooperatives can now hold their official meetings online with electronic and teleconferencing technology.

Last week, Community Services extended the deadlines for AGMs as an interim measure. A Ministerial Order under the Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA) issued today provides additional flexibility for groups wishing to hold annual general meetings (AGMs) right away. Depending upon organizations' articles, bylaws and partnership agreements, the current COVID19 ban on gatherings of more than 10 people can impede businesses, societies and other organizations from holding AGMs as required by the current legislation governing them.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 13 – 10:01 – Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health releases motor vehicle report

Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health has released a report called *Motor Vehicles in Yukon: A Public Health Perspective*. The aim of the report, which is based on detailed data from a range of sources, is to provide direction that will help to reduce motor vehicle collision injuries in Yukon.

The report includes seven key recommendations.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 12 – 14:14 – COVID-19 update

As of today, May 12, at 2 p.m. the case count remains at 11 cases of COVID-19 in the territory.

All of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered. There are no active cases in the territory and 1,106 individuals have been tested.

We have traced each case in Yukon so far to its origin which means there continues to be no known community spread in the territory. We assume community spread has occurred when we can no longer trace how somebody became infected.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 11 – 14:18 – New support will help tenants pay rent during COVID-19

Tenants and landlords who are affected by income losses during the COVID-19 pandemic will receive support from the Government of Yukon's new COVID-19 Rent Assist program.

Tenants living in private non-subsidized market rental housing in Yukon who have lost 30 per cent or more of their income due to COVID-19 are eligible for a grant to help cover rent from April to June 2020. Eligible households can receive 50% of median market rent based on unit size using the Whitehorse median market rent:

- \$415 per month for a bachelor, or room in a house;
- \$500 per month for a 1 bedroom;
- \$600 per month for a 2 bedroom; and
- \$800 per month for a 3 bedroom or larger.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 8 – 14:33 – Yukon launches non-medical COVID-19 information line

Yukoners will now find it easier to get non-medical COVID-19 information with the launch of a new, dedicated COVID-19 InfoLine. The InfoLine can provide Yukon specific information about travel and borders, self-isolation and physical distancing, enforcement, and the various social and economic supports for businesses and families.

Yukoners can reach the COVID-19 InfoLine at 877-374-0425 between 7:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. seven days a week. Information is available in English, French, Gwich'in, Tagalog, Cantonese, Arabic, German, Hindi, Punjabi and many other languages. Non-medical COVID-19 information is also available online at [Yukon.ca/covid-19](https://yukon.ca/covid-19) and by email: covid19info@gov.yk.ca

[Read the news release.](#)

May 8 – 14:27 – COVID-19 update

As of today, May 8, at 2 p.m. the case count remains at 11 cases of COVID-19 in the territory.

All of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered. There are no active cases in the territory and 1,075 individuals have been tested.

We have traced each case in Yukon so far to its origin which means there continues to be no known community spread in the territory. We assume community spread has occurred when we can no longer trace how somebody became infected.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 8 – 10:34 – Drug use reminder issued in times of pandemic

The Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley, and Yukon's Chief Coroner Heather Jones are cautioning Yukon residents around drug use after seven drug-related deaths since January 2020: three deaths in March and April are confirmed as fentanyl-related, while three deaths from January and February are still awaiting toxicology confirmation of drug content.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 5 – 14:16 – Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health provides update on COVID-19

As of today, May 5, at 2 p.m. the case count remains at 11 cases of COVID-19 in the territory.

All of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered. There are no active cases in the territory and 1,041 individuals have been tested.

We have traced each case in Yukon so far to its origin which means there continues to be no known community spread in the territory. We assume community spread has occurred when we can no longer trace how somebody became infected.

[Read the information bulletin.](#)

May 4 – 12:48 – New support available for Yukon’s aviation industry

Yukon’s aviation sector will receive \$3.56 million in support to help compensate for lost revenues as a result of COVID-19.

