

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 09 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 08	As of Feb 09	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	70,952	71,387	435
Total active cases in BC	3,976	4,393	417
Currently in intensive care	69	68	-1
Currently hospitalized	234	241	7
Total hospitalized to date	3,949	3,967	18
Total deaths in BC	1,259	1,263	4
Total recovered in BC	65,605	65,618	13

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Feb 08	As of Feb 09	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	70,952	71,387	435
Vancouver Coastal Health	16,308	16,415	107
Fraser Health	42,104	42,325	221
Island Health	1,869	1,892	23
Interior Health	6,721	6,768	47
Northern Health	3,812	3,849	37
Out of Canada	138	138	0
Total individuals tested in BC	1,781,152	1,786,205	4,987*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Feb 08	As of Feb 09	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	6,381	6,397	16
Negative results	6,300	6,302	2
Pending results	11	25	14

*The BCCDC has reported 4,987 new tests but this does not align with the difference in new tests (5,053) between February 8th and 9th.

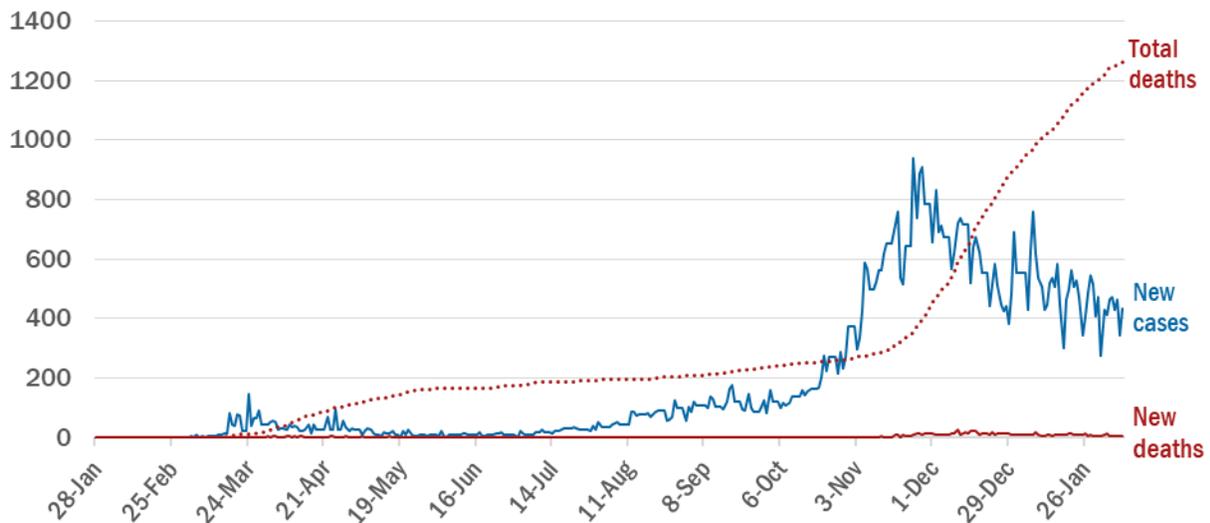
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

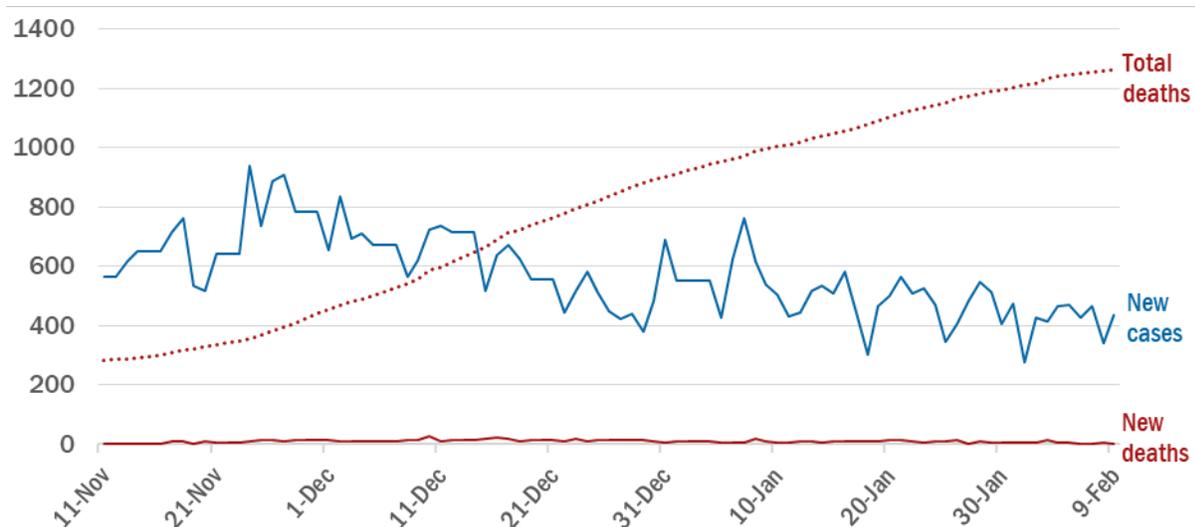
CASES IN CANADA ³	As of Feb 05	As of Feb 09	Change
Total confirmed cases	17,657	18,241	584
Total active cases	1,750	1,834	84
Currently hospitalized	815	828	13
Total deaths	176	190	14
Total recovered	15,731	16,217	486
Total confirmed cases in BC	1,898	1,995	97

