

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 05 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 Feb 04	As of Feb 05	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	69,245	69,716	471
Total active cases in BC	4,447	4,423	-24
Currently in intensive care	76	70	-6
Currently hospitalized	257	253	-4
Total hospitalized to date	3,861	3,878	17
Total deaths in BC	1,240	1,246	6
Total recovered in BC	62,078	62,567	489

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Feb 04	As of Feb 05	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	69,245	69,716	471
Vancouver Coastal Health	15,934	16,042	108
Fraser Health	41,295	41,503	208
Island Health	1,755	1,783	28
Interior Health	6,513	6,569	56
Northern Health	3,610	3,681	71
Out of Canada	138	138	0
Total individuals tested in BC	1,751,908	1,759,017	7,109*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Feb 04	As of Feb 05	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	6,323	6,328	5
Negative results	6,226	6,237	11
Pending results	27	21	-6

*The BCCDC has reported 8,186 new tests but this does not align with the difference in new tests between February 4th and 5th.

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

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

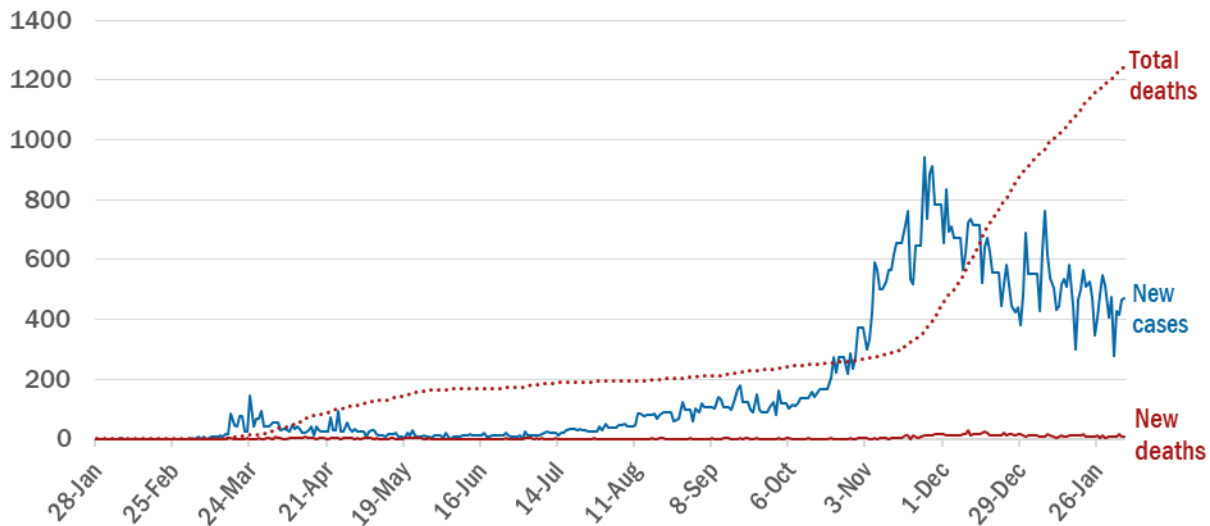
STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA³

	As of Feb 03	As of Feb 04*	Change
Total confirmed cases	17,315	17,486	171
Total active cases	1,869	1,834	-35
Currently hospitalized	787	808	21
Total deaths	172	175	3
Total recovered	15,274	15,477	203
Total confirmed cases in BC	1,845	1,873	28

