

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 16 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 12	As of Feb 16	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	72,750	74,283	1,533*
Total active cases in BC	4,347	4,189	-158
Currently in intensive care	61	74	- 2
Currently hospitalized	226	231	2
Total hospitalized to date	4,033	4,117	84
Total deaths in BC	1,288	1,314	26
Total recovered in BC	67,008	68,705	1,697

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Feb 12	As of Feb 16	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	72,750	74,283	1,533
Vancouver Coastal Health	16,743	17,135	392
Fraser Health	43,028	43,884	856
Island Health	1,951	2,009	58
Interior Health	6,916	7,008	92
Northern Health	3,969	4,104	135
Out of Canada	143	143	0
Total individuals tested in BC	1,810,219	1,836,797	26,578

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Feb 12	As of Feb 16	Change
Total confirmed cases	72	72	0
Total active cases	2	2	0
Total deaths	1	1	0
Total recovered	69	69	0
Total individuals tested	6,458	6,516	58
Negative results	6,365	6,404	39
Pending results	22	40	18

*The BCCDC has reported 452 new cases from Feb 12th to 13th, 431 from Feb 13th to 14th, 348 from Feb 14th to 15th, and 302 from Feb 15th to 16th

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

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

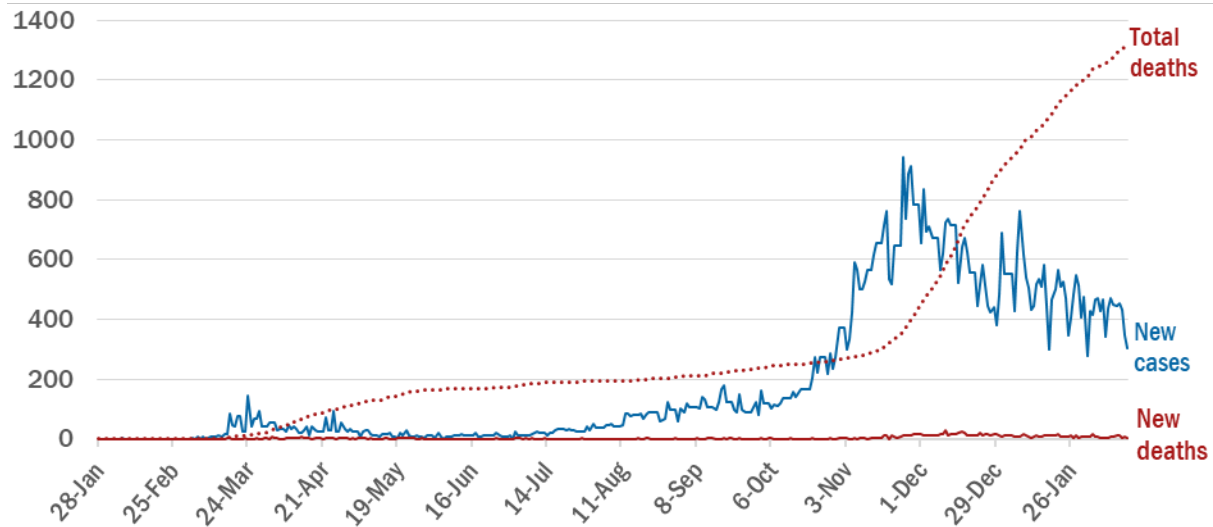
STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA³

	As of Feb 11	As of Feb 15*	Change
Total confirmed cases	18,558	19,068	510
Total active cases	1,508	1,484	- 24
Currently hospitalized	856	871	15
Total deaths	200	204	4
Total recovered	16,850	17,380	530
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,034	2,047	13

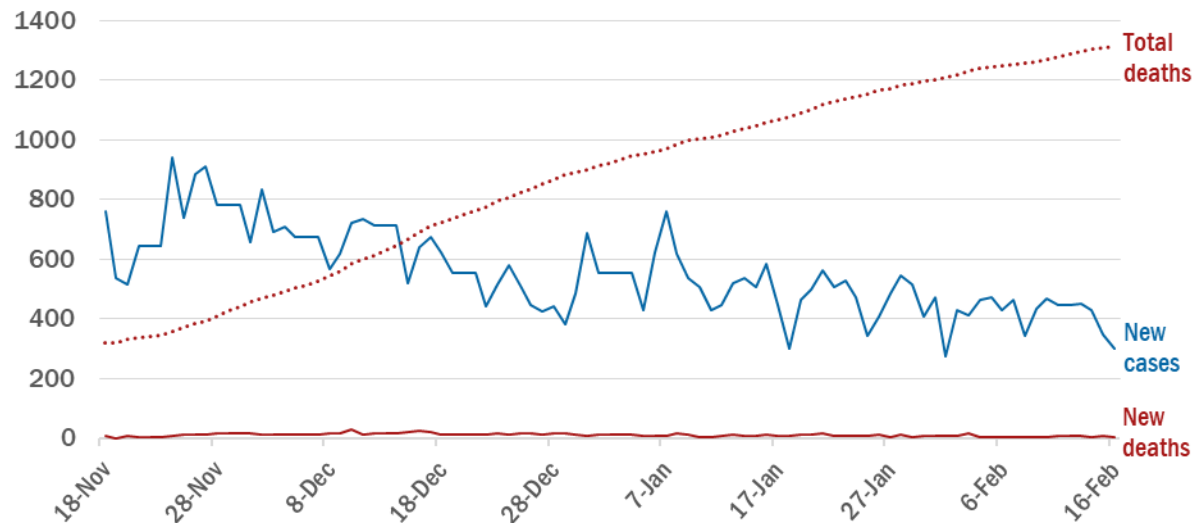
*Indigenous Services Canada last updated data on First Nation Reserve Cases as of Feb 15, 2021.

