

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 12 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 11	As of Feb 12	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	72,305	72,750	445
Total active cases in BC	4,317	4,347	30
Currently in intensive care	63	61	- 2
Currently hospitalized	224	226	2
Total hospitalized to date	4,009	4,033	24
Total deaths in BC	1,278	1,288	10
Total recovered in BC	66,603	67,008	405

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Feb 11	As of Feb 12	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	72,305	72,750	445
Vancouver Coastal Health	16,608	16,743	135
Fraser Health	42,810	43,028	218
Island Health	1,936	1,951	15
Interior Health	6,872	6,916	44
Northern Health	3,939	3,969	30
Out of Canada	140	143	3
Total individuals tested in BC	1,802,476	1,810,219	7,743*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Feb 11	As of Feb 12	Change
Total confirmed cases	70	72	2
Total active cases	0	2	2
Total deaths	1	1	0
Total recovered	69	69	0
Total individuals tested	6,436	6,458	22
Negative results	6,342	6,365	23
Pending results	24	22	-2

* The BCCDC has reported 7,731 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between February 11th and 12th

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

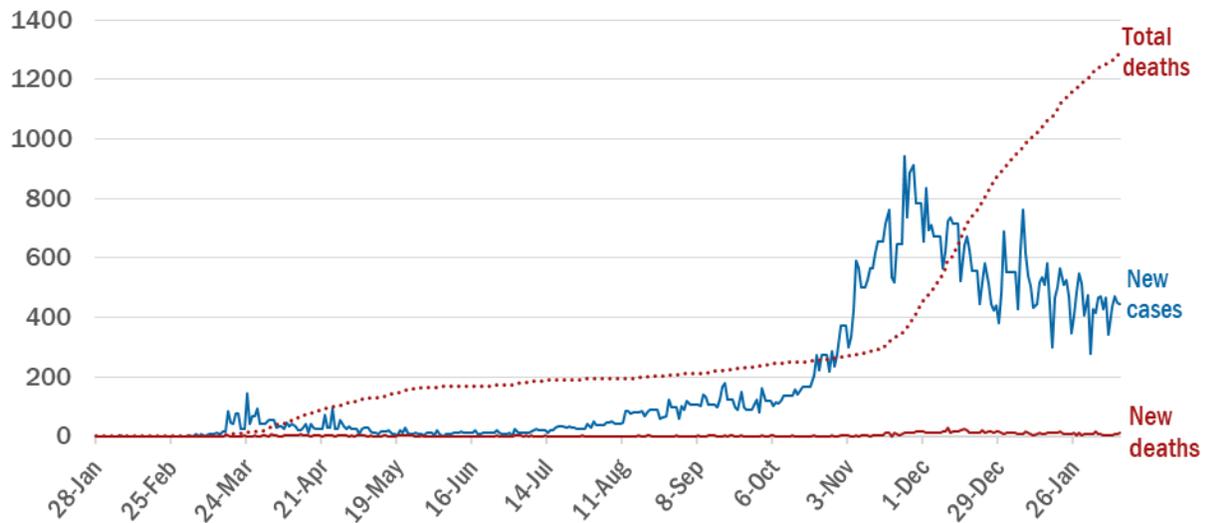
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA³	As of Feb 10	As of Feb 11*	Change
Total confirmed cases	18,439	18,558	119
Total active cases	1,553	1,508	- 45
Currently hospitalized	851	856	7
Total deaths	199	200	1
Total recovered	16,679	16,850	171
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,019	2,034	15

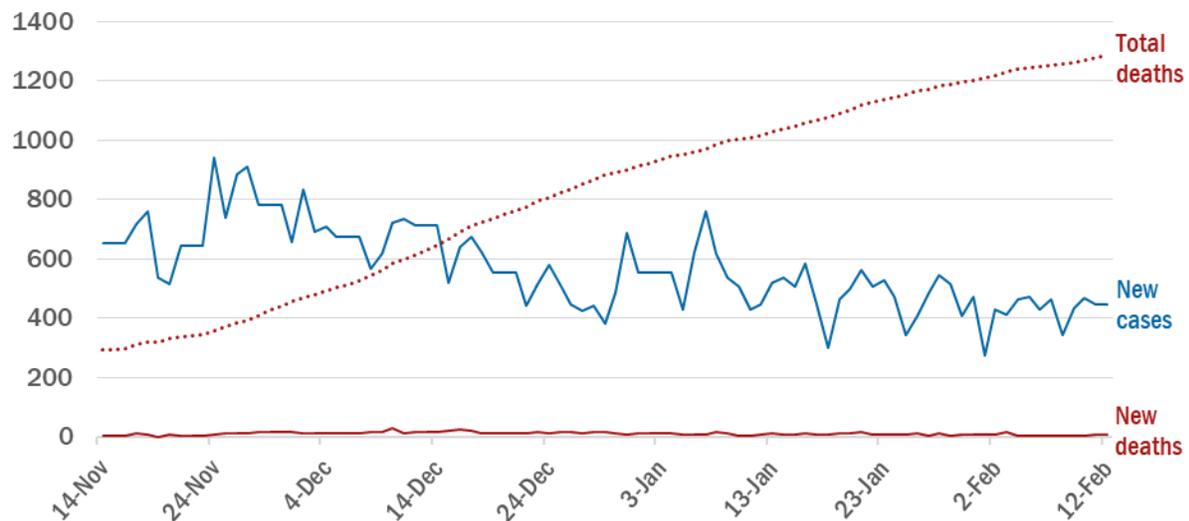
*Indigenous Services Canada last updated data on First Nation Reserve Cases as of Feb 11, 2021.

