

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 01 February 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 29	As of Feb 01	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	66,779	67,937	1,158*
Total active cases in BC	4,557	4,134	-423
Currently in intensive care	74	79	5
Currently hospitalized	292	289	3
Total hospitalized to date	3,757	3,817	60
Total deaths in BC	1,189	1,210	21
Total recovered in BC	59,551	61,117	1,566

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Jan 29	As of Feb 01	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	66,265	67,937	1,158*
Vancouver Coastal Health	15,321	15,616	295
Fraser Health	40,184	40,677	493
Island Health	1,597	1,675	78
Interior Health	6,151	6,345	194
Northern Health	3,391	3,489	98
Out of Canada	135	135	0
Total individuals tested in BC	1,704,375	1,729,193	24,818

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Jan 29	As of Feb 01	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	6,273	6,294	21
Negative results	6,181	6,206	25
Pending results	22	18	-4

* The B.C. government reported 408 new COVID-19 cases Jan. 30th, 473 Jan 31st, and 277 Feb. 1st (1,158 total).

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

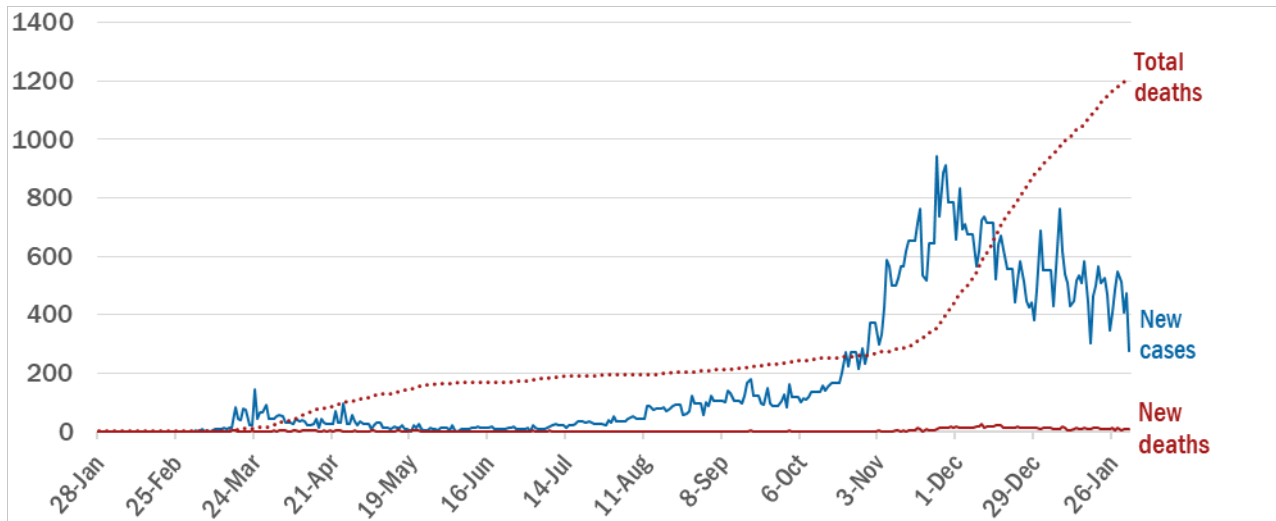
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA³	As of Jan 28	As of Jan 29*	Change
Total confirmed cases	16,160	16,376	216
Total active cases	2,988	2,911	77
Currently hospitalized	755	760	5
Total deaths	153	157	4
Total recovered	13,019	13,308	289
Total confirmed cases in BC	1,628	1,696	68

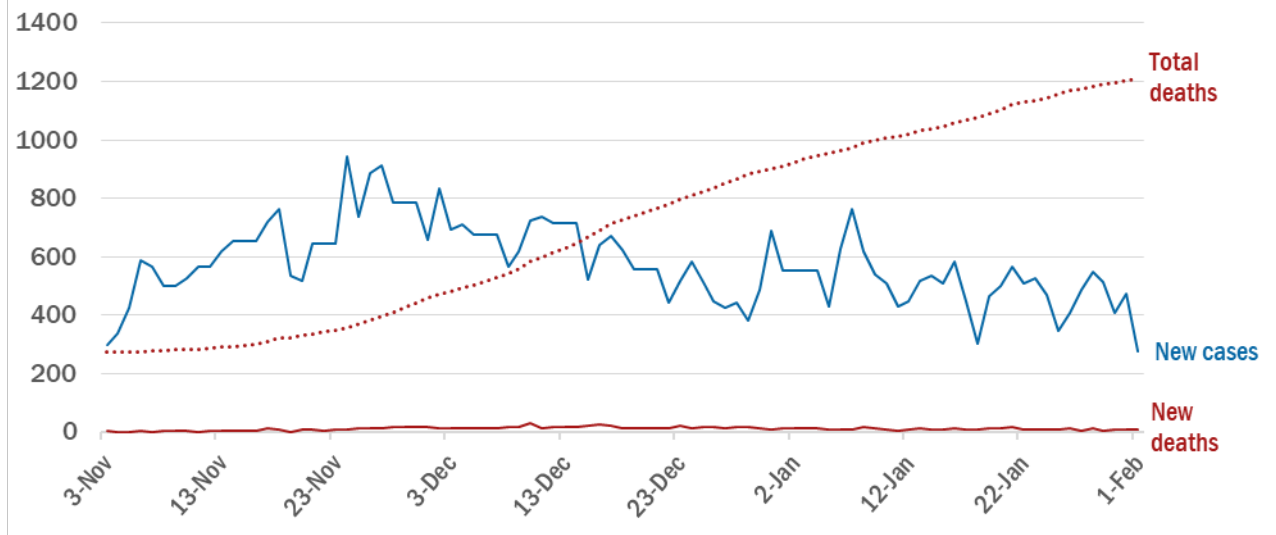
*Jan 29th, 2021 is the most up-to-date information released on First Nation Reserve Cases by the Government of Canada.

