

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 06 January 2021

The information contained in this report is based on recent updates and current information available at the time the report was finalized. It is not inclusive of all actions or measures taken to date by health officials federally, provincially, or locally.

COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Jan 05	As of Jan 06	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	54,629	55,254	625
Total active cases in BC	6,472	6,343	- 129
Currently in intensive care	77	78	1
Currently hospitalized	367	381	14
Total hospitalized to date	3,067	3,067	43
Total deaths in BC	954	962	8
Total recovered in BC	45,999	46,728	729

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Jan 05	As of Jan 06	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	54,629	55,254	625
Vancouver Coastal Health	12,614	12,792	178
Fraser Health	34,442	34,747	305
Island Health	1,001	1,029	28
Interior Health	4,239	4,310	71
Northern Health	2,231	2,274	43
Out of Canada	102	102	0
Total individuals tested in BC	1,491,146	1,500,005	8,859*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Jan 05	As of Jan 06	Change
Total confirmed cases	65	66	1
Total active cases	5	6	1
Total deaths	1	1	0
Total recovered	59	59	0
Total individuals tested	6,003	6,033	30
Negative results	5,892	5,884	-8
Pending results	46	84	38

*The BCCDC has reported 8,899 new tests in B.C., which does not align with the difference in new tests (8,859) between January 5 and January 6, 2021.

¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

² Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

³ Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE
CASES IN CANADA ⁴**

	As of Jan 04	As of Jan 05	Change
Total confirmed cases	9,392	9,537	145
Total active cases	3,290	3,349	59
Currently hospitalized	425	428	3
Total deaths	87	87	0
Total recovered	6,015	6,101	86
Total confirmed cases in BC	727	744	17

*January 5, 2021 is the most up-to-date information released on First Nation Reserve Cases by the Government of Canada.

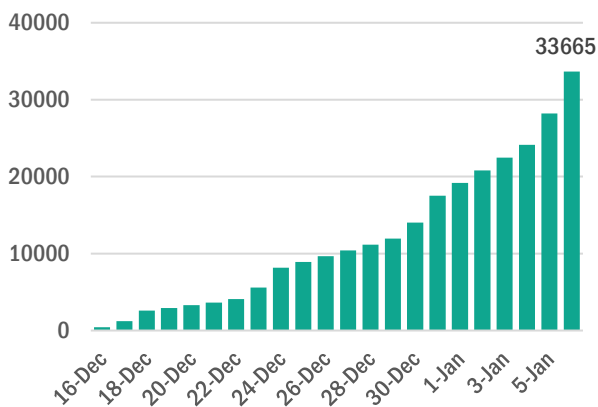
COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁵

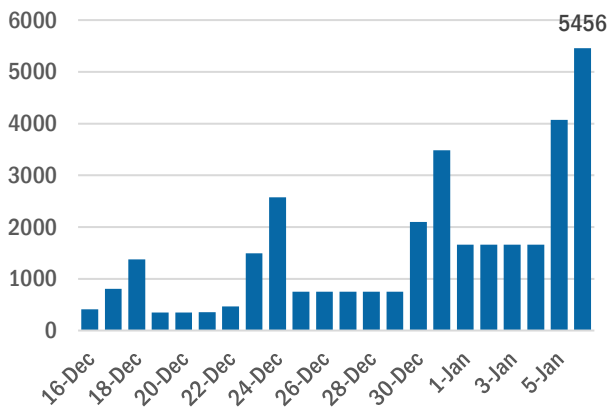
	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Delivered	% of Doses Administered*	Doses Administered / 100k Population
	Today	Total			
BC ⁶	5,456	33,665	54,625	61.62%	663.87
Yukon ⁷	-	50	7,200	0.69%	139.37
Canada	29,921	194,258	423,375	45.9%	515.55

* Percentage of doses delivered to the province/territory that have been reported as administered.

TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED in BC



NUMBER OF DOSES DELIVERED in BC each day



⁴ Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

⁵ Source: N. Little. COVID-19 Tracker Canada (2020), COVID19Tracker.ca

⁶ Source: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/> Last Update: 06/01/21

⁷ Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/news/> Last Update: 04/01/21

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, provided the following update regarding B.C.'s commitment to surgical renewal, and efforts to address surgeries that have been postponed due to the COVID-19 response in B.C. beginning in March 2020:⁸
 - At this time, the projected timeline for recovery of all postponed surgeries is expected to be 15 to 22 months.
 - To date, government has allocated \$187.5 million to support efforts for surgical renewal.
 - The following achievements over the past six months to address surgery backlog were highlighted:
 - Between May 18 and November 12, 2020, 163,696 patients received surgery, including 90% of the patients who had a surgery postponed during the first wave of COVID-19.
 - On November 22, 2020, health authorities completed calls to 111,584 patients who were on waitlists before May 7, 2020, to begin rescheduling surgeries.
 - The total waitlist (urgent and non-urgent) has been reduced by 5-9% since March 31, 2020, and 11-12% since numbers peaked on May 28, 2020.
- Today, the Government of B.C. announced that CleanBC rebates are being doubled for a limited time for select home-heating and energy-efficiency retrofits and upgrades. This will help to support B.C.'s economic recovery from COVID-19 and help British Columbians save on energy costs.⁹
 - Applicants must pre-register for a promo code by March 31, 2021, and complete upgrades by June 30, 2021, to qualify.
 - Information on the various rebates available, and how to apply, can be found here: <https://betterhomesbc.ca/rebates/double-the-rebate/>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Government.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, provided the following update on the ongoing federal government response to COVID-19 regarding the new virus variants:¹⁰
 - The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has been working with provinces, territories, and international partners to enhance monitoring for the presence of any virus variants in Canada.
 - To date, provinces and territories have reported 11 cases of a virus variant first reported in the United Kingdom, and no reports of any other variants of concern.
 - The Government of Canada continues to advise Canadians against non-essential travel outside of Canada.

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0003-000011>

⁹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMLI0068-002140>

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/01/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-january-6-2021.html>

- Today, Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, issued an Interim Order under the Quarantine Act, formalizing the new pre-departure COVID-19 testing requirements for all air travellers flying into Canada. The following information and guidance were provided:¹¹
 - The order is effective from January 7, 2021, at 12:00 a.m. EST.
 - Travellers entering Canada aged five or older, regardless of citizenship, can expect the following:
 - Travellers must provide proof of a negative laboratory test result for COVID-19 to their airline prior to boarding a flight to Canada.
 - Tests must be performed using one of the following two types of COVID-19 tests:
 - Tests must be conducted within 72 hours of the traveller's scheduled departure to Canada.
 - Upon arrival in Canada:
 - Canada Border Services Agency officers will question and observe all travellers for any indication that they may be ill.
 - PHAC will work closely with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and provincial law enforcement agencies to verify the compliance of returning travellers.
 - All existing restrictions to travel to Canada from the United States and other countries by foreign nationals remain in place. These new measures do not replace any previous measures put in place.
 - Limited exemptions regarding the order have been identified for travellers departing from the following locations, with specified timeframes:
 - Saint Pierre et Miquelon – travellers are exempt until January 14, 2021.
 - Haiti – travellers are exempt until January 21, 2021.
 - These travellers are strongly encouraged to get a COVID-19 test once they arrive in Canada.
 - The Caribbean or South America – travellers can use tests conducted within 96 hours of departure (instead of 72 hours) until January 14, 2021.
 - Anyone who receives a negative test result and is authorized to enter Canada must still complete the full, mandatory 14-day quarantine, unless exempted under the Quarantine Act.
 - Travellers must also monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and submit information electronically through ArriveCAN.
 - If symptoms develop, even if mild, or a positive test for COVID-19 is received once in Canada, travellers are advised to contact local public health authorities.
- Today, the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) announced that it is beginning vaccination of older, medically vulnerable federal inmates against COVID-19 as part of the first phase of the vaccine rollout.¹²
 - CSC inmates have begun receiving doses of the Moderna vaccine and it is expected that 600 inmates will be vaccinated in the first phase.

This summary was compiled by [CCEM Strategies Ltd.](#) at the request of the 3 Nations Society.

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/01/new-pre-departure-covid-19-testing-requirements-come-into-effect-for-all-air-travellers-flying-into-canada.html>

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/correctional-service/news/2021/01/correctional-service-canada-covid-19-vaccine-roll-out.html>