The government will flow federal funding to aviation businesses to support critical and essential routes and the transportation of vital supplies. The \$3.56 million in funding is Yukon’s portion of Government of Canada support announced on April 14.

[Read the news release.](#)

May 1 – 14:14 – Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health provides update on COVID-19

As of today, May 1, at 2 p.m. the case count remains at 11 cases of COVID-19 in the territory.

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[Read the information bulletin.](#)

May 1 – 13:01 – New orders under Civil Emergency Measures Act come into force

Three new Ministerial Orders under the Civil Emergency Measures Act are now in force that will allow government to be responsive to the evolving state of emergency in Yukon.

[Read the news release.](#)

April 2020

April 28, 2020 – 16:05 – Temporary changes to licensing requirements for certain Yukon drivers

Yukon seniors will remain mobile and commercial drivers can continue deliveries during the COVID-19 pandemic following passage of a new Driver Medical Order.

The Ministerial Order specifies affected drivers will not be penalized or face licence suspensions if they cannot provide their medical examination certificate during the state of emergency. Commercial drivers can continue to provide their vital service to Yukon communities and drivers aged 70 years and older will not have restrictions placed on their mobility.

The exemption period started on March 18 and will end 90 days after the end of the state of emergency declared by the government.

[Read the news release.](#)

April 28, 2020 – 14:18 – Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health provides update on COVID-19

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, April 28, at 2 p.m. the case count remains at 11 cases of COVID-19 in the territory.

Eight of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered and all others are doing well at home.

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[Read the information bulletin.](#)

April 27, 2020 – 13:31 – Canada Emergency Response Benefit to be exempted from Yukon Social Assistance

Yukoners receiving Social Assistance benefits will not experience a reduction if they receive the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).

Currently, under Yukon’s Social Assistance Regulation the CERB would qualify as unearned income and result in a reduction in the total amount of Social Assistance benefits. Forthcoming changes under the Civil Emergency Measures Act will fully exempt CERB payments from April to June 2020.

[Read the news release.](#)

April 27, 2020 – 13:01 – Yukon receives ventilators from federal emergency response services

Yukon has received six ventilators from the Public Health Agency of Canada’s emergency response services, significantly increasing the territory’s capacity to provide acute care in response to COVID-19.

Yukon now has a total of 15 ventilators distributed between the Yukon Hospital Corporation and Emergency Medical Services. Five of the new ventilators have been assigned to Whitehorse General Hospital, one intensive care unit Puritan Bennett 840 model and four of the portable Newport HT-50 models. One additional portable ventilator has been assigned to Emergency Medical Services.

[Read the news release.](#)

April 24, 2020 – 14:37 – Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health provides update on COVID-19

COVID-19 cases and recoveries

As of today, April 24, at 3 p.m. the case count remains at 11 cases of COVID-19 in the territory.

Eight of the 11 people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered and all others are doing well at home. No one has had to go to a hospital.

Daily updates

Information about COVID-19 tests is published daily on Yukon.ca. This includes how many confirmed cases there are in Yukon, how many tests have been negative, how many results are pending, the total number of tests and how many people have recovered.

[Read the information bulletin.](#)

April 23, 2020 – 15:18 – Property tax payment deadline extended to September 2

The Government of Yukon has extended the deadline for property tax payments from July 2 to September 2, 2020 for citizens and businesses.

Minister of Community Services John Streicker signed a Ministerial Order under the Civil Emergency Measures Act today that will provide Yukon property owners whose incomes are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with the ability to pay their property taxes up to September 2 without penalty.

[Read the news release.](#)

April 22, 2020 – 15:00 – Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health provides update on COVID-19

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[Read the information bulletin.](#)

April 20, 2020 – 15:11 – Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health provides update on COVID-19

As of today, April 20, at 3 p.m. there are 2 new cases of COVID-19 in the territory, bringing the total number of cases to 11. The new cases relate to a cluster in Whitehorse that is associated with international travel. Contact tracing and investigation continue.