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



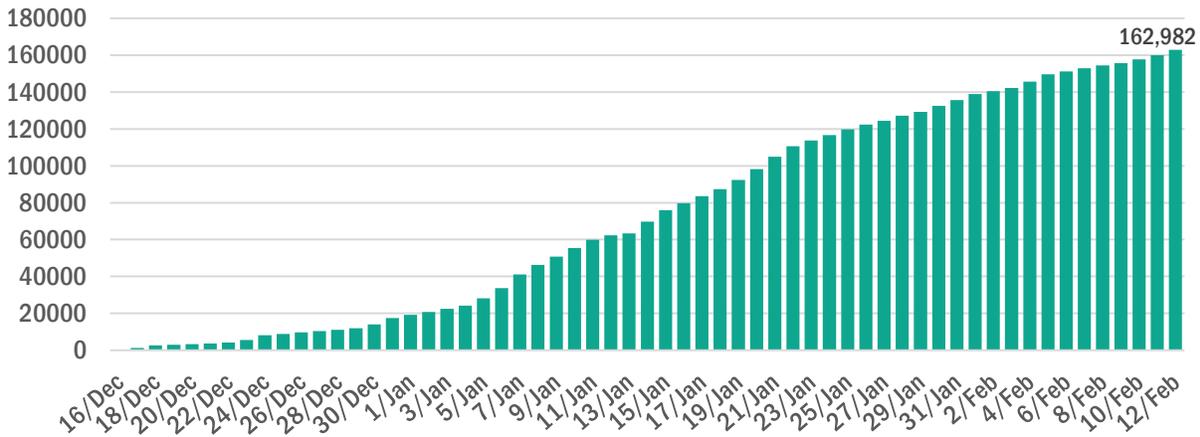
³ Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

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	3,095	162,982	186,550	87.36%	3,167.25	17,562	0.34%
Yukon	80	11,514	14,400	79.95%	27,299.88	909	2.14%
Canada	35,058	1,221,459	1,350,275	90.50%	3,213.68	266,747	0.70%

TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC



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. which included the following.⁸
 - Starting next week, the deliveries of the Pfizer-Biontech vaccine will resume at much higher levels, allowing B.C. to resume the province-wide immunization program.
 - 54,990 doses are expected.
 - Phase 1 of the program is nearing a close, with expanded vaccinations to elderly community members expected to be available in the coming weeks.
 - To date, a total of 46 variant cases have been confirmed in B.C.:
 - 29 of the B.1.1.7 variant (U.K.)
 - 17 of the B.1.351 variant (SA)
 - A newly discovered variant (B.1.525) has been discovered and is under investigation.
 - This variant has been discovered in only one case in B.C. and is linked to travel from Nigeria.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Yukon government has announced **Exposure Notices** for two new cases of COVID-19:⁹
 - People may have been exposed to COVID-19 infection if they were at one of the following locations:
 - Save-On-Foods – Thursday, February 11, 2021, between 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Air North flight 544 Vancouver to Whitehorse – Sunday, February 7, 2021, between 11 a.m. (PST) to 2:25 p.m. (MST)
 - Anyone experiencing COVID-19 like symptoms should self-isolate and remain at home, take the online self-assessment and arrange to get tested.
- Today, Premier Sandy Silver and Dr. Brendan Hanley, Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, provided an update on the territory's next shipment of vaccines:¹⁰
 - "We have received confirmation the Yukon will receive 16,100 doses of the Moderna vaccine by the end of the month. The mass clinic for all eligible Yukoners will open in Whitehorse as soon as possible following the arrival of these doses."
 - The clinic will be open to all Yukoners, in order to immunize as many individuals as quickly as possible.
 - To date, all eligible people at long-term care homes in The Yukon have now received their full immunizations.
 - Homebound people in Whitehorse have also received their second dose and are now fully vaccinated.

