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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 UPDATE (257): ANIMAL, CANADA (BRITISH COLUMBIA) FARMED MINK

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<https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/mink-farm-test-positive-abbotsford-bc>

Two mink have tested positive for the virus responsible for COVID-19 in humans on an Abbotsford farm that is still under quarantine after mink tested positive there in May 2021.

Five additional samples from mink have also tested positive, but final lab results are pending from The National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease in Winnipeg before a confirmation can be made.

The results were verified in coordination with a wildlife surveillance project led by the Ministry of Forests.

The province is currently conducting a review when it comes to the policies and rules currently in place regarding fur farms at large. A provincial health officer's order has been issued to all mink-farm operators in British Columbia [BC], and a moratorium has been placed on any new mink farms in BC. Existing mink farms have been capped at their current numbers.

Since December 2020, 3 BC mink farms have had positive tests in mink. All of these farms are currently under quarantine, and no mink can be moved to or from the properties.

Due to provisions in the Animal Health Act, the exact locations of these farms cannot be disclosed.

Earlier this year [2021], thousands of mink were destroyed at a mink farm in BC where the animals tested positive for COVID-19.

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[Canada is one of the 35 countries known to maintain mink farming. Its official report to the OIE on the identification of COVID-19 on mink farms (in British Columbia) dates back to 10 Dec 2020 (20201210.8008864).

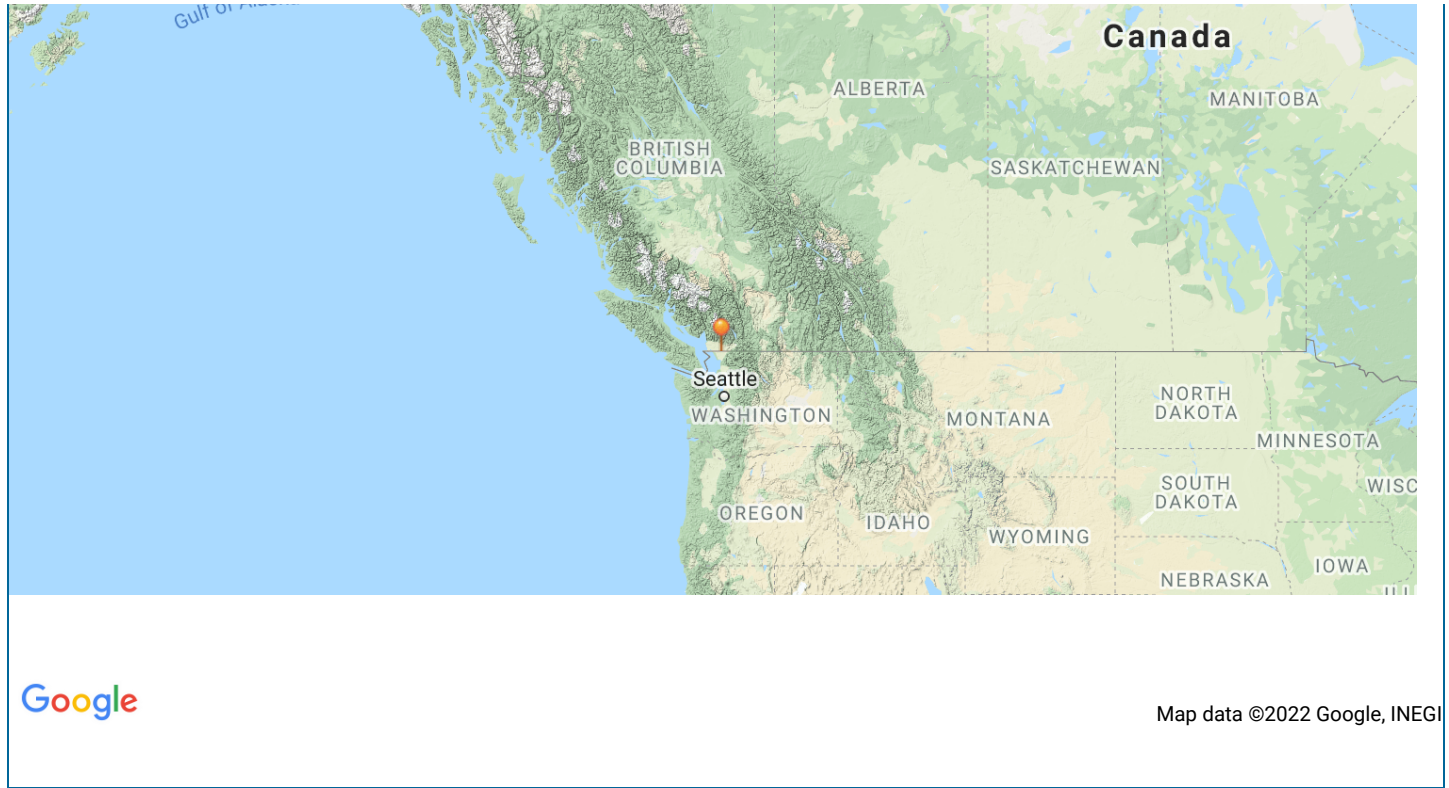
According to WHO/FAO/OIE risk assessment (20210218.8200008), the other 34 countries are (alphabetically): Argentina, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay, USA, and Viet Nam. Following the mass cullings undertaken in the Netherlands and Denmark, the largest population of farmed mink, globally, is currently maintained in China. So far, no cases of COVID-19 in mink have been reported there.

The 2nd OIE situation report on SARS-CoV-2 in animals, published on 30 Jun 2021, is available at <https://www.oie.int/app/uploads/2021/07/sars-cov-2-situation-report-2.pdf>. - Mod.AS

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