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infected.

[Read the information bulletin.](#)

April 17, 2020 – 15:22 – Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health provides update on COVID-19

As of today, April 17, at 3 p.m. there is 1 new case of COVID-19 in the territory, bringing the total number of cases to 9. The new case is in Whitehorse and related to international travel. Contact tracing is underway.

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[Read the information bulletin.](#)

April 17, 2020 – 15:09 – New border control measures come into force

A new Border Control Measures Order to strengthen enforcement at all Yukon borders during the COVID-19 emergency is now in force.

Minister of Community Services John Streicker signed the Ministerial Order under the Civil Emergency Measures Act as a means to ensure that enforcement officers stationed at Yukon’s borders have the legal authority and tools needed to deny entry to non-essential travellers while still permitting essential and critical services and people to return home.

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April 14, 2020 – 15:30 – Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health provides update on COVID-19

As of today, April 14, at 3 p.m. the number of cases of COVID-19 in Yukon remains at eight with seven cases in Whitehorse and one in a community.

Six of the eight people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have recovered and no one has had to go to a hospital.

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April 9, 2020 – 14:09 – Yukon businesses to receive relief funding

Yukon businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic will receive funding from the Government of Yukon to cover fixed business costs, including rent, utilities and business insurance.

The Yukon Business Relief Program will help Yukon businesses that have experienced a 30 per cent reduction in revenue and require immediate relief. Eligible businesses can apply for a grant of up to \$30,000 per month to cover fixed costs from March 23 to May 22, 2020.

[Read the news release.](#)

April 8, 2020 – 15:10 – Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health provides update on COVID-19

As of today, April 8, at 3 p.m. the number of cases of COVID-19 in Yukon is eight.

The eighth case is in a rural Yukon community. The patient is self-isolating and doing well at home. This case is linked to international travel.

Four of the eight people who have contracted COVID-19 in Yukon have now recovered and no one has had to go to a hospital.

[Read the information bulletin.](#)

April 7, 2020 – 14:12 – Face-to-face classes suspended for remainder of 2019–20 school year

The Government of Yukon’s Minister of Education, Tracy-Anne McPhee, has suspended face-to-face classes for the remainder of the 2019–20 school year, on the recommendation of Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Student learning will continue through alternative learning opportunities starting on April 16 for the remainder of the school year. Yukon Learning Continuity Requirements have been developed and shared with Yukon schools to inform plans for at-home learning throughout the territory. The Department of Education worked with the British Columbia Ministry of Education and a committee of educators and central administration staff to develop the new requirements.

[Read the news release.](#)

April 6, 2020 – 16:17 – Parks and campgrounds opening delayed until June

The Government of Yukon is delaying the opening of territorial parks and campgrounds and sale of camping permits until June to protect the public, staff and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Read the news release.](#)

April 6, 2020 – 15:34 – Government of Yukon provides more details about enforcement at Yukon borders

As of 8 a.m. on Monday, April 6, Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA) Enforcement Officers have been placed at Yukon borders and at the Whitehorse airport as a measure to ensure that all travellers have the information they need to keep themselves and Yukoners safe from the spread of COVID-19.

[Read the news release.](#)

April 6, 2020 – 15:25 – Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health provides update on COVID-19

As of today, April 6, at 3 p.m. the number of cases of COVID-19 in Yukon is seven.

Four of the seven people who have contracted COVID-19 have now recovered and all others are isolating and doing well at home. No Yukon cases have required medical treatment.

[Read the information bulletin.](#)

April 6, 2020 – 12:59 – Child care operators receive additional funding

Yukon’s licensed child care centres and family day homes will receive additional funding to provide care to children during the COVID-19 response and beyond it. The Government of Yukon will cover staff wages as well as eligible building expenses, including rent, utilities and cleaning costs. The funding will support child care operators and enable them to avoid charging parent fees as Yukon responds to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Read the news release.](#)

April 3, 2020 – 16:01 – Government of Yukon provides phones to vulnerable women during COVID-19 pandemic

The Government of Yukon is partnering with the Yukon Status of Women Council and Northwestel to ensure that women vulnerable to violence in Yukon have safe access to cell phones and the internet during COVID-19.