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>

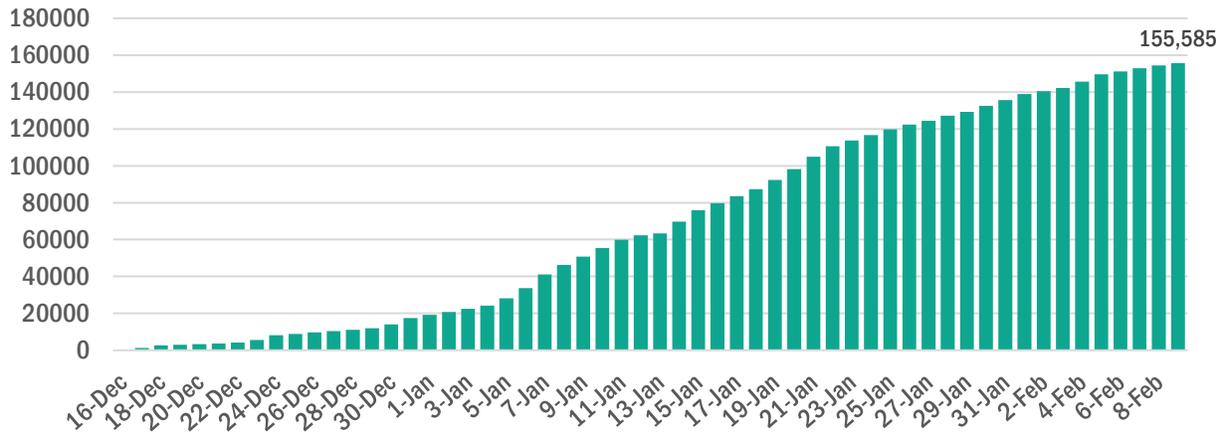
COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

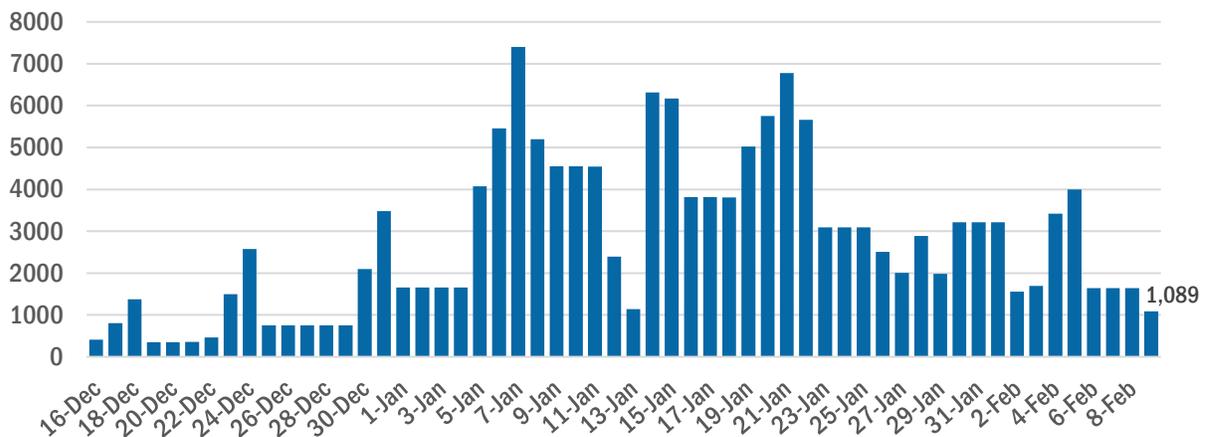
	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered ⁵	Doses Administered / 100k Population	People Fully Vaccinated ⁶	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁷
	Today	Total					
BC	1,089	155,585	172,950	89.95%	3,023.50	12,802	0.25%
Yukon	175	11,234	14,400	78.01%	26,636.07	N/A	N/A
Canada	25,771	1,124,229	1,278,015	88.00%	2,957.87	203,771	0.54%

