

**AFN C-19 National Task Force
Daily Update for: May 6, 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 2020-05-07 11:00AM EDT

Province	Confirmed Cases	Hospitalization (ICU)*	Deaths	Recovered
BC	2,255	74 (19)	124	1,494
AB	5,963	82 (19)	112	3,552
SK	512	13 (4)*	6	312
MB	284	5 (0)*	7	242
ON	19,121	1,033 (220)	1,477	13,569
QC	34,327	1,840 (213)	2,510	8,284
Newfoundland/Lab	259	4 (2)	3	241
NB	120	0 (0)	-	118
NS	998	5 (2)	41	661
PEI	27		-	26
Yukon	11		-	11
NWT	5		-	5
Nunavut	0			
Repatriated Travelers	13			
Total	63,895	3,056 (479)	4,280	28,518
Active Cases= 31,097				

*Some provinces report numbers *current* hospitalizations and ICU admissions. Others report the total *cumulative* number of hospitalizations and ICU admissions. Also, numbers are amalgamated as they are made available from various hospitals; they are therefore updated intermittently and are likely to be less accurate and current than other data points.

	Cases	Deaths	Recovered
Globally	3,784,085	264,679	1,254,744

- Data is as of May 7 at 10:32am from Johns Hopkins University:
<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

Epidemic Summary

At this time, **69%** of COVID-19 cases were related to community transmission, while **16%** were either exposed while travelling or exposed to a traveler coming to Canada. The remaining **15%** are “pending”.

As of **May 4**, 2020, Canada has an overall case fatality rate of **6.3%**.

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

As provided by Pamela Wolfe-Roberge, CDCD, FNIHB/ISC

Please see below a summary of COVID-19 test positive cases, associated with First Nations communities in Canada, reported through communities, FNIHB Regional Medical Officers, and media as of **May 6, 2020**

Jurisdiction	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	ATL	NR
# test positive COVID-19 Cases	37	26	29	0	41	31	0	16*

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: AS Per ISC report

First Nation States of Emergency- As per ISC website May 06,2020									
Region	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	ATL	Territories	Total
Confirmed	57	33	4	20	68	4	7	2	195

2020 Flood Season General Assessments: As Per ISC EMD 2020 FN Flood / Wildland Fire Situation Report as of May 6, 2020 - Updates in Bold

FLOODING – No Change

2020 Flood Season General Risk Assessments:

There are currently **22** communities impacted by flooding (, AB 13 and BC **9**), and 5 partially evacuated (NWT 1, AB 3 and BC 1). There are **795** residents currently evacuated.

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

- Bonaparte First Nation (686) Population 201
 - PARTIAL EVACUATION – ROCK SLIDE
 - 04MAY2020: one family of 3 still evacuated due to compromised bridge access to their home;
- Soda Creek First Nation (716) Population 170
 - 04MAY2020: some damage to roads, including road to water treatment plant; Band continues to monitor Rose Lake Dam levels.
- Williams Lake First Nation (719) Population 279, Within 50 km of a significant town
 - 04MAY2020: flooding has formed a new deep channel next to water treatment plant; approval to construct a temporary waterline was given to connect water treatment plant to line on other side of river; City of Williams Lake hired a Williams Lake Indian Band company to do the environmental and archaeological monitoring on the Williams Lake sewage release incident.
- Canim Lake First Nation (713), Population 408
 - 04MAY2020: sand bagging around culvert outflows late last week; road is stable for light traffic only; 10 homes, 28 people, remain on alert on Tsq'escen Road; Band continues to closely monitor Chris Lake dam levels.

● **AB: FLOOD RISK FORECAST – MODERATE TO HIGH**

- Sucker Creek (456) Within 50 km of a significant town, Population 766
 - PARTIALLY EVACUATED
 - 4MAY2020: Flood situation has stabilized and there are no further threats to the community. SOLE expired April 30, 2020. The ECC and Reception Centre have been demobilized.
- Little Red River Cree Nation/Garden River (447) Population 4,689, No year-round road access
 - 4MAY2020: In Trapper's Creek and Garden River, the water levels have dropped to safe levels. The ice pack has moved on and the flood threat to community is

no longer present. Bridges are getting inspected today to deem their stability and safety, as per re-entry plan. No reports of any homes flooding at this time, only building reporting damages is the Sewer Lift Station. Six homes in the community have basements, they will be inspected today to ensure there are no damages. Nation's Maintenance crew are currently working on getting Garden River Services up and running prior to lifting the Evacuation Order. If everything goes according to plan with re-entry process, than the earliest that residents could return to their homes will be the evening of May 5th. BCR to extend SOLE is currently being delivered to receive signatures.