The Government of Yukon will provide 325 phones with capability for voice and internet access to vulnerable women for the next four months. This will give women options to safely access the support they need.

[Read the news release.](#)

April 3, 2020 – 15:11 – Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health provides update on COVID-19

As of today, April 3, at 3 p.m. the number of cases of COVID-19 in Yukon remains at six.

Four of the six people who contracted COVID-19 have now recovered and all others are isolating and doing well at home. No Yukon cases have required medical treatment.

Yukon continues to have no documented cases of community transmission. All identified infections in the territory so far are connected to travel outside Yukon or to known contacts. Community transmission occurs when it is no longer possible to trace how somebody became infected. Physical spacing measures are people’s best protection against unknown community transmission.

[Read the information bulletin.](#)

April 2, 2020 – 14:09 – Emergency measures and guidance to protect Yukoners from the spread of COVID-19 announced today

The Government of Yukon is protecting Yukoners from the spread of COVID-19 by introducing Civil Emergency Measures Health Protection (COVID-19) Orders. This now ensures that orders given by the Chief Medical Officer of Health are enforceable under the Civil Emergency Measures Act. Today’s action also defines critical and essential services in a new set of guidelines.

The guidelines will provide Yukoners and critical service providers the clarity needed to determine who can safely travel and work throughout the territory.

[Read the news release.](#)

April 1, 2020 – 14:36 – Yukon businesses to benefit from funding for cancelled events

The Government of Yukon today announced details of supports available to address the economic impacts of event cancellations related to COVID-19.

Minister Pillai announced the Temporary Support for Events Funding Program, which will help businesses recover certain costs from the cancellation of major events due to COVID-19. Major events are those which would have had gatherings of more than 50 people, such as the Arctic Winter Games or Yukon Native Hockey Tournament. These costs relate specifically to perishable goods and the cancellation of accommodation and services. All eligible Yukon businesses and NGOs may apply.

[Read the news release.](#)

April 1, 2020 – 14:01 – Comprehensive Review of Health and Social Services report receives 30 day extension

Following a request from the Independent Expert Panel, the deadline for the submission of the Panel's final report has been granted a 30 day extension. The Independent Expert Panel requested this extension, citing circumstantial challenges due to COVID-19 as the reason for this request.

[Read the news release.](#)

March 2020

March 30, 2020 – 14:46 – Recycling services, tipping fees temporarily suspended in light of COVID-19 pandemic

In order to protect users and workers at waste facilities from the spread of COVID-19, the Government of Yukon has requested

that during the COVID-19 public health emergency all free stores and recycling depots close on or before April 1, 2020.

[Read the news release.](#)

March 27, 2020 – 15:15 – Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health provides update on COVID-19

As of today, March 27, at 3 p.m. there are four cases of COVID-19 in Yukon. All four people are doing well at home. Yukoners are urged to behave as if COVID-19 is already in their community. They should continue to keep a physical distance of two meters or six feet from each other and practice greater hygiene. As many Yukoners will know, the Government of Canada now requires mandatory 14-day self-isolation for everyone entering Canada even if they do not have COVID-19 symptoms.

[Read the information bulletin.](#)

March 27, 2020 – 15:08 – Yukon declares state of emergency in response to COVID-19

The Government of Yukon is declaring a state of emergency under the Civil Emergency Measures Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This does not indicate a significant change in circumstances or an increased risk to Yukoners but prepares the government to take rapid action if needed.

[Read the news release.](#)

March 27, 2020 – 14:34 – Special guide licence application period delayed

The Government of Yukon is delaying the application period for the special guide licence lottery until June. This decision is in response to concerns related to COVID-19 and travel restrictions across the country.

