

AFN C-19 National Task Force
Daily Update for: May 29, 2020

Health Sector

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html#a1>

Areas in Canada with cases of COVID-19, as of 2020-05-29 11:01AM EDT

Province	Confirmed Cases	Hospitalization (ICU)*	Deaths	Recovered
BC	2,558	33 (6)	164	2,153
AB	6,955	50 (4)	143	6,160
SK	639	4 (3)	10	568
MB	294	0 (0)	7	273
ON	27,210	826 (129)	2,230	20,983
QC	49,702	1,265 (172)	4,302	15,618
Newfoundland/Lab	261	1 (1)	3	255
NB	126	0 (0)	0	120
NS	1,055	8 (3)	59	978
PEI	27		-	27
Yukon	11		-	11
NWT	5		-	5
Nunavut	0			
Repatriated Travelers	13			
Total	88,856	2,187 (318)	6,918	47,150
Active Cases= 34,778				

*These are numbers of *current* hospitalizations and ICU admissions. Some sources report the total *cumulative* number of hospitalizations and ICU admissions. Also, hospitalization data are amalgamated as they are reported by various hospitals; they are therefore updated sporadically, intermittently, and are likely to be less accurate and current than other data points.

	Cases	Deaths	Recovered
Globally	5,850,258	361,249	2,444,898

- Data is as of May 29 at 10:32am from Johns Hopkins University:
<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

Epidemic Summary

As of **May 8**, 2020 **81%** of COVID-19 cases were related to community transmission, while **19%** were either exposed while travelling or exposed to a traveler coming to Canada.

As of **May 28**, 2020, Canada has an overall case fatality rate of **7.7%**.

As of **May 28**, 2020, **53%** of all Canadian COVID-19 cases are reported to have recovered.

Risk to Canadians

COVID-19 is a serious health threat, and the situation is evolving daily. The risk will vary between and within communities, but given the increasing number of cases in Canada, the risk to Canadians is considered **high**.

There is an increased risk of more severe outcomes for Canadians:

- Aged 65 and over
- With compromised immune systems
- With underlying medical conditions

Data Sources:

British Columbia:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

Alberta: <https://covid19stats.alberta.ca/#cases>

Saskatchewan: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/cases-and-risk-of-covid-19-in-saskatchewan>

Manitoba: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/index.html#cases>

Ontario: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus#section-0>

Quebec: <https://www.inspq.qc.ca/covid-19/donnees>

New Brunswick:

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory_diseases/coronavirus/case-map.html

Nova Scotia: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/data/>

Prince Edward Island: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/pei-covid-19-testing-data>

Newfoundland and Labrador: <https://covid-19-newfoundland-and-labrador-gnl.hub.arcgis.com/>

Yukon: <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>

Northwest Territories: <https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

