

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 19 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 18	As of Jan 19	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	61,447	61,912	465
Total active cases in BC	4,326	4,331	5
Currently in intensive care	68	70	2
Currently hospitalized	343	329	-14
Total hospitalized to date	3,478	3,505	27
Total deaths in BC	1,078	1,090	12
Total recovered in BC	54,656	55,099	443

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION²	As of Jan 18	As of Jan 19	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	61,447	61,912	465
Vancouver Coastal Health	14,009	14,092	83
Fraser Health	37,806	38,068	262
Island Health	1,285	1,306	21
Interior Health	5,313	5,374	61
Northern Health	2,911	2,943	32
Out of Canada	123	129	6
Total individuals tested in BC	1,601,791	1,606,879	5,041*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON³	As of Jan 18	As of Jan 19	Change
Total confirmed cases	70	70	0
Total active cases	0	0	0
Total deaths	1	1	0
Total recovered	69	69	0
Total individuals tested	6,175	6,185	10
Negative results	6,087	6,093	6
Pending results	18	22	4

*The BCCDC has reported 5,041 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between January 18th and 19th.

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>

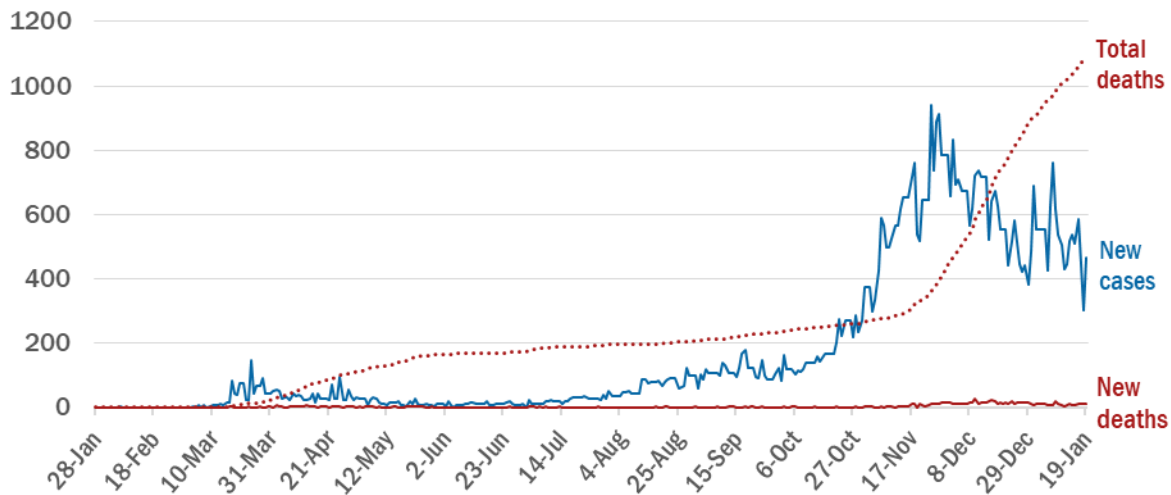
STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA ⁴

	As of Jan 15	As of Jan 18*	Change
Total confirmed cases	12,580	13,636	1,056
Total active cases	4,827	5,442	615
Currently hospitalized	535	565	30
Total deaths	113	117	4
Total recovered	7,640	8,077	437
Total confirmed cases in BC	1,138	1,322	184

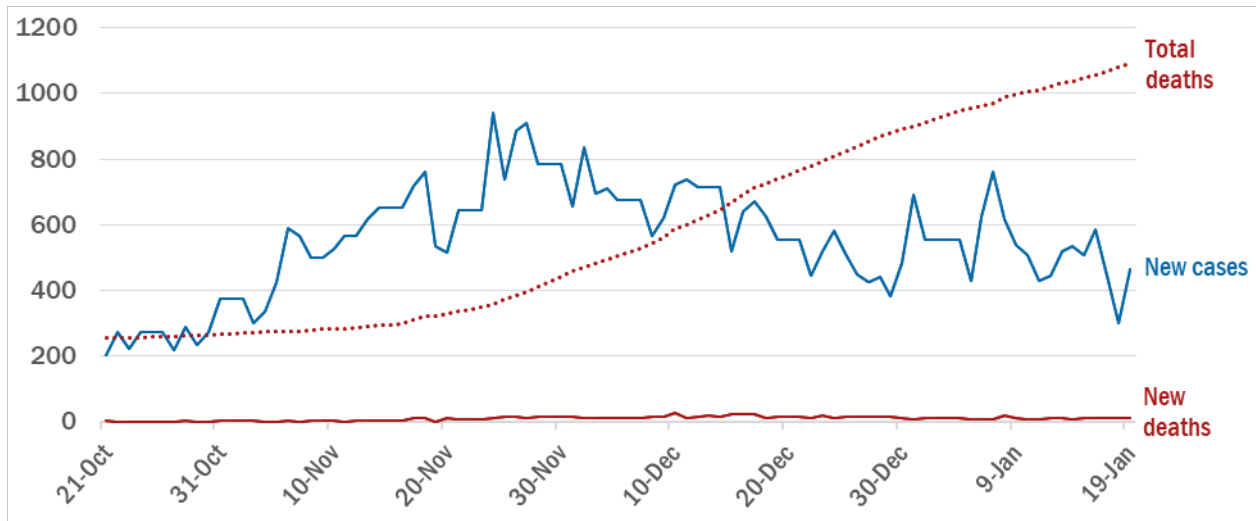
*Jan 18th, 2021 is the most up-to-date information released on First Nation Reserve Cases by the Government of Canada.

