

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 29 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 28	As of Jan 29	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	66,265	66,779	514
Total active cases in BC	4,455	4,557	102
Currently in intensive care	75	74	-1
Currently hospitalized	291	292	1
Total hospitalized to date	3,740	3,757	17
Total deaths in BC	1,184	1,189	5
Total recovered in BC	59,141	59,551	410

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Jan 28	As of Jan 29	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	66,265	66,265	514
Vancouver Coastal Health	15,187	15,321	134
Fraser Health	39,961	40,184	223
Island Health	1,568	1,597	29
Interior Health	6,080	6,151	71
Northern Health	3,334	3,391	57
Out of Canada	135	135	0
Total individuals tested in BC	1,691,612	1,704,375	*11,773

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Jan 28	As of Jan 29	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	6,264	6,273	9
Negative results	6,177	6,181	4
Pending results	17	22	5

*The BCCDC has reported 11,773 new tests but this does not align with the difference in new tests (12,763) between January 28th and 29th.

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

² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

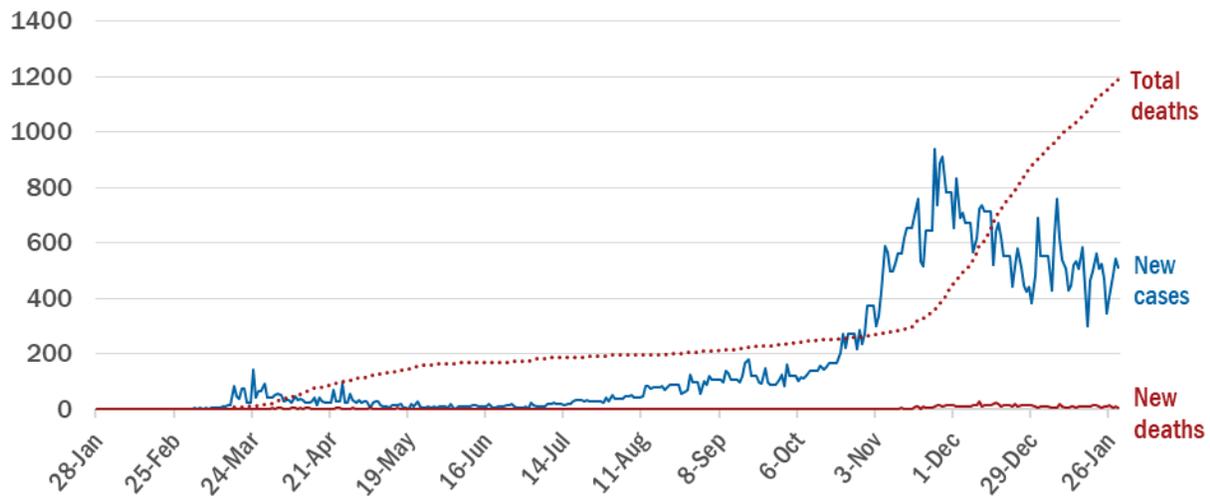
STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA ³

	As of Jan 27	As of Jan 28*	Change
Total confirmed cases	15,989	16,160	171
Total active cases	3,068	2,988	-80
Currently hospitalized	774	755	-19
Total deaths	151	153	2
Total recovered	12,770	13,019	249
Total confirmed cases in BC	1,627	1,628	1

