

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 25 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 22</b>	<b>As of Jan 25</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	63,484	64,828	<b>1,344*</b>
Total active cases in BC	4,479	4,392	<b>-87</b>
Currently in intensive care	74	68	<b>-6</b>
Currently hospitalized	315	328	<b>13</b>
Total hospitalized to date	3,604	3,690	<b>86</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,128	1,154	<b>26</b>
Total recovered in BC	56,455	57,831	<b>1,376</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Jan 22</b>	<b>As of Jan 25</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	63,484	64,828	<b>1,344*</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	14,460	14,774	<b>314</b>
Fraser Health	38,746	39,364	<b>618</b>
Island Health	1,398	1,471	<b>73</b>
Interior Health	5,639	5,873	<b>234</b>
Northern Health	3,109	3,213	<b>104</b>
Out of Canada	132	133	<b>1</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	1,636,665	1,663,576	<b>26,911</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Jan 22</b>	<b>As of Jan 25</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	6,216	6,229	<b>13</b>
Negative results	6,122	6,154	<b>32</b>
Pending results	24	5	<b>-19</b>

\*The B.C. Government reported 527 new COVID-19 cases Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 471 Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, and 346 Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> (1,344 total).

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

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

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

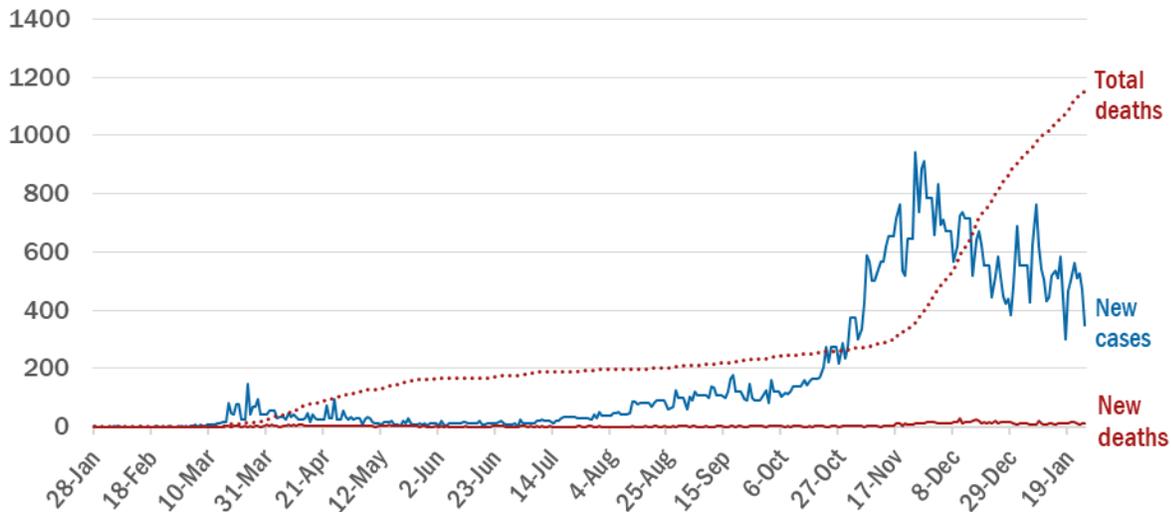
**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE**

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

	As of Jan 21	As of Jan 22*	Change
Total confirmed cases	14,488	14,761	273
Total active cases	5,368	5,296	-72
Currently hospitalized	618	634	16
Total deaths	129	138	9
Total recovered	8,991	9,327	336
Total confirmed cases in BC	1,427	1,489	62

