

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 20 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

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Jan 19</b>	<b>As of Jan 20</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	61,912	62,412	<b>500</b>
Total active cases in BC	4,331	4,345	<b>14</b>
Currently in intensive care	70	66	<b>4</b>
Currently hospitalized	329	320	<b>-9</b>
Total hospitalized to date	3,505	3,535	<b>30</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,090	1,104	<b>14</b>
Total recovered in BC	55,099	55,564	<b>465</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Jan 19</b>	<b>As of Jan 20</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	61,912	62,412	<b>500</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	14,092	14,217	<b>125</b>
Fraser Health	38,068	38,284	<b>216</b>
Island Health	1,306	1,338	<b>32</b>
Interior Health	5,374	5,465	<b>91</b>
Northern Health	2,943	2,978	<b>35</b>
Out of Canada	129	130	<b>1</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	1,606,879	1,618,059	<b>10,437*</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Jan 19</b>	<b>As of Jan 20</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	70	70	<b>0</b>
Total active cases	0	0	<b>0</b>
Total deaths	1	1	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	69	69	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested	6,185	6,203	<b>18</b>
Negative results	6,093	6,113	<b>20</b>
Pending results	22	20	<b>-2</b>

\*The BCCDC has reported 10,437 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between January 19th and 20th.

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

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

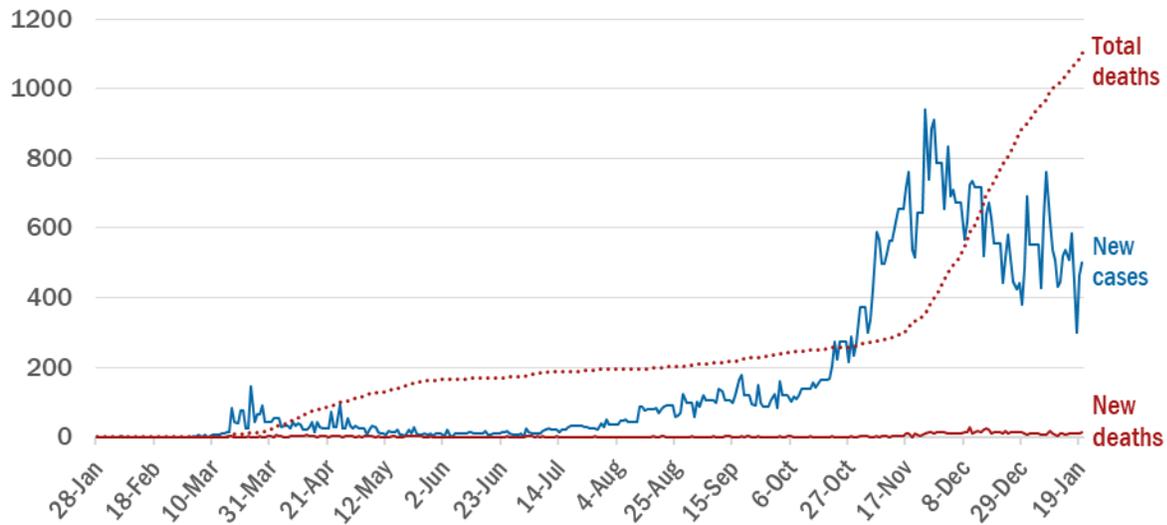
**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE**

**CASES IN CANADA <sup>4</sup>**

	As of Jan 18	As of Jan 19*	Change
Total confirmed cases	13,636	13,873	237
Total active cases	5,442	5,571	129
Currently hospitalized	565	576	11
Total deaths	117	120	3
Total recovered	8,011	8,182	171
Total confirmed cases in BC	1,322	1,348	26

\*Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, 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)**



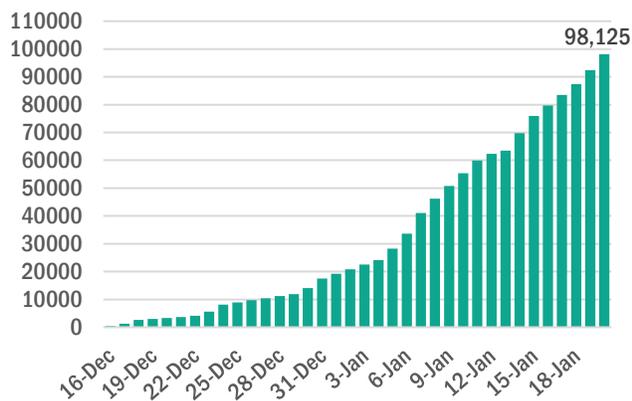
<sup>4</sup> Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

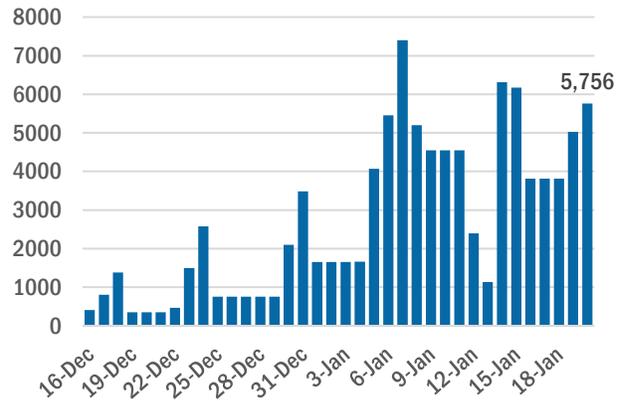
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>5</sup>

