

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 11 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 08	As of Jan 11	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	56,632	58,107	*1,475
Total active cases in BC	6,118	5,220	-898
Currently in intensive care	75	72	-3
Currently hospitalized	358	358	0
Total hospitalized to date	3,165	3,165	0
Total deaths in BC	988	1,010	**22
Total recovered in BC	48,205	50,541	2,336

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Jan 08	As of Jan 11	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	56,632	58,107	*1,475
Vancouver Coastal Health	13,025	13,312	287
Fraser Health	35,551	36,287	736
Island Health	1,079	1,138	59
Interior Health	4,487	4,704	217
Northern Health	2,387	2,560	173
Out of Canada	103	106	3
Total individuals tested in BC	1,518,311	1,542,320	24,009

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Jan 08	As of Jan 11	Change
Total confirmed cases	70	70	0
Total active cases	10	6	-4
Total deaths	1	1	0
Total recovered	59	63	4
Total individuals tested	6,079	6,106	27
Negative results	5,980	6,029	49
Pending results	30	7	-23

*The BCCDC reported 538 new cases on Jan 9th, 507 on Jan 10th, and 430 on Jan 11th, for a total of 1,475 new cases.

**The BCCDC reported 11 new deaths between Jan 8-9th, 6 between Jan 9-10th, and 5 between Jan 10-11th, for a total of 22 new deaths.

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>

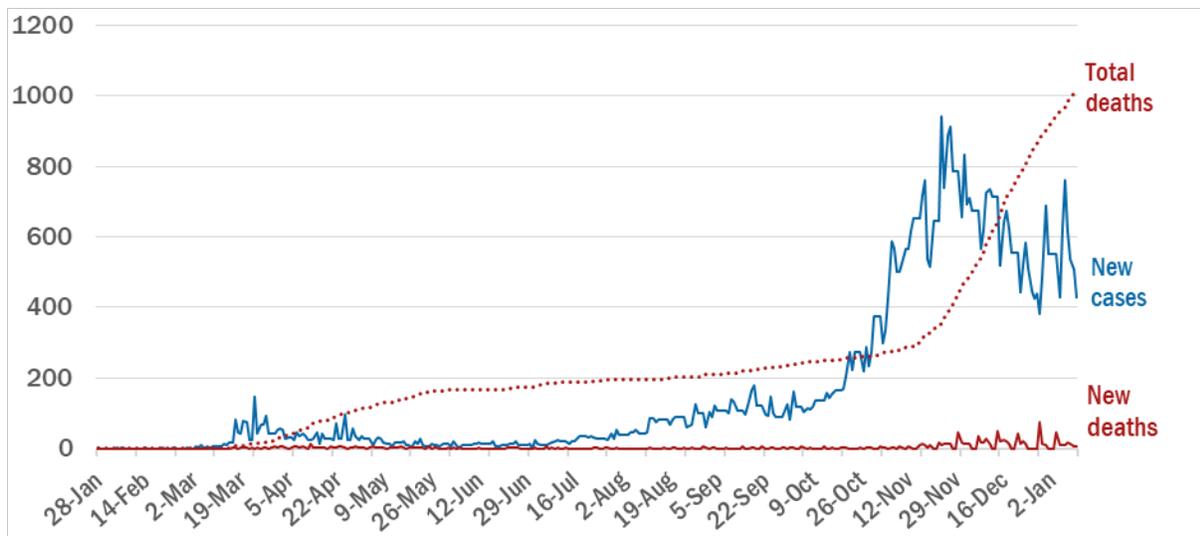
STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA ⁴

	As of Jan 07	As of Jan 08*	Change
Total confirmed cases	9,968	10,217	249
Total active cases	3,288	3,407	119
Currently hospitalized	452	458	6
Total deaths	95	97	2
Total recovered	6,585	6,713	128
Total confirmed cases in BC	785	817	32