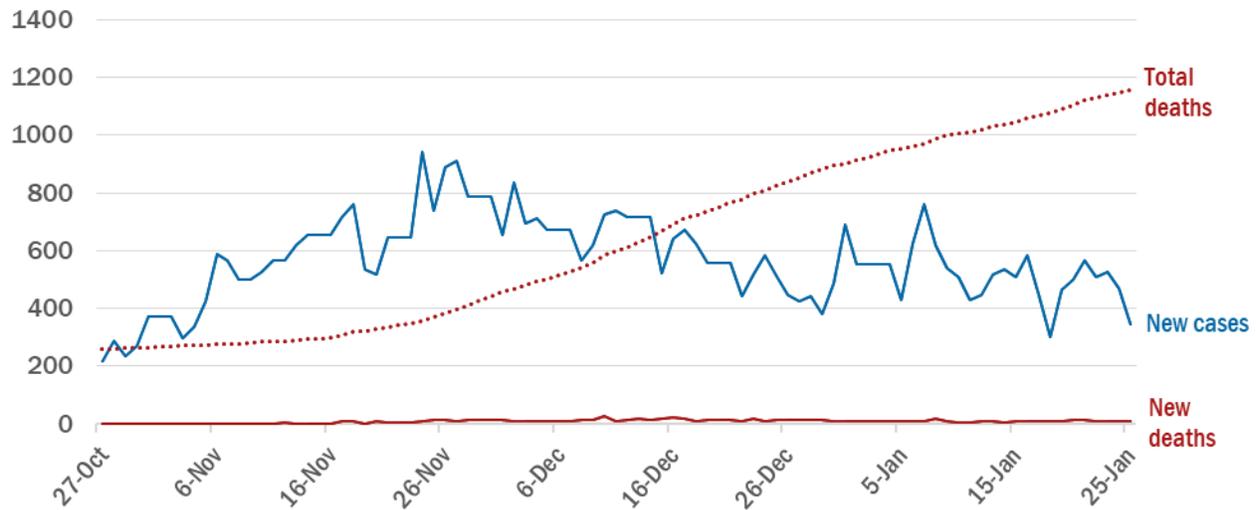
\*Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 is the most up-to-date information released on First Nation Reserve Cases by the Government of Canada.

**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)**



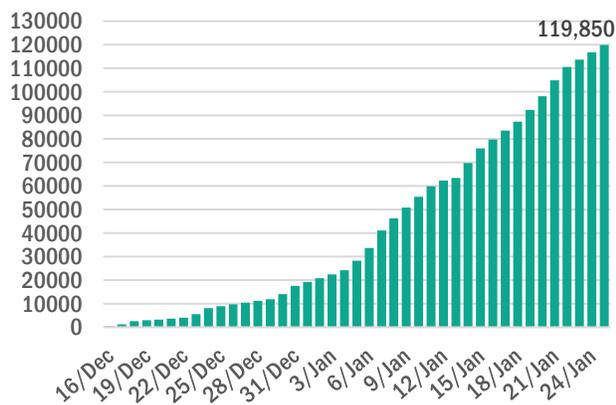
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## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

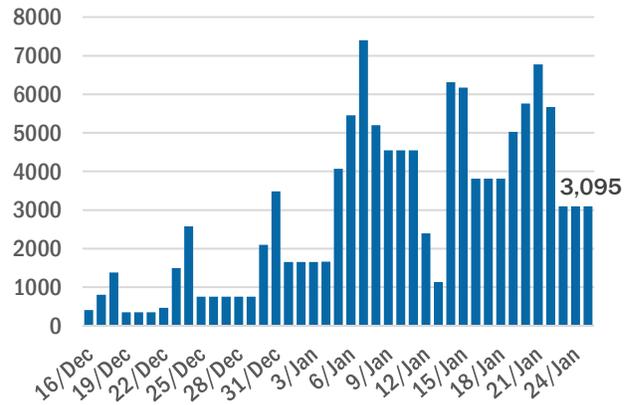
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>5</sup>

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	Doses Administered / 100k Population
	Today	Total			
<b>BC</b>	3,095	119,850	144,500	82.94%	2,329.06
<b>Yukon</b>	222	3,952	14,400	27.44%	9,370.25
<b>Canada</b>	23,498	839,949	1,122,450	74.80%	2,209.92

**TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC**



**DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC EACH DAY**



## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, B.C.'s Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Murray Rankin, Parliamentary Secretary for Anti Racism, Rachna Singh, and BC Green Party leader, Sonia Furstenau, released the following statement in response to acts of racism and discrimination in British Columbia against Indigenous peoples under the guise of COVID-19:<sup>6</sup>
  - "We stand together with Indigenous peoples across the province to denounce and condemn in the strongest possible terms the racist behaviour and discrimination directed at Indigenous peoples."
  - "We are deeply concerned about the recent reports coming from members of Cowichan Tribes and the mounting reports regarding anti-Indigenous racism from many other Indigenous communities throughout the province."
  - "Racism toward Indigenous peoples has no place in our society, and it must stop. We need to stand up to this kind of reprehensible behaviour."
  - "As we all grapple with this pandemic, now is the time to come together, to support one another and to be kind to each other so we can all get through these difficult times safely and soundly."

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

<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021IRR0001-000128>

- “The disturbing examples related to COVID-19 cases in Indigenous communities and the recent report by Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond into systemic racism in our health care system highlight the need for each of us to take an active role in stopping anti-Indigenous racism and racism in all its forms, everywhere.”
- “We can – and must – do better. Ending racism is an issue that crosses all political stripes. We are calling on everyone in B.C. to come together and show that racism and discrimination will not be tolerated.”
- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix, B.C. Minister of Health, provided an update on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in B.C. which included the following.<sup>7</sup>
  - **Statistics on the number of individuals in B.C. that have received the COVID-19 vaccine:**
    - 33,023 staff in long-term care facilities.
    - 4,050 staff in assisted living facilities.
    - 25,701 residents of long-term care facilities.
    - 7,147 residents of assisted living facilities.
  - **Announcement of a delay in COVID-19 vaccine availability in B.C.**
    - This weekend, B.C. learned that quantities of the COVID-19 vaccine expected to be received at the beginning of February have been dramatically reduced.
    - Due to the supply issue, second doses of the vaccine will be delayed until day 42 for a short period of time.
    - This will ensure that the current supply can be used in long-term care homes, and at hospitals, to address outbreaks and to ensure that the vulnerable individuals have some protection against COVID-19.
  - **Regarding COVID-19 vaccine safety in B.C. and Canada**
    - To date in BC there have been 56 reports of adverse reactions from the COVID-19 vaccine:
      - 10 reports of anaphylaxis
      - 1 report of hospitalization
      - 16 reports of other allergic reactions
      - 1 report of paralysis of the face
    - B.C. and Canada continue to monitor these safety signals to ensure that the COVID-19 vaccine is safe for use in Canada.
      - Any reports of adverse reactions are analyzed to determine if the vaccine has caused the reaction or if there is an underlying condition present.
  - **Regarding COVID-19 variants detected in B.C.:**
    - 5 cases of the U.K. variant
      - These cases have been linked to travel out of country.
    - 3 cases of the South African variant
      - These cases have been linked to community transmission.
      - Public health is using contact tracing to understand how this variant was acquired.