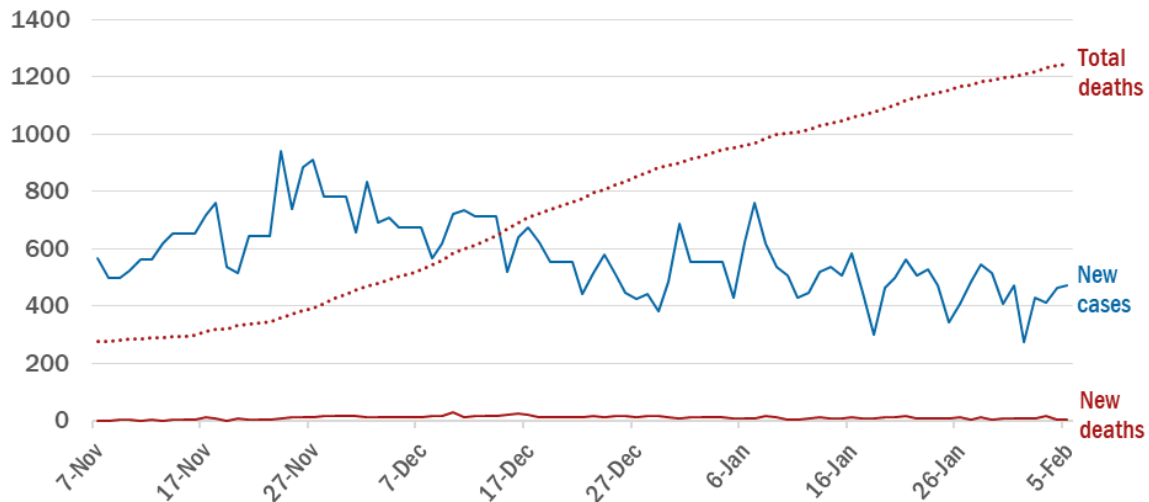
*Feb 04, 2021 is the most up-to-date information released on First Nation Reserve Cases by the Government of Canada.

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



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

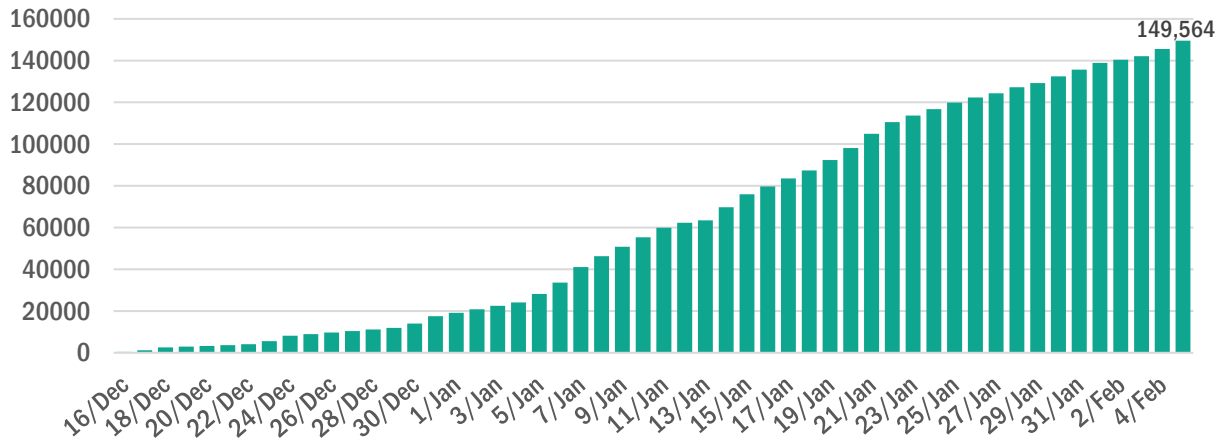
COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