● **SK: FLOOD RISK FORECAST**

- 4MAY2020: An advisory warning of the potential for localized flooding due to ice jamming along the North Saskatchewan River is in effect.
- This has led to a MODERATE flood risk warning for the following First Nations:
 1. Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation (355)
 2. Wahpeton Dakota Nation (358)
 3. One Arrow First Nation (373)
 4. Beardy's and Okemasis (369)
 5. Little Pine First Nation (340)
 6. Mosquito, Grizzly Bear's Head, Lean Man First Nations (343)
 7. Thunderchild First Nation (349)

Wildfire: No Change

High Risk from BC to Southern Saskatchewan; low risk from Manitoba to the Atlantic.

1. British Columbia

Provincial Fires to Date: 104; 3 in the last 7 days; 94.2% extinguished;

(Note: 80.8% of wildfires are assessed as Human Induced.)

Active Fires: 6; New Fires: 1 or 16.75; Under Control: 5 or 83.3%

Fire Centres: Northwest– 0; Prince George– 2; Cariboo– 0; Kamloops – 1; Southeast – 0;

Coastal – 3 *(Note: All active fires are assessed as Human Induced.)*

2. Alberta

New Wildfires: Out of Control -0; Being Held – 0; Under Control – 15 Turned Over – 3;

Extinguished - 2; TOTAL Wildfires – 10;

Current Wildfire Situation: Out of Control -0; Being Held – 0; Under Control – 12; Turned Over – 6; Extinguished - n/a; TOTAL Wildfires – 18;

3. Saskatchewan

Provincial Fires to Date: 12

Active Wildfire: 1 - Hudson Bay Fire Protection Area; Contained – 0; On-going Assessment – 0; Protecting Property – 0;

First Nation – This wildfire is burning off reserve, northwest of Cumberland House First Nation;

Not Contained – 1 Suppression action is taking place, but the fire is expected to grow in size.

4. Manitoba - Fires reported to date – 0

5. Ontario Wildfire Update

Provincial Fires – 1

Active Wildfires - 1

District Name: Thunder Bay

Size (ha): 0.2

Status: Under Control

Date Started: May 5, 2020 7:26 PM

6. Quebec Wildfire Update

Provincial Fires – 1

Active Wildfires – 1

District Name: Gatineau

Size (ha): 3

Status: Under Control

Date Started: March 5, 2020

7. New Brunswick Wildfire Update

No new wildfires

District: Fredericton

Size: 117.7 ha

8. Nova Scotia Wildfire Update

No new wildfires

All areas Not Applicable, Low or Moderate

9. Prince Edward Island - Fires reported to date – 0

10. Newfoundland/Labrador - Fires reported to date – 0

11. Yukon Territories Wildfire Update

No notable fire activity at present.

NOTE: Southern Yukon - Forest fuels are drying and there is an increased risk of surface fires starting. Carry out any forest activities with caution. Burn permits are suspended.

12. Northwest Territories Wildfire Update - Fires reported to date – 0

Communications Sector

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Two Row Times - May 6, 2020

<https://tworowtimes.com/news/national/national-chief-calls-covid-19-outbreak-in-saskatchewan-alarming/>

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CBC News - May 07, 2020

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Coronavirus outbreak declared at Meadow Lake Hospital, 25 new cases in Saskatchewan

Global News - May 6, 2020

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/health/medical/coronavirus-outbreak-declared-at-meadow-lake-hospital-25-new-cases-in-saskatchewan/ar-BB13HVhx>

Coronavirus: Woman creates educational videos in Dene to help La Loche amid outbreak

GLOBAL NEWS - May 6, 2020

<https://globalnews.ca/news/6913962/coronavirus-woman-educational-videos-dene/>

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 6, ISC is aware of:

- 164 confirmed positive COVID-19
- 17 hospitalizations
- 2 deaths

Case numbers per region:

- British Columbia: 37
- Alberta: 26
- Saskatchewan: 29
- Ontario: 41
- Quebec: 31

Full Stories

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REGINA — The national chief of the Assembly of First Nations says an outbreak of COVID-19 in Saskatchewan's far north is alarming.

Perry Bellegarde notes there's been a steady rise in cases mainly from in and around the Dene community of La Loche, 600 kilometres northwest of Saskatoon.

He says the English River First Nation's territory is also in the area and it too has reported cases of COVID-19.

Bellegarde says he's hearing that local leadership needs to be more involved in decision-making and that some northerners haven't been allowed to travel south to get groceries _ an issue because of a lack of food stores around La Loche.

Saskatchewan health officials say more staff have been sent to the area to help track the spread of the novel coronavirus by testing and screening door to door.

Right now, most of Saskatchewan's active cases are in its far north, where restrictions on non-essential travel are being enforced at checkpoints.

"We've said that from Day 1, when this first started hitting, that First Nations communities, First Nations territories, our people are going to be vulnerable because of the overcrowded conditions our people live in," Bellegarde said from Ottawa in a phone interview.