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, the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport released a statement regarding financial support to help families across B.C. have safe, local Family Day celebrations this year during the COVID-19 pandemic:⁸
 - The B.C. government is providing over \$280,000 to support more than 200 free Family Day activities through participating recreation centres, parks, cultural centres, and museums. Some activities that families can participate in include:
 - Free swimming or skating all weekend
 - Visiting local museums
 - Participate in online activities, such as:
 - Learning Kwak'wala with Elders on U'mista's Zoom class
 - Watching an IMAX documentary online through the Royal BC Museum
 - Various outdoor events
 - People are asked to only enjoy Family Day activities with their immediate household, stay close to home, and not travel outside of their community.
 - For more information on Family Day activities in your community, visit the following website:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/celebrating-british-columbia/bc-family-day>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Government.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, released a statement on the COVID-19 variants of concern in Canada. Highlights included the following:⁹
 - "Over the past week, the total number of new virus variant detections has more than doubled."
 - B.1.1.7 (UK variant) - 355 cases
 - B.1.351 (SA variant) - 25 cases
 - P.1 (Brazil variant) - 1 case
 - "Our way forward is clear. Right now, our measures are working...This simple rule can help us to limit the spread of more transmissible variants while vaccine programs get under way: aim for the **fewest interactions** with the **fewest number of people**, for the **shortest time**, at the **greatest distance possible**."

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021TACS0011-000229>

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/02/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-covid-19-february-9-2021.html>

- Today, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) released a statement regarding the COVID-19 Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) repayments for self-employed individuals, and interest relief on 2020 income tax debt for COVID-19 related income support:¹⁰
 - **Regarding CERB repayments for self-employed individuals:**
 - Self-employed individuals whose net self-employment income was less than \$5,000 and who applied for the CERB will not be required to repay any payments already issued, as long as their gross self-employment income was at least \$5,000 and they met all other eligibility criteria.
 - For any self-employed individuals, whose net self-employment income was less than \$5,000 and who have already voluntarily repaid the CERB, the CRA and Service Canada will return any repaid amounts to these individuals.
 - Additional details will be available in the coming weeks.
 - **Regarding targeted interest relief being provided on 2020 income tax debt for Canadians who received COVID-19 related income support benefits:**
 - Once individuals have filed their 2020 income tax and benefit return, they will not be required to pay interest on any outstanding income tax debt for the 2020 tax year until April 30, 2022.
 - The CRA will automatically apply the interest relief measure for individuals who meet the applicable criteria.
 - To qualify for targeted interest relief, individuals must have had a total taxable income of \$75,000 or less in 2020 and have received income support in 2020 through one or more of the following COVID-19 measures:
 - Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)
 - Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)
 - Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)
 - Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)
 - Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)
 - Employment Insurance benefits
 - Similar provincial emergency benefits
 - The CRA has not extended the tax filing deadline. Canadians should complete and submit their tax returns by April 30, 2021.
- Today, the Ministry of Children and Family Development announced that youth and young adults set to transition from government care will be able to stay in their living arrangements for up to one additional year as the Province extends COVID-19 emergency measures.¹¹
 - All youth who are set to transition into adulthood at age 19 can access housing supports to stay where they are and will continue to receive housing and financial support past their 19th birthday, until March 31, 2022.

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2021/02/government-of-canada-announces-targeted-interest-relief-on-2020-income-tax-debt-for-low--and-middle-income-canadians.html>

¹¹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021CFD0007-000233>

- Youth who are currently living in foster care, contracted residential agencies, or with relatives through an out-of-care arrangement will be able to stay in their placements, receive financial support, and continue to access transition planning with social workers.
- In addition, those who are eligible for the Agreements with Young Adults (AYA) program can apply to participate in both housing support programs and the AYA program at the same time.
 - Eligible young adults using the emergency housing support may be eligible to receive up to \$350 per month through AYA, based on their unique needs and the length of their program.
- Information on the AYA program can be found here:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/youth-and-family-services/teens-in-foster-care/agreements-with-young-adults>
- Information on the Ministry of Children and Family Development's response to COVID-19 can be found here:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/covid-19-information>
- Today, Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and Community Foundations of Canada launched the intake for COVID-19 resilient projects under the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative.¹²
 - The Government of Canada is providing \$31 million in funding for eligible projects that can quickly help communities adapt to the challenges presented by COVID-19, as they continue to navigate the pandemic. The projects are to fall under one of three main themes:
 - Creating safe and vibrant public spaces
 - Improving mobility options
 - Digital solutions
 - Potential projects could include such goals as:
 - Widening sidewalks and adding signage to support physical distancing in busy areas
 - Expanding community gardens and farmers' markets to increase access to healthy and affordable food
 - Developing apps or other digital tools to allow residents to safely access services remotely
 - Local governments and a variety of community-led organizations are eligible to apply, including charities, Indigenous communities, and registered non-profit organizations.
 - Applicants can apply for funding ranging from \$5,000 to \$250,000
 - The application period for the first round of funding will close on March 9, 2021 at 5:00pm PST
 - To learn more about the program, eligibility criteria, and how to apply, visit:
healthycommunitiesinitiative.ca

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

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2021/02/minister-mckenna-and-community-foundations-of-canada-launch-intake-for-covid-19-resilient-projects-under-the-canada-healthy-communities-initiative.html>