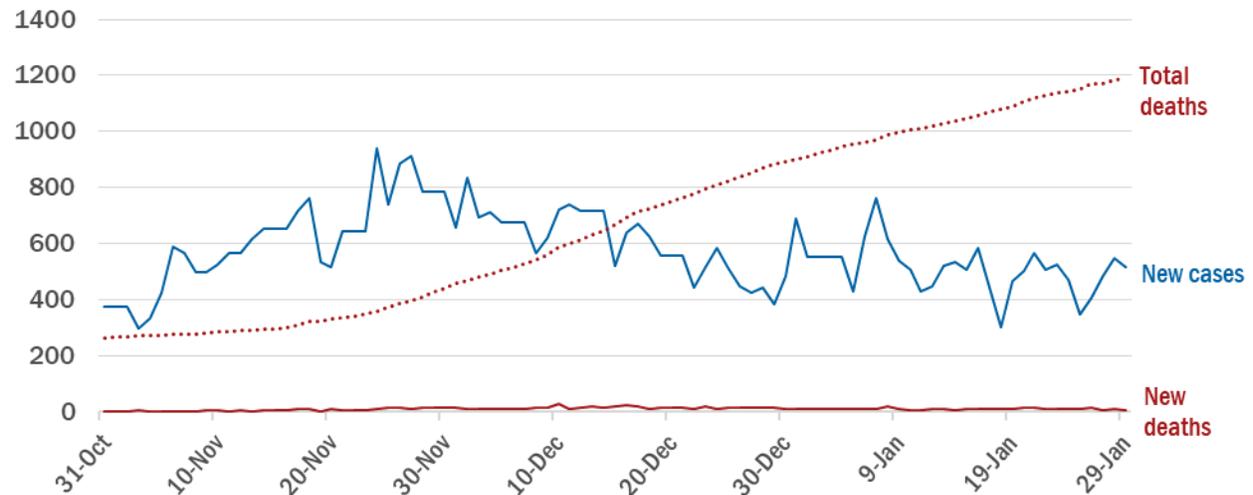
*Jan 28th, 2021 is the most up-to-date information released on First Nation Reserve Cases by the Government of Canada.

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)



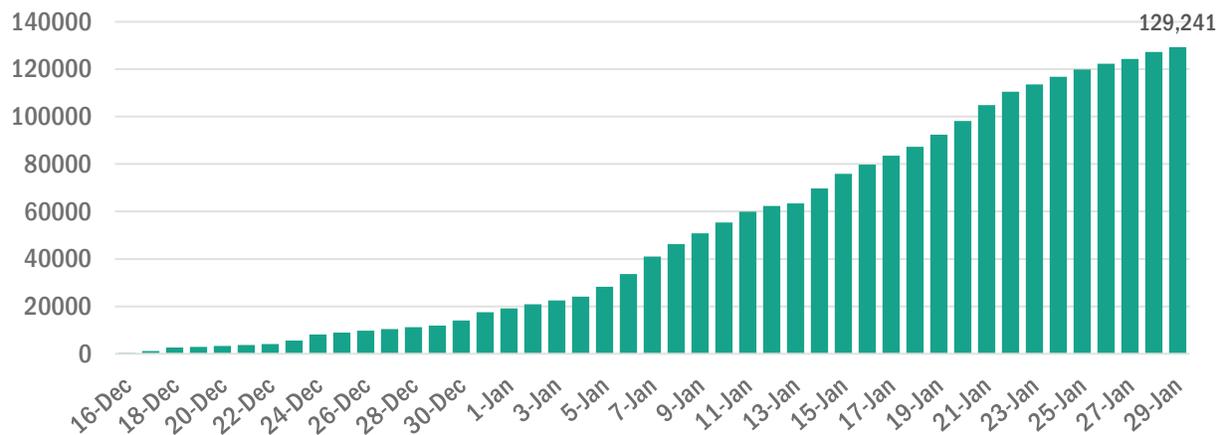
³ Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