"We don't have access to hospitals in the far north. They are community wellness centres."

Bellegarde also said his first reaction was "too much, too fast, too quick" when he heard plans for the province to start easing restrictions put in place over COVID-19.

Sask. government pressed to release COVID-19 data

CBC News - May 07, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/government-pressed-to-releae-covid-data-1.5558700>

Saskatchewan people with diabetes, cancer or other diseases are being told they're at higher risk of COVID-19 complications. Government health officials have data on how much higher, but aren't releasing it.

Critics say that's a mistake. They say it's essential information for the vulnerable, their families and their employers.

"It's really important that during this crisis that transparency is maintained. It's precisely this kind of information that is required to prevent misinformation from spreading out there," said Jason Woywada, executive director of the B.C. Freedom of Information and Privacy Association. Other regions around the world have released detailed statistics on risk. Age is a big factor in coronavirus complications and death, but pre-existing medical conditions pose an equal danger. According to the British government, 90 per cent of its people hospitalized with COVID-19 had other medical conditions.

In New York City it was 94 per cent, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association. In Italy, 97 per cent of people hospitalized with COVID-19 had another medical condition.

In some cases, diabetes is the biggest risk factor. In others, heart conditions, cancer, lung problems or obesity played a large role.

Woywada and others said this is essential information as Saskatchewan moves to reopen its economy and society. He said local data could help a vulnerable person decide whether to go for a massage or to a family barbecue.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority declined a request for this data. An official said they are tracking these pre-existing medical conditions, but said it will not be released for privacy reasons. The official declined to say who made the decision.

Woywada agreed it's essential to protect the privacy of individuals, but said this data would not reveal anyone's name, community or even gender.

NDP Opposition Leader Ryan Meili said this information should be released.

"I think the default should be giving people more information, trusting Saskatchewan people to properly use the information that's given to them. That's how people make good decisions," Meili said.

"The more we know what's happening in Saskatchewan, the easier it will be to give people clear guidance."

There also appears to be confusion over how many Saskatchewan people have been hospitalized with COVID-19. During a recent news conference, government officials pegged the number at 25. That same day, however, a government official emailed Meili to say there were 43. CBC News asked an official this week to clarify, but no one responded.

Meili said this is all part of a troubling pattern of secrecy and miscommunication. He noted it took days before an outbreak in the Lloydminster hospital was made public.

Meili said he appreciated the apology of Health Minister Jim Reiter and the recent pledge from Premier Scott Moe to be transparent. He said this is their chance to show they were sincere, and release this information.

FSIN Chief Bobby Cameron agreed. With high rates of diabetes in First Nations people, and an outbreak some northern communities, residents and local leaders need to know the numbers, he said.

"There's no sense in why certain information is not relayed or shared with everybody," Cameron said. "I mean, we're all here together. We've heard the term, 'We're all in this together.' Well, prove it. Prove it. Let's share information."

Faith Rowland of Diabetes Canada's Saskatchewan branch said the organization is doing all it can to educate the public.

She said most diabetics are being extremely careful, but the behaviour of some others has her worried.

"We came off strong at the start with the isolating and shutting things down but I think we maybe got a bit cocky when the numbers came down nicely," she said. "With the warmer weather, everybody's anxious to be out and about. I think that even though intellectually we know, there's a human tendency to want to just get back to normal and not take it as seriously as we should."

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<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/health/medical/coronavirus-outbreak-declared-at-meadow-lake-hospital-25-new-cases-in-saskatchewan/ar-BB13HVhx>

The [Saskatchewan Health Authority](#) (SHA) has declared a [COVID-19](#) outbreak at Meadow Lake Hospital as the province announced 25 new [coronavirus](#) cases in Saskatchewan.

Twenty-four of the new cases are in the far north, with 22 of those in La Loche where an outbreak was declared on April 17.

Over 70 per cent of the 194 active cases in the province are in the far north (138).

The other remaining new case is in the Saskatoon region, which has 17 active cases.

The remaining active cases are in the north region (36) and the Regina region (3).

Premier Scott Moe called the far north outbreak “serious for this province.”

“We continue to monitor the situation to ensure that the necessary supports are in place to provide residents in the area to not only self-isolate but also to physical distance.”

Dr. Saqib Shahab, the province’s chief medical health officer, said the outbreak is “very concerning” and primarily affecting one age group.

“While the case numbers are alarming, they are being generated through very active case finding, which allows cases even if they are mildly symptomatic to be effectively isolated,” Shahab said.

“If you look at the age ranges of the cases, we are now seeing an increase in the 20 to 40 age group... which is partially due to the transmission mostly younger age groups in the La Loche area.”

Shahab said most of the cases are mild with those affected isolating at home.