<sup>7</sup> Dr. Bonnie Henry via live press conference 25/01/2021 15:00

- Dr. Henry also provided the following comments:
  - “In the last couple of weeks, we have plateaued at about 500 new cases of COVID-19 a day. This may seem stable to some, but it is a precarious situation for all of us.”
  - “This shows us that while we are slowing the spread in long-term care, the risks remain high because the virus continues to circulate in our communities.”
  - “We are at the threshold of where we were in November when cases started rapidly escalating. Getting to the brighter days, easing the public health restrictions in our province relies on what we do now.”
  - “That is why we need your help. Our goal for the next two weeks is to push the number of new cases in our province down as low as we can go.”
  - “Let’s unite in this common goal. We have the tools and the resources to do just that, so let’s show each other that we can make this happen.”
- Today, the B.C. Government announced the release of a Ministry of Health report titled *BC Ministry of Health Long-term care COVID-19 response review*.<sup>8</sup>
  - This report is a progress review of response efforts taken by the ministry and health authorities during the first wave of COVID-19 in long-term care.<sup>9</sup>
  - The report provides independent analysis and recommendations to support the Province’s management of the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in the long-term care sector.
  - Ernst & Young, a pre-qualified supplier, was commissioned to compile the report.
    - Their research consisted of interviews with more than 40 stakeholders, including the Ministry of Health, health authorities, the BC Centre of Disease Control, seniors’ associations, care home operators, providers, frontline staff, and the Hospital Employees’ Union.
  - The report highlights 14 short-term, and five long-term recommendations for improvement.
  - The full report can be accessed here: [https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/1.25.2021\\_LTC\\_COVID-19\\_Response\\_Review.pdf](https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/1.25.2021_LTC_COVID-19_Response_Review.pdf)

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon announced the following Whitehorse clinic and COVID-19 vaccine eligibility updates:<sup>10</sup>
  - Appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine are now available for Yukoners aged 65 years and older living in Whitehorse, Ibex Valley, Marsh Lake, and Mount Lorne areas.
    - Appointments can be booked at <https://yukon.ca/this-is-our-shot> or by calling 1-877-374-0425.
  - Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, appointments will be available for Whitehorse and area residents aged 60 and older.
  - Beginning February 10<sup>th</sup>, appointments will be available for everyone 18 and older.

<sup>8</sup> [https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/1.25.2021\\_LTC\\_COVID-19\\_Response\\_Review.pdf](https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/1.25.2021_LTC_COVID-19_Response_Review.pdf)

<sup>9</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0019-000129>

<sup>10</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/whitehorse-clinic-and-vaccine-eligibility-updates>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister, Chrystia Freeland, and Minister of Middle-Class Prosperity and Associate Minister of Finance, Mona Fortier, announced the launch of virtual pre-budget consultations that will give Canadians an opportunity to share how the Government's 2021 Budget can best support Canadians through the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>11</sup>
  - Pre-budget consultation sessions will be held in the form of virtual round tables to give Canadians an opportunity to share ideas and priorities on how the government can invest to create jobs and build a more resilient economy.
  - In addition, until February 19, 2021, feedback can be provided through an online questionnaire at: [https://letstalkbudget2021.ca/pre\\_budget\\_consultations](https://letstalkbudget2021.ca/pre_budget_consultations).
- On January 24<sup>th</sup>, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, Dr. Theresa Tam, issued a statement regarding the need for continuation of adhering to COVID-19 public health measures after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.<sup>12</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - "I am often asked why it is so important to follow these measures even after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. This is a good question and there are a couple reasons."
  - "First, it can take up to 14 days after receiving the vaccine for it to start being effective. Additionally, while the two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines are between 94-95 percent effective, for 5-6 percent of people who are fully vaccinated, they may still develop symptoms."
  - "The second reason is that we are still learning about the role of vaccines in preventing transmission of the virus. While current data indicates that the COVID-19 vaccines prevent people from getting sick with COVID-19, researchers are continuing to study whether or not they also prevent people from spreading the virus to others."
  - "Once we have more research on the role of these vaccines in preventing transmission, our recommendations may change."
  - "Finally, public health measures currently reduce the risk of contracting all strains of the virus that cause COVID-19. The Chief Medical Officers of Health in the provinces and territories and I remain deeply concerned about the new variants of the virus that have been identified in the UK, Brazil and South Africa and continue to monitor the situation closely in Canada and abroad."
  - "We need to do everything we can to protect Canadians, particularly those who are the most vulnerable, by reducing the opportunity for the virus to mutate. This means preventing transmission of the virus from person-to-person, by diligently practising our proven public health measures."

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

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/01/government-launches-budget-consultations-to-hear-from-canadians.html>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/01/cpho-issue-statement-series-on-covid-19-keeping-up-covid-19-public-health-measures.html>