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered*	Doses Administered / 100k Population
	Today	Total			
<b>BC</b>	5,756	98,125	133,475	73.51%	1,906.87
<b>Yukon</b>	1,243	2,590	14,400	17.98%	6,140.93
<b>Canada</b>	42,589	696,242	917,640	75.90%	1,831.82

**TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED in BC**



**DOSES ADMINISTERED in BC each day**



## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) provided the following message from Dr. Kelsey Louie, FNHA Medical Officer and Tla'Amin Nation Citizen regarding his experience receiving the COVID-19 vaccine:<sup>6</sup>
  - “I was both pleased and relieved to receive the COVID-19 vaccine earlier this month. As a physician who works in clinics and hospitals, I am in the high-risk category, so with the vaccination I will be able to breathe a little easier.”
  - “Although it was a relatively simple decision for me, I acknowledge that vaccine confidence can be challenging among our community members, and I want to honour the historical reasons and trauma that have contributed to this.”
  - “With this in mind, I want to reassure you that at the FNHA, we are you, we work for you, and we are here to help -- not harm -- you and all Indigenous people living in B.C. Many of our employees, like me, are members of First Nations communities, and I am confident that we aim to place our communities' health and wellness needs and safety at the forefront of any decision we make.”

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

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/the-covid-19-vaccine-a-first-nations-doctor-whos-received-the-covid-19-vaccine-shares-some-information-and-thoughts>

- “While I appreciate the opportunity to protect myself, my patients, my family, and my friends...the vaccine helps prime our immune systems to fight off the virus, but it does not make us invincible. We aren't yet sure how long the vaccine's immunity will last or whether it prevents vaccinated people from transmitting COVID-19. So, ...we will need to keep following all public health guidelines.”
- “I hope you will take the time to get informed about the vaccine and consider joining us in receiving the vaccine when it becomes available to you. čęęhaθęč - I thank you.”

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY**

- Today, the Government of Yukon provided the following update regarding the COVID-19 response in the territory:<sup>7</sup>
  - Vaccination Rollout Progress
    - As of end of day January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2,590 Yukoners have received their first dose of the Moderna vaccine, including all staff and residents of long-term care homes who chose to participate.
    - Current vaccine rollout plan and eligibility:
      - 18 mobile clinics currently scheduled in rural and remote areas: Residents within designated communities who are age 18 and older can receive a vaccine.
      - Whitehorse, Ibex Valley, Marsh Lake and Mount Lorne areas: Residents who are 70 years and older, or who live in group settings, can book an appointment to receive a vaccine.
      - Whitehorse and area:
        - Starting February 1<sup>st</sup>, residents age 60 and older will be eligible to book appointments.
        - Starting February 10<sup>th</sup>, residents age 18 and over can receive a shot.
    - Appointments can be booked at [yukon.ca/this-is-our-shot](http://yukon.ca/this-is-our-shot) or by calling 1-877-374-0425.
    - After receiving a vaccine, Yukoners must continue following all public health measures, including wearing a mask, physical distancing, and avoiding gatherings.
  - COVID-19 Testing
    - The COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre is open 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Sunday.
    - The drive-thru testing centre in Whitehorse will be closing at the end of the day Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> as a result of reduced service needs in recent weeks.
    - Those experiencing severe symptoms and requiring immediate assistance can go to the Whitehorse General Hospital Emergency Department, a community hospital, or a health centre.

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<sup>7</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/january-20-2021-covid-19-update>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) released the following update regarding the COVID-19 response for Indigenous Peoples and communities:<sup>8</sup>
  - With the continued increase of COVID-19 cases reaching a new all-time high this week in First Nations communities across the country, ISC is taking the following measures to mitigate risks:
    - Meeting regularly with local health services in Indigenous communities and engaging with provincial and other federal department representatives to assess on-going community needs.
    - Actively sending PPE, including hand sanitizer, to communities, and working with community health services to provide surge capacity and testing.
    - Assisting to resolve food security issues in communities at risk.
  - Regarding the rollout of vaccines in First Nations communities across the country:
    - To date, vaccination has begun in 169 communities for First Nations or Inuit in all provinces and territories, except Nova Scotia and PEI.
      - In all three territories, immunization clinics have started, aiming to reach three-quarters of the adult population with two doses of the vaccine by the end of March.
    - While some jurisdictions are experiencing challenges, they are short-term and ongoing collaborative planning will ensure readiness when the vaccine arrives in communities, including urban Indigenous communities. Every person in Canada who chooses to be vaccinated will have access to one.
    - Even with the arrival of vaccines, it is essential that everyone continue to follow public health measures including physical distancing, wearing masks, avoiding gatherings and non-essential travel, staying home when sick, and keeping up with frequent hand, cough, and surface hygiene.
- Today, Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, announced an investment of \$6 million in the Canadian Network of COVID-19 Clinical Trials Networks to ensure that Canadians have access to the latest tests, diagnostic tools, vaccines, and therapeutics:<sup>9</sup>
  - This investment will expand existing national and international clinical trial networks to coordinate research on tools that prevent, detect, manage, and treat COVID-19.
  - The network will use feedback from citizens and patients to help set research priorities, facilitate collaboration, and resource sharing, reduce duplication of efforts, and harmonize clinical trial procedures.
  - The Canadian Critical Care Trials Group is supporting this network of COVID trials networks. The network is partnering with more than 40 networks, groups, and institutions across Canada.

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

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/01/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities1.html>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2021/01/government-of-canada-invests-in-national-clinical-trials-network-to-address-the-covid-19-pandemic.html>