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)



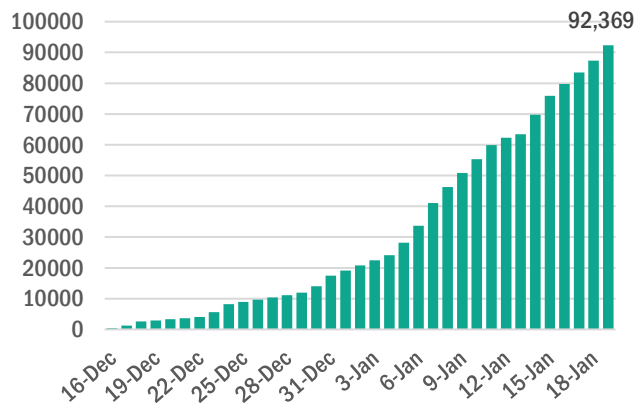
⁴ Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

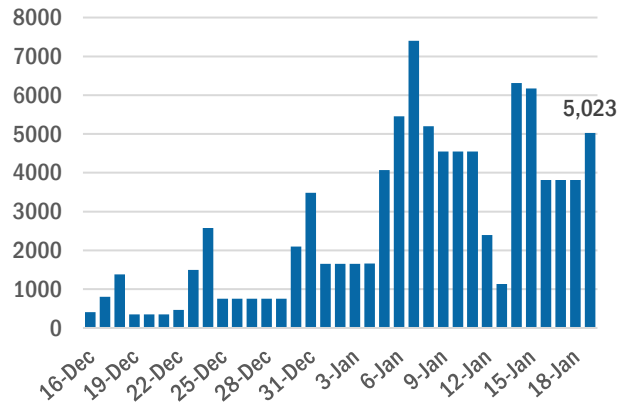
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁵

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered*	Doses Administered / 100k Population
	Today	Total			
BC	5,023	92,369	117,875	78.36%	1,795.01
Yukon	-	1,347	14,400	9.35%	3,193.75
Canada	36,473	651,139	880,140	74.0%	1,713.16

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, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, provided an update on the COVID-19 situation in the province, which included the following information:⁶
 - “The COVID-19 vaccines bring hope and challenge: Hope, knowing that in a few months many people will have immunity to this virus; and challenge because of the current limited supply – in B.C., Canada and around the world.
 - “The vaccines are our path forward to the brighter days ahead. However, until that path is wide enough for everyone, we must continue to focus on our individual efforts.
 - “To get to the finish line faster and to make our communities safer, we must stop the spread in our communities today. We do that by following the measures we have in place: washing our hands, staying home when we are ill, getting tested and always using our layers of protection.
 - “Let’s choose safety by continuing to do our part to protect everyone in our province.”

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

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0004-000082>

- Today, the Province of British Columbia formally extended the provincial state of emergency to February 2nd, 2021.⁷
 - The extension of the provincial state of emergency allows health and emergency management officials to continue to use extraordinary powers under the Emergency Program Act (EPA) to support the Province's COVID-19 pandemic response.
- Today, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs announced additional funding of \$1.13 million for community organizations providing food to British Columbians.⁸
 - This funding is part of the 2020-21 capital project grant program and will be delivered to six community organizations.
 - The intent is to help these organizations to deliver food security programs to more people by expanding food distribution throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - This funding is in addition to funding provided to six different sectors for programming - totalling \$135 million annually.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Government of Yukon.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, and Dr. Howard Njoo, Deputy Chief Public Health Officer, joined federal ministers to provide an update on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Highlights from the press conference included:⁹
 - Given unprecedented global demand, temporary disruptions will affect the distribution of Pfizer-Biontech vaccine doses.
 - The overall impact will result in a "fairly major reduction" over the next three weeks, with 50% fewer doses expected to be delivered.
 - 82% of this week's allocation will still be received by the middle of this week.
 - There will be no shipping of the Pfizer-Vaccine during the week of January 25th.
 - Despite setbacks, Pfizer has assured Canada is receiving "equitable treatment".
 - Canada will still receive its full allotment of vaccines by the end of Q1 2021.
 - Moderna vaccine delivery remains currently unaffected, with 230,000 vaccine doses expected to be delivered by the end of January.
 - Despite delays, Canada is currently on track to fulfill long term and medium term vaccine distribution objectives, specifically:
 - Long term objective: Provide the opportunity for all Canadians to be vaccinated by the end of September 2021.
 - Medium term objective: Receive a total of 6,000,000 vaccine doses by the end of March 2021.
 - To date, Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory has verified 23 cases of the COVID-19 variant first reported in the U.K. and 2 cases of the variant first reported in South Africa.

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0004-000081>

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021MUNI0002-000070>

⁹ <https://www.cpac.ca/en/programs/covid-19-canada-responds/episodes/66320504/>

- Today, the Department of Finance published a number of draft legislative proposals to adjust certain deductions for Employment Insurance (EI) and COVID-19 benefits, including:¹⁰
 - The proposals would temporarily adjust the treatment of certain deductions with respect to regular Employment Insurance (EI) benefits, including EI special benefits, in order to align with how those deductions are treated for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) and other federal COVID-19 emergency income benefits.
 - Under the current tax rules, EI and CERB income are treated differently when determining tax relief under the Child Care Expense Deduction and the Disability Supports Deduction.
 - EI recipients are not able to deduct eligible expenses against their EI income, whereas CERB and other COVID-19 emergency income recipients can.
 - The proposed changes would amend the *Income Tax Act* to temporarily allow Canadians receiving EI benefits to make the same claims for the Child Care Expense Deduction and Disability Supports Deduction as COVID-19 income support recipients.
 - This change would ensure fair income tax treatment for all recipients of federal income support during the pandemic.
 - This change applies to income for 2020 and 2021.

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

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/01/government-publishes-draft-legislative-proposals-to-adjust-certain-deductions-for-employment-insurance-and-covid-19-benefits.html>