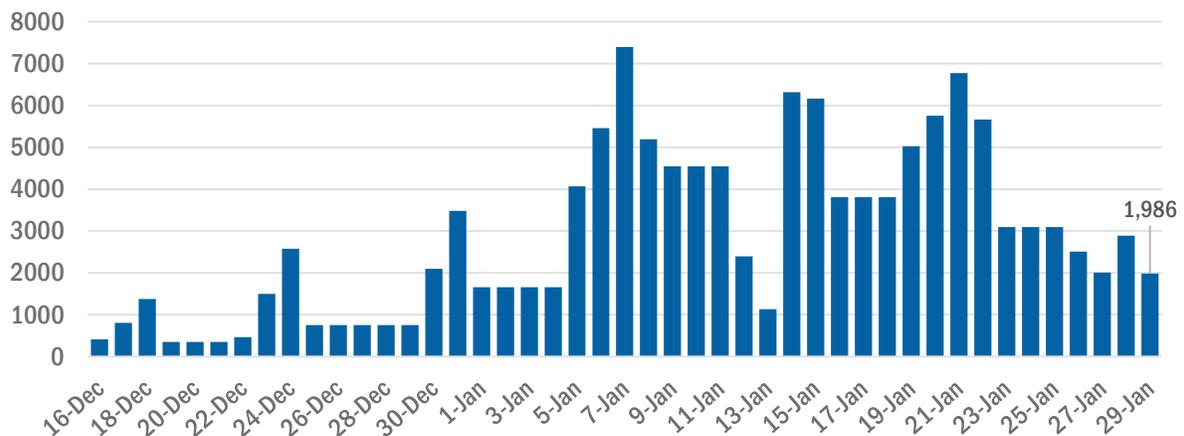
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered ⁵	Doses Administered / 100k Population	People Fully Vaccinated ⁶
	Today	Total				
BC	1,986	129,241	144,550	89.40%	2,511.55	4,262
Yukon	530	6,496	14,400	45.11%	15,402.12	N/A
Canada	21,172	937,199	1,122,450	83.50%	2,465.79	101,175

TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC



DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC EACH DAY



⁴ Source: N. Little. COVID-19 Tracker Canada (2020), COVID19Tracker.ca

⁵ % of Doses Administered: Percentage of doses supplied to the provinces that have been reported as administered.

⁶ People Fully Vaccinated: The number of people reported as having received both required doses.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, B.C. Minister of Health, provided an update on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in B.C., which included the following:
 - **Regarding B.C.'s immunization program:**⁷
 - All long-term care residents, staff and caretakers have been offered the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in all health authority regions across the province. Vaccine uptake has been high.
 - As reported before, there were no Pfizer vaccine delivery this week and a reduced number of doses will be delivered in the upcoming two weeks of February.
 - Moderna vaccines that were schedule to arrive next week have also been reduced by around 20% due to difficulties at the processing plant.
 - Variants of concern: 7 cases in B.C. associated with the U.K. variant; 4 cases in B.C. associated with the South Africa variant of coronavirus.
 - There is hope that the AstraZeneca would be approved soon by Health Canada. The vaccine has been used extensively in the U.K. and a trial will begin in Europe and India.
 - **Regarding the new international travel restrictions:**⁸
 - "Today, new international travel restrictions were announced by the federal government to further limit the potential for COVID-19 to spread in our communities. This is a welcome addition and another layer of protection for all of us.
 - "Any travel beyond your local community, unless it is absolutely essential for work or medical care, is strongly discouraged right now. This applies to everyone in British Columbia and anyone considering a visit to our province. Now is not the time to travel.
 - "We all need to hold off on our travel plans until we can be sure we won't be bringing the virus with us or bringing it back to our families and communities.
 - "Our layers of protection are a combination of the provincial public health restrictions, our personal actions and precautions, and supporting each other to do the right thing – with no exception. This combined effort is what will push our curve down.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Government.

⁷ Dr. Bonnie Henry and Minister Adrian Dix via live press conference at 3:00 PM on Jan 29, 2021.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XX2mx7aePLQ>