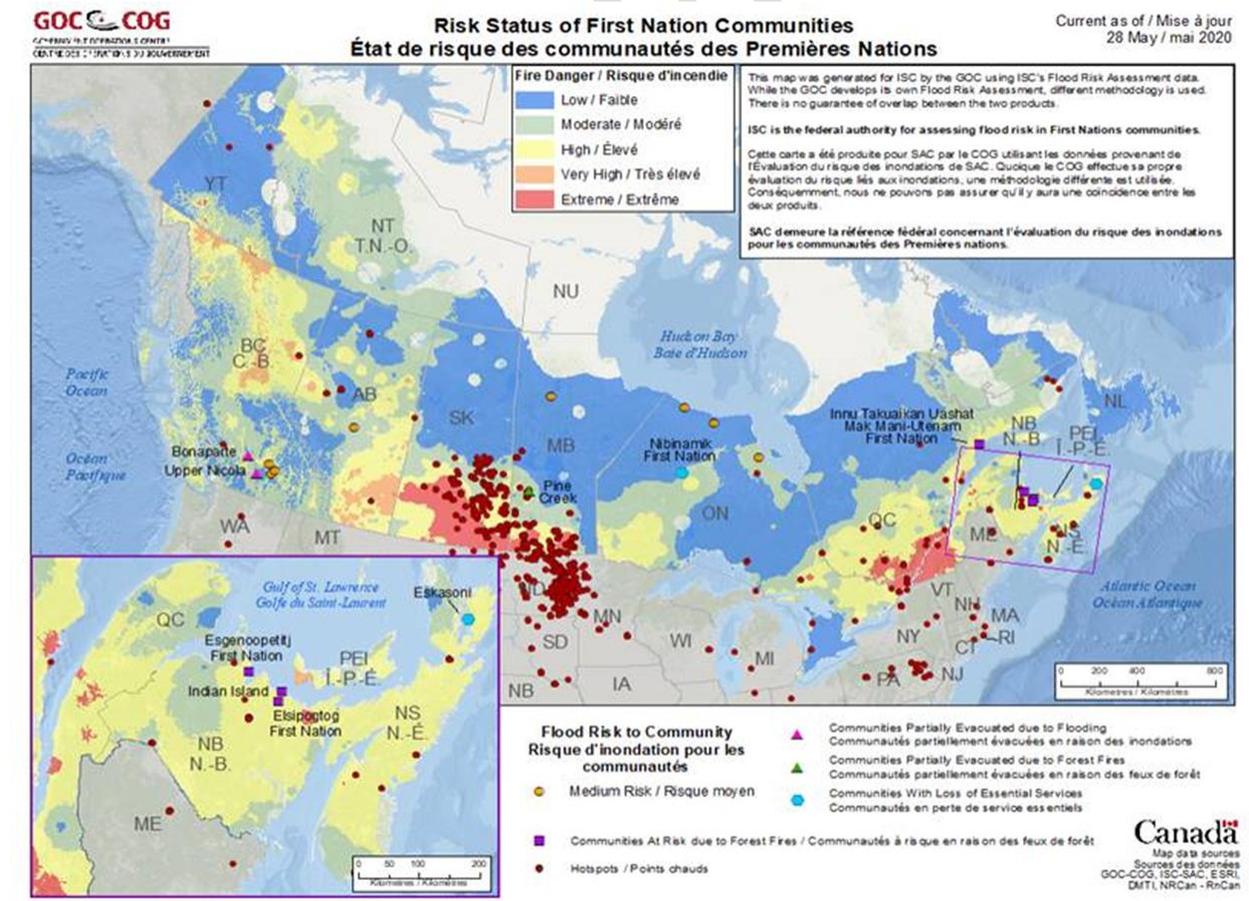
Additional source (national): <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/tracking-every-case-of-covid-19-in-canada-1.4852102#alberta>

Housing, Infrastructure, Water & Emergency Management Sector

Local States of Emergencies:

First Nations Local States of Emergencies:

First Nation States of Emergency- As per ISC report May 29,2020									
Region	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	ATL	Territories	Total
Confirmed	57	32	4	21	69	4	7	2	196



WILDFIRE: - As Per ISC EMD 2020 FN Flood / Wildland Fire Situation Report as of May 28, 2020
Updates in Bold; **Please note that given the decrease in significant incidents, this report will now be issued on a bi-weekly basis**

MANITOBA – Low to Moderate

Pine Creek First Nation (282) (Chief) On-reserve population: 637

- **27MAY2020: Work being completed to repatriate remaining 2 evacuees to house in FN community.**
- **25MAY2020: Fire has grown to 26,000 hectares. Fire is being held.**

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● **BC: FLOOD RISK FORECAST – Decreasing**

- **27MAY2020: Flood Watch issued for Salmon River near Salmon Arm.**
 - **Splatsin First Nation (Chief Wayne Christian)– MODERATE flood risk**
 - **Neskonlith First Nation (Chief Judy Wilson) – MODERATE flood risk**
 - **Okanagan First Nation (Chief Byron Louis) – MODERATE flood risk**

● **AB: FLOOD RISK FORECAST – Moderate to very high**

- **28MAY2020: Flooding on Lac Ste. Anne shores due to high water levels and strong winds.**
- **Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation (437): MODERATE flood risk**

Communications Sector

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<https://globalnews.ca/news/6998271/manitoba-premier-pm-coronavirus-rules-powwow/>

Numbers

<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1581964230816/1581964277298#chap5>

Confirmed cases of COVID-19

On First Nations reserves in provinces, as of May 28, ISC is aware of:

- 214 confirmed positive COVID-19
- 20 hospitalizations
- 176 recovered cases
- 5 deaths

Case numbers per region:

- British Columbia: 41
- Alberta: 39
- Saskatchewan: 50
- Ontario: 49
- Quebec: 35

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Dr. Theresa Tam described Canada as "a series of regional epidemics," with the hardest-hit provinces remaining Ontario and Quebec.