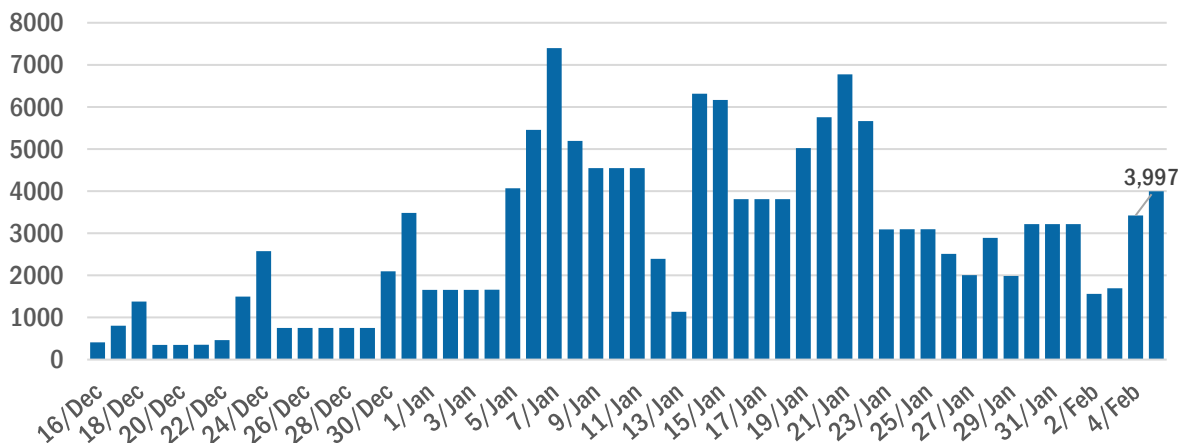
	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered ⁵	Doses Administered / 100k Population	People Fully Vaccinated ⁶	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁷
	Today	Total					
BC	3,997	149,564	156,250	95.72%	2,906.49	10,366	0.20%
Yukon	588	10,519	14,400	73.04%	24,940.72	N/A	N/A
Canada	22,835	1,042,901	1,201,815	86.80%	2,743.89	155,503	0.41%

N/A is used for places that have not yet released second-dose numbers.

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.

⁷ Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/track-vaccinations-across-canada-1.5870573>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, B.C.'s provincial health officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, provided an update on new COVID-19 data modelling available for the province:⁸
 - The data shows that individuals from the ages of 20-49 are the primary drivers of the pandemic in B.C.
 - The pandemic has recently made a dramatic impact on the health care system in northern BC and healthcare resources have been re-allocated to the north based on demand.
 - Data from September 2020 to January 2021 illustrates that COVID-19 has a relatively low infection rate among school aged children.
 - The return to school has not resulted in significant increases in community transmission of COVID-19.
 - **Regarding vaccinations administered to date:**
 - 149,564 vaccines have been administered to date, including:
 - 10,366 second doses
 - 19% to long-term care residents
 - 28% to long-term care staff
 - 7% administered to assisted living residents
 - 3% to assisted living care workers
 - Out of these vaccinations, there have been 205 Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) reports, for a total of 14 AEFI reports for every 10,000 doses administered.
 - 55 have been classified as serious, most involving a severe allergic reaction called anaphylaxis.
 - To date, everyone who has experienced an AEFI has recovered, with very few requiring hospitalization.
 - **Regarding the COVID-19 variants of concern:**
 - To date, B.C. has tested approximately 4,500 samples of COVID-19 test results that were gathered since December 1, 2020 to measure if the new variants were present before they were detected.
 - Of these, variants of concern have been detected in 28 cases.
 - B.1.7.77 (UK variant) = 19 cases
 - B. 1.351 (SA variant) = 9 cases
 - Within the past week, the number of variants of concern cases have doubled but are still rare in BC.
 - **In summary, the epidemiological data is encouraging:**
 - The average number of new infections per active case (reproductive number) is now below 1.
 - The number of new cases is decreasing back to the provincial average, following an increase that began in late 2020.
 - The number of new cases in all Health Authorities across the province appear to be stabilizing or decreasing.

⁸ <https://www.cpac.ca/en/programs/covid-19-canada-responds/episodes/66327873/>

- **Regarding the COVID-19 Public Health Orders currently in place:⁹**
 - The current orders will remain in place for now, however:
 - “Between now and the end of the month, we will be continually reconsidering the need for the restrictions based on incidence and prevalence of the virus, new information about transmission, especially understanding the impact of variants, and the progress of vaccine supply and our immunization program.”
 - “We need to stay on the path we have been on so far in 2021 and remember that one or two superspreading events, or even a small increase in our risky contact with others, can quickly counteract all of that work. Seeing one more friend or having one birthday party with those outside our household is all that it could take.”
 - “As long as we stay on this path, we can start planning for the return of activities at the end of this month.”
 - This includes the possible return to the “safe six” bubble for social interactions.
- Today, The Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery, and Innovation announced a new program titled the “Skills Training for Economic Recovery Program” to support people affected by COVID-19 in gaining access to training opportunities for high-demand jobs:¹⁰
 - The program is intended to provide short-term skills training to people most affected by COVID-19 so they can develop the knowledge, skills, and competencies for good job opportunities while the economy recovers.
 - The B.C. government is investing \$20 million into the program, with the intent to enable 2,500 British Columbians to quickly build the skills needed to access jobs that are in demand.
 - The program includes a diverse range of opportunities and will prepare people for careers in areas such as technology, manufacturing, hospitality, horticulture and automotive trades.
 - This includes the First Nations Technology Council’s Focus Web Development project, which will provide Indigenous participants with digital skills training for careers in the technology sector.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory.