The outbreak in Meadow Lake was declared Tuesday evening after a health-care worker tested positive for the novel coronavirus, health officials said.

It is linked to community transmission and no patients have shown signs at this time of any COVID-19 symptoms, they added.

The health-care worker and close contacts are self-isolating and officials said additional contact tracing is underway.

“We have eight additional staff have been tested that have all received negative results this morning,” SHA CEO Scott Livingstone said.

“However, we are going to be re-testing and they’re all on self-quarantine.”

The SHA said there are no service disruptions at this time at the hospital and that key emergency department, emergency surgical and obstetrical services remain available.

That could change based on risk assessment by both public health staff and hospital management.

Outbreaks have previously been declared at other hospitals in Saskatchewan.

A cluster of cases was reported at Lloydminster Hospital on April 29, days after it was identified by local health officials.

An outbreak was declared at Prince Albert’s Victoria Hospital on May 1 after a patient tested positive for the coronavirus on April 29.

Saskatchewan now has 512 total coronavirus cases.

Thirteen people are in hospital — 10 in Saskatoon and three in the north. Three people in Saskatoon and one in the north are in intensive care.

Six people in the province have died due to COVID-19.

Here is a breakdown of Saskatchewan cases by age:

66 people are 19 and under

182 people are 20 to 39

159 are 40 to 59

90 people are 60 to 79

15 people are 80 and over

Males make up 50 per cent of the cases, females 50 per cent.

Meanwhile, two more people have recovered, bring the total number of recoveries to 312.

Saskatchewan has completed 33,591 tests so far for the virus, up 670 from Tuesday.

Moe said testing has not reached the 1,500 daily level he was aiming for by the end of April because he said there haven't been the requests for tests.

"Which is a positive thing... for the vast number of communities here in Saskatchewan," he said.

Moe said testing numbers may rise in the coming days due to increased testing in the northwest.

"Our testing is starting to increase again from where it was maybe a week or so ago and I would expect it may increase in the days ahead," he said.

"In particular, dealing with the one more serious outbreak we have in La Loche and that surrounding area.'

The SHA said 727 tests had been performed in La Loche and the surrounding area as of Wednesday morning.

Questions about COVID-19? Here are some things you need to know:

Health officials caution against all international travel. Returning travellers are legally obligated to self-isolate for 14 days, beginning March 26, in case they develop symptoms and to prevent spreading the virus to others. Some provinces and territories have also implemented additional recommendations or enforcement measures to ensure those returning to the area self-isolate.

[Symptoms](#) can include fever, cough and difficulty breathing — very similar to a cold or flu.

Some people can develop a more severe illness. People most at risk of this include older adults and people with severe chronic medical conditions like heart, lung or kidney disease. If you develop symptoms, [contact public health authorities](#).

To [prevent the virus from spreading](#), experts recommend frequent handwashing and coughing into your sleeve. They also recommend minimizing contact with others, staying home as much as possible and maintaining a distance of two metres from other people if you go out.

Coronavirus: Woman creates educational videos in Dene to help La Loche amid outbreak

GLOBAL NEWS - May 6, 2020

<https://globalnews.ca/news/6913962/coronavirus-woman-educational-videos-dene/>

La Loche remains the epicentre of the biggest COVID-19 outbreak in Saskatchewan, but many in the region speak little or no English.

That makes it harder to follow public health advice.

Diane Janvier Dugan's mother and sisters live in La Loche. She noticed it was harder to relay information to her family when she would talk to them about the virus.

So she decided to create videos entirely in Dene to help people in the community — and anyone who speaks the Indigenous language — know how to protect themselves.

"I know for sure my mom, the only way she would understand is if it was explained in Dene because she does not speak English and I thought 'Okay, well, I can do this,'" Janvier said.

The videos explain how to make a face mask, how to make your own disinfectant wipes, and one explaining how the virus spreads in a community. She shares them on her YouTube channel Diane Makes.

They take Janvier Dugan hours to make.

“If it can stop one person from becoming sick and experiencing these terrible symptoms, I feel like I’ve helped,” she said.

“Everybody’s important, I’m important, you’re important, and if you are the one person I help them I feel like ‘OK, this is a good thing’ even though it took hours to do, I feel like it’s worth it because everybody is worth it.”

The videos are long, averaging around 15 to 20 minutes.

Part of the reason is the Dene language is more descriptive than English, she said, and it doesn’t have direct translations for words like “mask” and “COVID-19.”

Instead, Janvier Dugan calls masks “something to cover your face”, or refers to the virus as a bug.

While she says she’s “exhausted” from making these videos for now, she isn’t giving up helping people.

She is making face masks for the community of La Loche. Others have joined her donation, including Canada Sews, a group of volunteers across the country providing fabric masks and scrub caps to front line workers in need.

The group’s Saskatchewan chapter has donated 540 face masks to the community.

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