[Read the news release.](#)

March 27, 2020 – 14:14 – Interim supports for arts and culture sectors announced

To help address the impacts the COVID-19 pandemic is having on the arts and culture sectors, \$275,000 will be available through three temporary funding initiatives:

- The Advanced Artist Award is increased by \$75,000

- The Arts Fund is increased by \$125,000
- On Yukon Time funding program has been granted \$75,000

[Read the news release.](#)

March 27, 2020 – 13:16 – Government announces \$1 million increase to tourism cooperative marketing fund

To help address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Yukon’s tourism sector, the Government of Yukon has announced a one-time \$1 million increase to its Tourism Cooperative Marketing Fund (TCMF), bringing the total available funding to \$1.7 million for the 2020–21 fiscal year.

[Read the news release.](#)

March 26, 2020 – 17:57 – Potential COVID-19 exposure in Yukon

The Government of Yukon is notifying Yukoners of two possible sources of COVID-19 exposure in the territory. As a precaution, any individuals who attended these places on these days are to monitor themselves for the following symptoms for up to 14 days and call 811 if they develop them:

- fever;
- cough; or
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

Bethany Church

If you attended these specific gatherings at Bethany Church on March 8 or 15, you may have been exposed to COVID-19:

March 8: Sunday morning gathering or the “Kids Zone”

March 15: Sunday morning gathering

Elias Dental

If you attended Elias Dental March 9 to 13 or on March 16, you may have been exposed to COVID-19.

[Read the information bulletin](#)

March 26, 2020 – 16:29 – Government of Yukon is making sure Yukoners have home security during COVID-19

The Government of Yukon passed new regulations under the Residential Landlord and Tenant Act today. These regulations prevent evictions over the next 90 days for residential tenants who are self-isolating or unable to pay their rent on time due to COVID-19.

[Read the news release.](#)

March 26, 2020 – 16:26 – Aviation fees waived

The Government of Yukon is waiving all airport landing, aircraft parking fees and loading fees in Yukon.

[Read the news release.](#)

March 26, 2020 – 16:22 – New financial support for Yukon businesses and workers

The Government of Yukon today announced economic supports related to COVID-19. A new rebate program for Yukon employers to benefit workers and self-employed individuals in response to the economic impacts of COVID-19 was announced by Minister Pillai today.

[Read the news release.](#)

March 25, 2020 – 15:27 – COVID-19 Business Advisory Council established

The Government of Yukon has established a COVID-19 Business Advisory Council to ensure the needs of Yukon's business community are heard as we address the economic impacts of COVID-19. This council includes stakeholders from a wide variety of sectors who will contribute their knowledge and experience representing diverse aspects of Yukon's economy. Together they will inform the Department of Economic Development with local business intelligence, identify best practices and recommend mitigation strategies to address the economic impacts of COVID-19.

[Read the news release.](#)

March 25, 2020 – 10:44 – Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer Update

As of today, March 25, at 10 a.m. there are 3 cases of COVID-19 in Yukon.

This third case is related to travel outside of Yukon. The individual was tested on Monday, March 23 and test results were received this morning. The individual is doing well at home and contact tracing has begun.

Information about COVID-19 tests is published regularly on Yukon.ca. This includes how many confirmed cases there are in Yukon, how many test have been negative, how many results are pending and the total number of tests.

[Read the information bulletin.](#)

March 22, 2020 – 19:23 – Chief Medical Officer of Health provides updates

Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley has the following on measures being taken in response to COVID-19 pandemic.

[Read the information bulletin.](#)

March 22, 2020 – 19:23 – COVID-19 confirmed in Yukon

Dr. Brendan Hanley, Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH), has confirmed the first 2 cases of COVID-19 in the territory.

The 2 cases were confirmed Sunday morning.