⁸ Dr. Bonnie Henry via live press conference 15:00 12/02/2021

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/february-12-2021-covid-19-case-update>

¹⁰ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/statement-premier-sandy-silver-and-minister-health-and-social-services-pauline-frost-yukons-next-vaccine-shipment>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, released a statement on the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada.¹¹ Highlights included the following:
 - **Regarding variants of concern:**
 - There are now eight provinces reporting more than 429 B.1.1.7 (U.K. variants), 28 B.1.351 (South Africa) variants and 1 P.1 variant (Brazil).
 - At least three of these provinces are reporting evidence of community spread and variants have been linked to outbreaks in various settings.
 - **Regarding vaccinations:**
 - Almost 1.2 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered across Canada to date, including at least one dose of the vaccine to the following categories:
 - 55.4% of prioritized healthcare workers.
 - 31% of adults in the territories.
 - 11.6% of elderly adults over 80 years of age.
- Today, the Public Health Agency of Canada announced a \$53 million investment into the *Variants of Concern Strategy*, which is a government-developed monitoring program with provinces and territories to identify new COVID-19 virus variants in Canada.¹²
 - The investment will support the rapid scale up of surveillance, sequencing and research efforts.
 - This strategy represents increasing efforts to find and track COVID-19 variants in the country via:
 - Partnership between the Public Health Agency of Canada's (PHAC) National Microbiology Laboratory (NML), Health Canada, Genome Canada and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).
 - PHAC's NML is providing \$20 million and CanCOGeN is providing \$8 million to increase genomic sequencing and real-time data sharing capacity.
 - CIHR is providing up to \$25 million to scale up Canadian research to increase understanding of emerging variants and provide decision makers with rapid guidance for drug therapy, vaccine effectiveness, and other public health strategies.
 - The establishment of regional clinical and public health teams to quickly identify and characterize variants of concern.
 - Standardizing data sharing across Canada and facilitating the access of information on the variants from national and international databases.
 - Regarding this announcement, Minister of Health, Patty Hajdu stated:
 - "These new investments in research and genome sequencing will allow public health officials to rapidly gather further evidence to inform public health measures and reduce the spread of these COVID-19 virus variants of concern."

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/02/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-covid-19-february-12-2021.html>

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/02/government-of-canada-invests-53-million-to-address-covid-19-virus-variants-of-concern.html>

- Today, the Government of Canada announced further testing and quarantine requirements for international travellers arriving to Canada's air and land ports of entry.¹³
 - As of February 15, 2021, all travellers arriving to Canada by land, with some exceptions, will be required to provide proof of either:
 - A negative COVID-19 test taken in the United States within 72 hours of pre-arrival.
 - A positive COVID-19 test taken 14 to 90 days prior to arrival.
 - As of February 22, 2021:
 - Travellers entering Canada at the land border will be required to take a COVID-19 molecular test on arrival as well as toward the end of their 14-day quarantine.
 - All travellers arriving to Canada by air, with some exceptions, will be required to take a COVID-19 molecular test when they arrive in Canada before exiting the airport, and another toward the end of their 14-day quarantine period.
 - With limited exceptions, air travellers, will also be required to reserve, prior to departure to Canada, a 3-night stay in a government-authorized hotel.
 - These new measures are in addition to existing mandatory pre-boarding and health requirements for air travellers.
 - Canadians citizens, persons registered under the *Indian Act* and permanent residents arriving by land to Canada, who do not present a valid COVID-19 molecular test, will be allowed entry, but may be subject to a fine of up to \$3,000 per day or face criminal prosecution.
 - Foreign nationals who have obtained an exemption to enter Canada, will be refused entry, with limited exceptions, if they do not have a valid COVID-19 molecular test result.
 - Travellers may also be required to go to a designated quarantine facility if they are symptomatic on arrival at the border, or do not have a suitable quarantine plan.
- Today, Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, announced the following updates to the national vaccine distribution strategy:¹⁴
 - Canada has negotiated an accelerated delivery schedule for Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine.
 - This agreement will ensure Canada receives all 40 million of its secured doses from Pfizer-BioNTech by the end of September.
 - The Government has also purchased an additional 4 million doses of the Moderna vaccine, bringing the total number of secured doses to 44 million. The additional 4 million doses are expected to arrive by the end of September.
 - Canada is now expected to receive:
 - 6 million doses of vaccine from Pfizer and Moderna before the end of March.
 - 84 million doses of vaccine from Pfizer and Moderna before the end of September.

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/2021/02/government-of-canada-expands-restrictions-to-international-travel-by-land-and-air.html>

¹⁴ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/news/2021/02/canada-negotiates-accelerated-delivery-schedule-for-pfizer-biontechs-covid-19-vaccine.html>