"Even within those jurisdictions, you need to hone in on certain areas," she said as she urged authorities to focus their efforts on hot spots and vulnerable areas such as long-term care homes.

Her assessment proved true on Thursday as various provinces experienced setbacks and successes in the fight against the virus.

New Brunswick's provincial legislature abruptly adjourned, a day after officials confirmed a health-care worker who had travelled outside New Brunswick was at the origin of a cluster that has grown to at least six cases in the Campbellton area.

Premier Blaine Higgs has said the health-care worker was in contact with "multiple patients" over a two-week period after returning to the province without self-isolating. The area, near the border with Quebec, will now have to return to tighter restrictions on physical distancing. Tam said the response shows public health officials across the country are taking a cautious approach to reopening.

"I think there has always been the message in different jurisdictions that there's a flexibility in the public health system to reinstate or pull back on some of the measures as they see fit, based on their own epidemiological context," she said.

Ontario also experienced a small setback as it reported 383 new cases of COVID-19 on Thursday, after several consecutive days of fewer than 300 new cases. It brings the provincial total to 26,866, an increase of 1.4 per cent over the previous day.

The province continued to deal with the fallout of a scathing Canadian Armed Forces report alleging "horrific" conditions in five long-term care homes, including insect infestations, poor hygiene and aggressive behaviour toward residents.

On Thursday, five Ontario Liberal MPs representing ridings with long-term care homes "devastated" by COVID-19 urged Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Health Minister Patty Hajdu to push the province to hold a full inquiry into the province's long-term care system. They said Ottawa should work with the provinces to develop "enforceable national standards."

Trudeau did not hold his usual COVID-19 news conference, as he co-hosted a major United Nations conference and prepared for a Thursday evening first ministers meeting.

Canada is competing for one of two non-permanent seats on the UN Security Council next month, and Trudeau is running on a platform of trying to help rebuild the post-pandemic world.

"And for the global economy to recover, and for our domestic economies to bounce back, we need a global, co-ordinated plan," Trudeau told the videoconference. "Our citizens need to have confidence in international institutions that leave no one behind and are capable of overcoming global challenges."

Manitoba's premier, meanwhile, called on Trudeau to clear up mixed messages about Indigenous ceremonies after a First Nation chief said his community would hold its annual powwow next month, even if provincial public health orders continue to limit the size of gatherings.

"Now is not the time to begin to disrespect public health orders that have kept Manitobans safe — all Manitobans," Brian Pallister said.

He said he would be bringing up the issue on a call with Trudeau later Thursday.

Chief Cornell McLean said that after careful consideration Lake Manitoba First Nation decided to go ahead with the community's traditional powwow, although he promised social distancing measures would be in place.

"It is our culture," McLean said.

In Quebec, Premier Francois Legault said that outside of seniors residences, the infection rate is decreasing — even in Montreal, the epicentre of the virus in Canada. The number of daily new cases of COVID-19 in the city has been decreasing for the past week.

Legault said another piece of good news is that the province's hospitals have 173 fewer COVID-19 patients than they did a week ago.

However, new projections released by Quebec on Thursday warned that hospitalizations and deaths could increase by August if the majority of Montrealers don't follow public health directives.

The models were divided on what will happen if compliance is strong, with 50 per cent projecting a gradual reduction in hospitalizations and deaths, and the other half suggesting those numbers could still increase.

The operation of long-term care homes and paid sick leave for workers is expected to be front and centre on the agenda when Trudeau hosts the first ministers' call.

The prime minister has promised federal support in both areas but his offer has been met with mixed reactions from provincial and territorial leaders.

Legault has said the province's corporate leaders want to know who will pay for Trudeau's promise to ensure 10 days of paid sick leave for workers who fall ill with COVID-19 or are required to go into quarantine after exposure.

On long-term care homes, Legault came close to suggesting the feds should butt out, apart from sending the provinces more money for health care in general, which they could then spend as they see fit.

In contrast to Legault, Ontario Premier Doug Ford has been vocally grateful for the offer of federal help.

Trudeau on Wednesday repeatedly stressed that the federal government will respect provincial jurisdiction as it embarks on a discussion with the premiers.

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Ronald Bonnetrouge says MLAs have been patient so far with the territorial government's response to COVID-19.

But in the legislature Thursday, that patience seemed to run out.