The 2 Whitehorse residents are from the same household. They returned from the United States last week and went into self-isolation. When symptoms presented, they contacted Yukon Communicable Disease for testing. They have mild illness and are continuing to self-isolate at home.

[Read the news release.](#)

March 20, 2020 – 17:00 Canada-US border travel restrictions

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Canada and the United States are temporarily restricting all non-essential travel across their borders to limit the spread of COVID-19. This is a precautionary measure, in line with the directions on social distancing that are being given by health officials across the country.

Starting at 9 p.m. PDT Friday, March 20, 2020, discretionary, recreational and tourist travel between Canada and the US will no longer be allowed, including Yukon-Alaska border crossings. This will last for 30 days and means Yukoners will not be able to cross the border for recreational activities such as skiing.

[Read the news release.](#)

March 20, 2020 – 09:34 – Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer Update

As of today, March 20, at 9:30 a.m. there are no cases of COVID-19 in Yukon.

Yukon is now receiving COVID-19 test results back from BC more quickly. For now, we will be publishing how many tests have been completed on Yukon.ca on a weekly basis. Information about first cases would be shared with Yukoners as soon as possible.

[Read the information bulletin.](#)

March 19, 2020 – 14:09 – Respiratory centre to open

A respiratory assessment centre is being set up at the Yukon Convention Centre in Whitehorse as part of Yukon’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yukoners who need medical help will be directed to the centre’s services through telephone advice from healthcare professionals. It will not be a drop-in centre.

[Read the news release.](#)

March 18, 2020 – 16:30 – Online COVID-19 self-assessment tool

An online self-assessment tool to help Yukoners determine if they need to be tested for COVID-19 is now available. The screening tool asks a series of questions and takes users through steps to help determine whether they should call the HealthLine at 811 or take other actions.

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March 18, 2020 – 11:30 – Public health emergency declared

Dr. Brendan Hanley, Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, today declared a public health emergency under section 4.3 of the Public Health and Safety Act.

[Read the information bulletin.](#)

March 16, 2020 – 12:32 – Premier Silver announces stimulus package

Premier Silver has announced an economic stimulus package to support local workers and businesses impacted by COVID-19. This money is being made available to help offset the negative impacts of the evolving global situation.

[Read the news release.](#)

March 16, 2020 – 11:27 – Broad new measures for Yukon

Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health is telling all individuals who have travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days to self-isolate. This includes travel to Alaska. Dr. Brendan Hanley is also directing anyone who has travelled outside of Yukon in the last 14 days, or who is feeling sick, not to visit hospitals or long-term care facilities in the territory. Active screening of visitors will be introduced in all care facilities.

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March 13, 2020 – 17:50 – Non-essential international travel

On the advice of the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley, is advising all Yukoners to cancel or postpone all non-essential travel outside of Canada, including the United States.

As of today, there are still no cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Yukon. If Yukoners avoid non-essential international travel this may help slow the introduction of the virus to Yukon.

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March 12, 2020 – 14:35 – March break

Schools will return to normal operations after March break, based on the most current recommendations of Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

However, the situation is rapidly changing in Canada and internationally.

Families and school staff should check this website for updates before returning to school after the break.

March 12, 2020 – 14:35 – School trips

International

The Government of Yukon has cancelled all international school trips, except trips to Alaska. This decision is based on the advice of Yukon's Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Catherine Elliott.

To Alaska

We're deciding about trips to Alaska case by case with Dr. Elliott. If your school has a trip to Alaska coming up, we'll provide an update directly to your school.

Within Canada

School trips within Canada will continue but check in with your school for updates.

March 7, 2020 – 15:06 – Cancellation Arctic Winter Games

The Chief Medical Officer of Health, responsible for public health in Yukon, recommended the cancellation of the 2020 Arctic Winter Games that were scheduled to be held in Whitehorse March 15 through 21.

This recommendation was made out of concern for the health and safety of Yukoners, of all athletes and delegates and for their home communities throughout the circumpolar North.

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