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



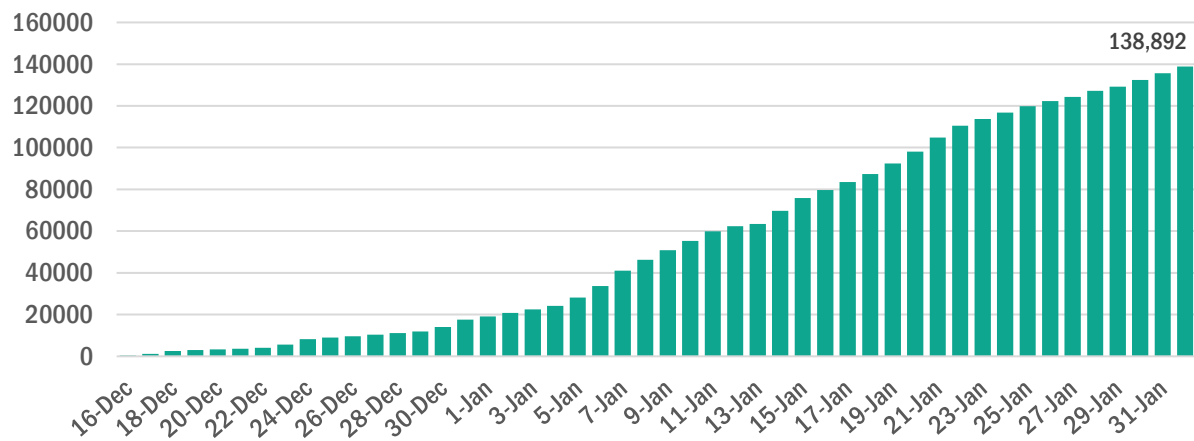
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

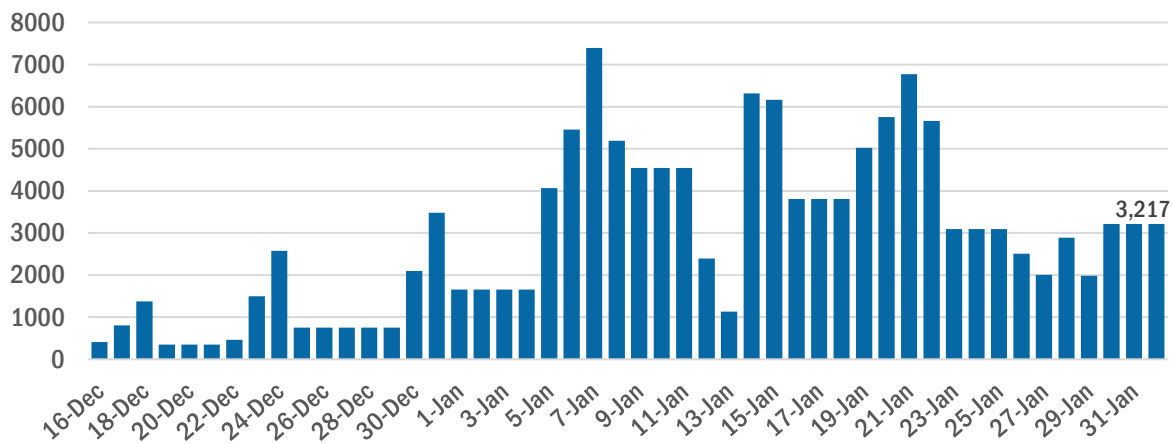
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered ⁵	Doses Administered / 100k Population	People Fully Vaccinated ⁶
	Today	Total				
BC	3,217	138,892	144,550	96.08%	2,699.10	4,491
Yukon	862	7,358	14,400	51.09%	17,445.94	N/A
Canada	18,263	975,492	1,122,450	86.90%	2,566.54	116,317