Bonnetrouge, the MLA for Deh Cho, took aim at Finance Minister Caroline Wawzonek over liquor regulations. On April 16, the government announced liquor purchases would be restricted to \$200. Some First Nations leaders, including the Dene Nation, have sought stronger measures.

In a member's statement, Bonnetrouge said cash benefits flowing as a result of the pandemic have contributed to the problem with alcohol in his constituency. He said leaders there requested a temporary prohibition order, only to be told that couldn't happen without a plebiscite taking place.

"And all that during the time of a pandemic," he said.

In questioning the minister, Bonnetrouge said private establishments in Fort Providence, N.W.T., had been willing to limit sales to address the situation. He wanted to know why the government couldn't consider taking similar emergency steps.

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Wawzonek explained that the pandemic did not give her the authority to overwrite the Liquor Act.

"I believe there's an element missing from this process," Bonnetrouge said. "It's consulting with regular MLAs."

"There's many heads on this side that would have ideas having to deal with this pandemic. And we've got a vast range of experience on this side that could offer suggestions to make it happen."

Striking a balance

Wawzonek took issue with that statement, citing many instances of engagement on the issue, including weekly phone calls with Indigenous leaders.

"We certainly did have some correspondence on this particular issue," she said, "some people seeking complete prohibition, others saying please don't do that."

Wawzonek said the resulting restrictions were meant to strike a balance between stopping bootleggers from buying large amounts of liquor for resale in small communities, while making sure people had enough access to liquor that they didn't resort to other sources.

Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh MLA Steve Norn also wanted to see less access to alcohol. His questions prompted a long list of dates on which phone calls were made or letters were sent to various Indigenous leaders.

"There's not a simple solution to this," Wawzonek said. "I'm not going to make everybody happy."

Wawzonek also said the Liquor Act and regulations aren't going to address the more fundamental issue of alcohol abuse in the territory.

"It's a crisis and it needs to be addressed."

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<https://vancouversun.com/pmn/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/feds-provide-more-funds-to-help-remote-indigenous-communities-cope-with-pandemic/wcm/7012509c-857b-41de-9a2e-4421426cac33/>

OTTAWA — The federal government is to spend millions more to help remote and rural Indigenous communities cope with the COVID-19 crisis.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is expected to announce today significant new funding for First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities, part of which is intended to help them bolster their public health response to the pandemic.

That could include measures such as hiring more health workers, building isolation facilities or purchasing medical supplies and equipment.

Another part of the funding is to help residents in these remote communities pay for the pandemic-induced increase in their cost of living.

And a third part is to help communities build women's shelters amid reports that domestic violence has spiked as families have been forced to isolate themselves to curb the spread of the deadly virus that causes COVID-19.

The new funding is on top of the \$305-million Indigenous Community Support Fund, which the federal government created in March to help First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities prepare for and cope with the pandemic.

Of that \$305 million, \$15 million was allotted to organizations that serve urban and off-reserve Indigenous People, who make up more than half of Canada's Indigenous population. The government last week added another \$75 million for off-reserve organizations.

Residents of remote Indigenous communities are considered among the most vulnerable during the pandemic.

They often have no ready access to health care and many live in over-crowded conditions that are ripe for spread of disease and make it difficult to isolate those who may have been exposed.

While there have been some isolated outbreaks, the worst fears of officials about COVID-19 spreading like wildfire through Indigenous communities have so far not materialized.

However, officials warn the crisis is far from over and Canada could face a second wave of COVID-19 cases in the fall.

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Pallister said he would be bringing up the issue on a call with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau later Thursday.

"We are not people who believe in two-tiered health," the premier added.

Thousands of people usually travel across the country to dance and reconnect during the powwow season. This year, most traditional gatherings have been cancelled or delayed over concerns about the novel coronavirus or due to restrictions on how many people can gather.

But Lake Manitoba First Nation Chief Cornell McLean says leadership has made the decision to go ahead with a powwow next month after careful consideration.

"We will make sure that social distancing is being followed," said the chief, who added that anyone not feeling well should not attend the event June 19 to 21.

"We won't have people standing arm in arm, that's for sure, but we will find a way to make it work for our community."

Ottawa says it's ultimately up to First Nations leaders to decide if cultural practices will be held. Manitoba Health says Indigenous ceremonies need to happen within public health recommendations, which currently limit outdoor public gatherings to 50 people.