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0006-000178>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, the Government of Canada introduced further restrictions on international travel.⁹
 - The government and Canada's airlines (Air Canada, WestJet, Sunwing, and Air Transat) have agreed to suspend all flights to and from 'sun destinations', including Mexico and Caribbean countries, from January 31 until April 30, 2021.
 - Effective from February 3rd, 2021, all arriving international passenger flights will be required to land at one of four airports: Montréal-Trudeau International Airport, Toronto Pearson International Airport, Calgary International Airport, or Vancouver International Airport.
 - In addition to pre-boarding test requirements, the government will be introducing mandatory PCR testing at the airport for all travellers entering Canada.
 - Travellers will have to reserve a room in a Government of Canada-approved hotel for three nights at their own cost and take a COVID-19 molecular test on arrival at their own cost.
 - People with negative results can return home and quarantine under more stringent surveillance and enforcement.
 - Those with positive results will be quarantined immediately at designated government facilities.
 - In the upcoming week, non-essential travellers at land border crossings will need to present a 72-hour pre-arrival, negative molecular test result before being granted entry to Canada.
 - To ensure travellers' awareness and compliance with quarantine requirements, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is working with security companies to help complete compliance checks for travellers arriving in Canada.
 - Screening Officers will visit travellers' quarantine locations to establish contact, confirm identity and confirm that travellers are at the place of quarantine they identified upon entry into Canada.
 - These new officers will conduct visits in 35 cities across the country, starting in Montréal and Toronto on January 29, 2021. A national phased roll-out will follow in the weeks ahead.¹⁰
- Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today announced the second instalment of the Safe Return to Class Fund, to help ensure students, teachers, and staff have the support they need to stay safe and healthy throughout the school year.¹¹
 - The second instalment of up to \$1 billion is provided to the provinces and territories, and can be used for various measures, such as supporting adapted learning spaces and remote learning, improving air ventilation, increasing hand sanitation and hygiene, purchasing personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies, and providing health and safety training for staff.

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/01/government-of-canada-introduces-further-restrictions-on-international-travel.html>

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/01/canada-to-implement-new-testing-and-quarantine-measures-to-reduce-covid-19-infection-related-to-non-essential-international-air-travel.html>

¹¹ <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2021/01/29/support-students-and-school-staff-through-safe-return-class-fund>

- Today, Health Canada released a statement on the status of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine:¹²
 - “The Department is currently completing its review of the submitted data and expects to make a decision on the authorization of the AstraZeneca vaccine in the coming days.”
 - The European Medicines Agency has recently recommended the approval of the vaccine developed by AstraZeneca and Oxford University.

- Today, the Government of Canada announced that the one-week waiting period for Employment Insurance claims will be waived temporarily:¹³
 - EI regulations will be amended to temporarily waive the waiting period for EI claimants who establish a new claim between January 31, 2021 and September 25, 2021. This includes claimants of regular, fishing and special benefits.
 - This temporary measure is to allow people who are applying for benefits to be paid for their first week of unemployment and ease financial stress at a time of great uncertainty.
 - This change will not alter the total weeks of EI benefits for which a person is entitled to.

- Yesterday, Government ministers issued a joint statement on the work to eliminate racism against Indigenous Peoples in the healthcare systems:¹⁴
 - “Systemic racism remains embedded in our country's healthcare systems, with catastrophic effects for First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. Indigenous Peoples are entitled to receive first-class medical care, without fear of discrimination or maltreatment.”
 - The Government of Canada outlined several response strategies to address anti-Indigenous racism in the healthcare systems, including:
 - Co-developing distinctions-based Indigenous health legislation to deliver high quality healthcare for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis.
 - Providing \$2 million to the Atikamekw Nation and Manawan First Nation to advance their advocacy for the implementation of Joyce’s Principle across Canada. Joyce's Principle aims to guarantee all Indigenous Peoples the right of equitable access to social and health services, and the right to enjoy the best possible physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health.
 - Continuing implementation of recommendations from key reports on Indigenous-specific racism and discrimination in the health care system.
 - Providing \$4 million to focus on improving the experiences of Indigenous Peoples in medical school admissions, education, medical practice, and increasing representation within the healthcare field by supporting Indigenous-led health organizations.
 - Supporting the National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health to create a one-stop shop for cultural safety and anti-racism tools and resources.
 - Supporting national and regional health organizations to implement targeted measures and tools to address anti-racism, at the same time encourage cultural humility and promote trauma-informed practices.

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

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/01/statement-on-the-european-medicines-agencys-recommended-authorization-of-the-astrazeneca-covid-19-vaccine.html>

¹³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/01/ei.html>

¹⁴ <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/01/statement-by-the-minister-of-indigenous-services-the-minister-of-crown-indigenous-relations-the-minister-of-health-and-the-minister-of-northern-aff0.html> News released: 2021-01-29