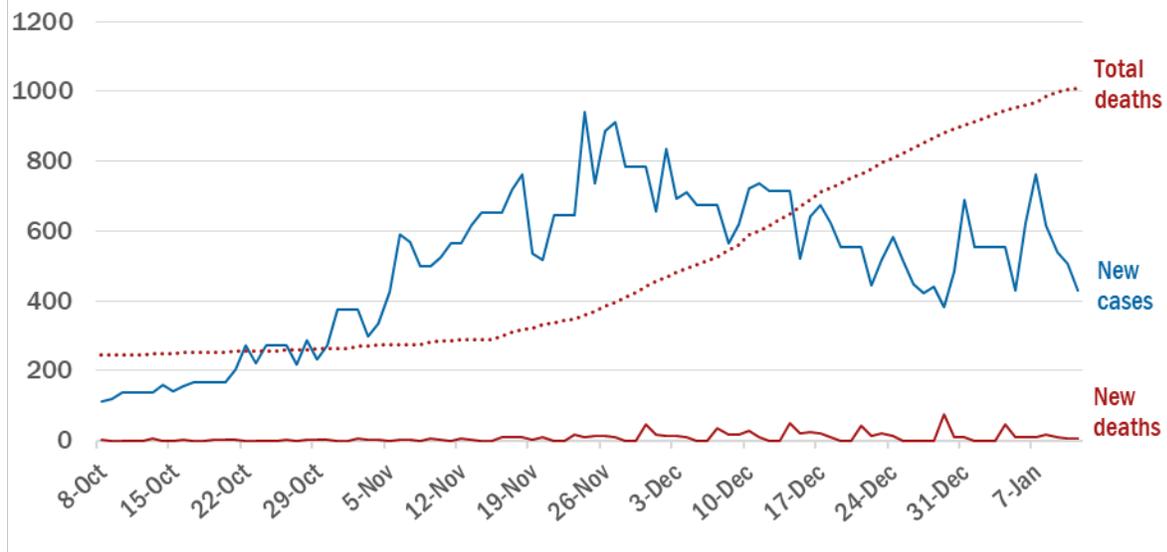
*Jan 8th, 2021 is the most up-to-date information released on First Nation Reserve Cases by the Government of Canada.

COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC



Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods

COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC – PAST THREE MONTHS (October – January)



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

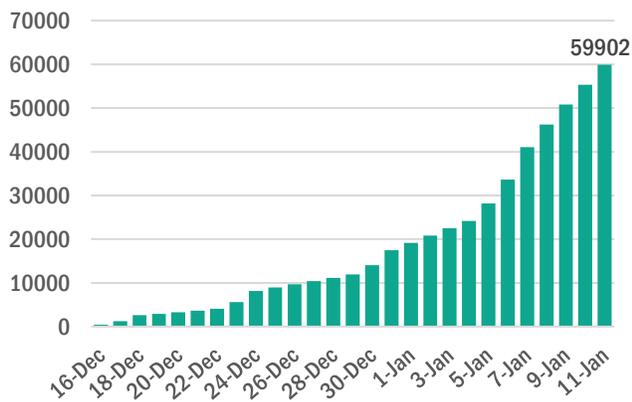
COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁵

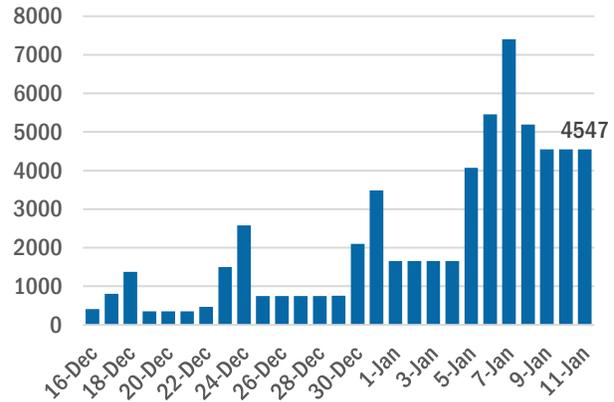
	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered*	Doses Administered / 100k Population
	Today	Total			
BC	13,643	59,902	71,200	84.13%	1,164.08
Yukon	190	500	7,200	6.94%	1,185.50
Canada	39,451	359,054	545,250	65.9%	944.67

* Percentage of doses supplied to the province/territory that have been reported as administered to individuals

TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED in BC



DOSES ADMINISTERED in BC each day



SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s Provincial Health Officer, provided the following update on the province's COVID-19 vaccination program:⁶
 - Regarding the existing approach to vaccine distribution:
 - "We do not have enough supply coming between now and the end of March to achieve that community immunity that protects us all. The approach that we are taking, as with other provinces across the country, is to best protect as many people who are most at risk as possible to prevent hospitalizations, to prevent deaths, and those people in our healthcare system to make sure that we have the resources available to provide safe care to everybody."
 - More vaccines will be approved for use; however, the focus will remain on core groups until the end of March. Planning remains ongoing of how immunization sequencing will occur as of April.