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, B.C.'s provincial health officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, and B.C. Minister of Health, Adrian Dix, provided an update on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in B.C.⁷ Highlights include the following:
 - **Regarding B.C.'s immunization program:**
 - While fewer people are receiving doses of the COVID-19 vaccine this week, B.C. is continuing preparations for widespread immunization.
 - It is expected that B.C. will receive additional doses of Moderna vaccine later this week.
 - **Regarding the 18 confirmed cases of the COVID-19 variants of concern in B.C.**
 - To date, in B.C. there has been:
 - 4 confirmed cases of the South African variant that have been detected in the Vancouver Coastal Health and Fraser Health authorities.
 - 14 confirmed cases of the U.K. variant that have been detected in the Fraser Health and Island Health authorities.
 - 7 of these cases were confirmed over the weekend.
 - **Regarding the three methods of COVID-19 variant detection in B.C.**
 - The following methods of COVID-19 variant detection are being used in B.C.:
 - Random sampling
 - This method involves surveillance of areas that are showing an increase in COVID-19 outbreaks.
 - Testing all travellers from international destinations
 - Targeting and testing specific groups, including school aged children
 - **Regarding gatherings of any size⁸**
 - "This also reminds us that gatherings of any size, in our homes or elsewhere, are high risk and travel should not be happening right now. Super Bowl, Lunar New Year, and Family Day are ahead, and this year we need to celebrate safely."
 - "Every new day and every new week are new opportunities for each us to break the chain of transmission and slow COVID-19 down. Whether it is out for a day of skiing at our local mountain, what we do at work or how we shop for our groceries, what each of us does matters."
- Today, the B.C. Government announced that Health Insurance B.C. (HIBC) benefits, pharmaceutical programs, and services, are now provided through the Service B.C. provincial contact centre.⁹
 - This adjustment ensures that B.C. residents seeking information about Medical Services Plans, Pharmacare, or Fair Pharmacare, is easier and quicker.
 - Minister of Health, Adrian Dix, stated:
 - "We are focused on delivering quality, appropriate, and cost-effective health-care services to all British Columbians."
 - "As we continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is becoming increasingly important to modernize services and supports and to capitalize on opportunities for

⁷ Dr. Bonnie Henry via live press conference 15:00 01/02/2021

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0006-000185>

⁹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021CITZ0006-000173>

greater operational flexibility. Shifting the HIBC contact centre operations to Service BC meets that need.”

- Today, the B.C. Government announced, until March 31, 2021, applications are open to apply for the Digital Marketing Bootcamp that provides small and medium sized businesses with strategies to improve online marketing during the COVID-19 pandemic.¹⁰
 - The bootcamp runs for eight weeks and covers 40 topics, including engine optimization and analytics.
 - For more information on the bootcamp, or to apply online, visit: <https://www.alacritycanada.com/online-digital-marketing-bootcamp/>
- Today, through *Stronger B.C.: B.C.’s Economic Recovery Plan*, the B.C. Government announced \$3 million in grants towards 15 projects in the forestry sector to support jobs during COVID-19 and to ensure efficient use of wood debris left behind after timber harvesting.¹¹
 - Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation, Ravi Kahlon, stated:
 - “One of the aims of our StrongerBC economic recovery plan is to build stronger, more resilient communities in every corner of the province.”
 - “This program does just that, while also advancing the forest sector’s transition to high-value production, which is essential for B.C.’s long-term economic well-being.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Government.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, on behalf of Minister of Health, Hedy Fry, and B.C.’s Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Sheila Malcolmson, announced more than \$15 million in federal funding for four safer drug supply projects for people at risk of overdose in B.C.¹²
 - The COVID-19 pandemic has added increased risks to the overdose crisis and these projects aim to respond to both simultaneously.
 - These projects will provide patients with:
 - Pharmaceutical-grade medication as an alternative to the toxic illegal supply in circulation.
 - Health and social services, including treatment, which may be more difficult to access during COVID-19.

¹⁰ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021JERI0005-000172>

¹¹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021FLNR00007-000157>

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/02/government-of-canada-supports-four-safer-drug-supply-projects-in-british-columbia.html>

- On January 31st, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, issued a statement regarding health care workers serving during COVID-19.¹³ Highlights include the following:
 - “I would like to start by personally acknowledging all of the health workers serving on Canada’s frontline who have been working tirelessly for many months to protect Canadians.”
 - “The daily stress of their jobs, the long hours of work, and the difficult decisions they must make puts them at risk of suffering psychological distress, burnout, and moral injury.”
 - “One of the most significant ways that we, as Canadians, can help support the mental health and emotional wellbeing of front-line health workers is by reducing their workload. We can do this by easing the pressure that COVID-19 is putting on our health system by following public health advice.”
- On January 31st, Canada Revenue Agency announced the following service enhancements for the 2021 tax season to ensure Canadians financially impacted by COVID-19 can readily access necessary information:¹⁴
 - **Additional Call Centre agents**
 - Additional call centre agents have been hired to support with the increase in call volumes.
 - A third-party service provider has been hired to assist with client service capacity issues.
 - **Automated callback service**
 - This new service will allow callers to leave a call back number if wait times reach a certain length.
 - **Extended Call Centre hours**
 - As of February 27th, the individual enquiries line will be open from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm (local time) Monday to Friday, and from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturdays.

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

¹³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/01/cpho-sunday-edition-january-31-2021-supporting-the-mental-health-of-canadas-frontline-health-workers.html>

¹⁴ <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2021/01/the-canada-revenue-agency-is-acting-to-improve-service-to-canadians-this-tax-filing-season.html>