⁹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0012-000221>

¹⁰ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021AEST0010-000211>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, released a statement on the ongoing COVID-19 situation in Canada, which included the following:¹¹
 - “Over the past 7 days, there have been an average of 3,947 new cases reported daily, as case counts continue to decline and many provinces reported over 15% fewer cases, compared to last week.”
 - “Even with the steady two-week decline, case counts are still about double what they were at the peak of the first wave, so easing of restrictions will need to be done gradually and cautiously.”
 - “To date, the provinces have reported over 242 cases of the B.1.1.7 variant, while the number of B.1.351 variant remains at 13 cases.”
 - “As each day brings us more headway against COVID-19, lets holdfast to the measures we know are working. The past weeks of our collective sacrifice has made a difference, reducing illnesses, saving lives, taking the pressure off our healthcare workforce and building out a longer runway for vaccines access to expand and begin to work for all Canadians.”
 - “This weekend many will be watching and rooting for their favourite Super Bowl team – like many events and celebrations during COVID-19, we need to limit in-person contacts to our immediate household and by connecting with others virtually we can still enjoy the Super Bowl, but without the superspreader!”
- Today, Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, announced a bilateral agreement with British Columbia to expand virtual health care services for its residents:¹²
 - Under the agreement, the province will:
 - Receive close to \$18 million to expand virtual health care services during the pandemic.
 - Develop an action plan that outlines how they will invest their share of federal funding to improve access to virtual health care over the coming weeks.
- Today, Mélanie Joly, the Minister responsible for Western Economic Diversification Canada announced an expansion of the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF).¹³
 - RRRF is a national \$2 billion needs-based program designed to help support businesses and organizations that:
 - Are unable to access other federal pandemic support programs; and
 - Continue to experience hardship after accessing these measures.
 - Details of the expanded program include:
 - Up to 12 months of liquidity support available to cover losses sustained between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021, an increase of six months.
 - Increases to the contribution limit from \$40,000 to \$60,000, based on eligibility.

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/02/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-covid-19-february-5-2021.html>

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/02/government-of-canada-invests-18-million-to-virtual-health-care-services-in-british-columbia.html>

¹³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/western-economic-diversification/news/2021/02/more-support-for-tourism-and-other-small-businesses-experiencing-covid-19-related-losses-across-western-canada.html>

- Eligible applicants can get funding up to \$40,000, with 25 percent (up to \$10,000) forgivable if the non-forgivable portion is repaid by December 31, 2022.
 - Eligible applicants can apply for an additional funding over \$40,000 and up to \$60,000, with 50 percent (up to \$10,000) forgivable if the non-forgivable portion is repaid by December 31, 2022.
 - The fully repayable liquidity support over \$60,000 is subject to different terms and different deadlines.
- Today, Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, held a live press conference to provide the following information on the state of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in Canada:¹⁴
 - Despite a number of delays with Pfizer and Moderna’s shipments, Canada is still on track to:
 - Receive 6 million doses of vaccine by the end of March.
 - Provide vaccines to every Canadian by the end of September.
 - This assurance is based on the promises made to the government by officials representing a number of vaccine manufacturers.
 - Through the vaccine sharing program COVAX, Canada will receive 1,900,000 doses of the vaccine by the end of June.

¹⁴ <https://www.cpac.ca/en/programs/covid-19-canada-responds/episodes/66327855/>