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

⁶ Via Live Press Conference at 3:00pm PST

- Regarding the decision of giving second doses of the vaccine at day 35 (following the first dose) for these two-dose series vaccines:
 - “This is a science-based approach that takes into account the limited vaccine we have early on in the program here in the province... Our decision is around maximizing the distribution, while balancing the supply, and making sure we have a safe and effective immunization program.”
 - The first dose, or ‘prime’, provides high results quickly, allowing the body to build up immunity, while developing the antigens and to allow our other cells to recognize the antigen. The second dose, or ‘prime boost’, is to provide more durable and longer-lasting immunity.
 - Based on data from the clinical trials, effectiveness of the vaccine increased from 92.6% at two weeks after the first dose, up to 94.8% at six weeks for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, and from 92.1% up to 95.2% for Moderna.
 - Individuals in the clinical trials received the second dose ranging between 19 and 41-42 days following the first dose, and there was no decrease in protection during that time-period.
 - For most of these two-dose programs, the second dose is stronger and longer-lasting if given later than the recommended time-period. This finding will continue to be monitored.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN YUKON TERRITORY

- On January 8th, Dr. Brendan Hanley, Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, confirmed that a possible case of COVID-19 identified recently has been confirmed negative following a second test.⁷
 - The negative result was confirmed on Thursday afternoon, following a second test using the Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test as requested by the Government of Yukon.
 - This person was initially tested outside of the territory using a point-of-care rapid test, which gave a positive result.
 - Yukon Communicable Disease Centre has contacted all individuals who were identified as contacts and required to be in self-isolation, and they have since been able to resume regular activities.
 - “Our ability to identify contacts and to respond rapidly to possible cases is one of the reasons we have remained with low COVID-19 activity in the territory.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, the Government of Canada provided the following update regarding international travel and the various recovery benefits available to Canadians in response to COVID-19:⁸
 - “To ensure these important benefits provide the targeted support Canadians expect, the Government of Canada is taking immediate action to ensure all three benefits – the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB), the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB), and the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) – do not incent people to disregard the clear public health advice against travelling abroad.”
 - The Minister of Employment, Workforce Development, and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough, will propose legislation so that, retroactive to January 3, 2021, all international

⁷ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/possible-covid-19-case-confirmed-negative>

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/01/placeholder.html>

travellers who need to quarantine upon return to Canada will not be eligible to receive support from any of the Canada Recovery Benefits for the period of their mandatory quarantine.

- Individuals who are exempt from the mandatory quarantine requirements under the Quarantine Act, such as health care workers who need to cross the border for work, will be eligible to apply following their return to the country.
- Beginning Monday, January 11, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will update the application process for the CRB, CRCB, and CRSB.
 - For claims covering a period beginning on or after January 3, 2021, applicants will need to indicate whether they were self-isolating or in quarantine due to international travel.
 - Over the coming weeks, the CRA will delay processing claims for individuals who are self-isolating or in quarantine because of international travel until the legislative process is complete to ensure those who receive the benefit meet the latest eligibility criteria.
- The Government of Canada continues to strongly urge all Canadians to avoid non-essential travel and to follow all public health and international travel guidelines.
- Today, the Government of Canada provided the following information regarding the issuance of T4As to COVID-19 emergency and recovery benefit recipients, as well as other slips for Canadians who received benefits from Service Canada in 2020:⁹
 - Starting today, Canadians will begin receiving T4A slips from the CRA for these benefits to support their tax filing.
 - The T4A is virtually identical to the T4 slips Canadians are used to receiving from their employers, but rather than employment income, they provide the amounts of COVID-19 benefits received from the CRA in 2020.
 - Canadians who received relief payments, but do not get a T4A slip by March 10th may be able to get a copy by using the My Account for individuals service or contacting the CRA directly.
 - Canadians who received benefits from Service Canada will receive a T4E Statement of Employment Insurance and Other Benefits from Service Canada in order to complete their 2020 tax and benefit return.

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

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2021/01/canada-revenue-agency-to-begin-issuing-t4as-to-covid-19-emergency-and-recovery-benefit-recipients.html>