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



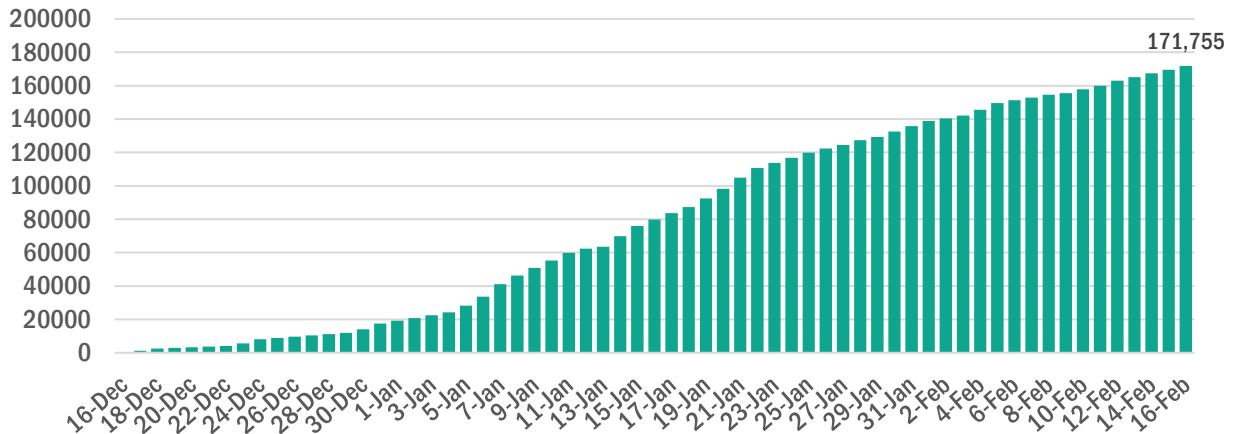
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

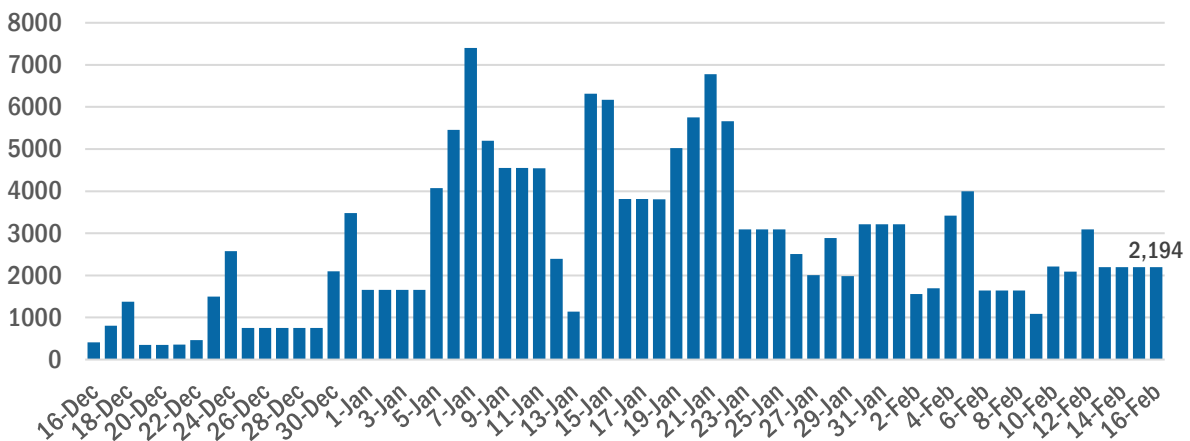
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered ⁵	Doses Administered / 100k Population	People Fully Vaccinated ⁶	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁷
	Today	Total					
BC	8,773	171,755	188,500	91.11%	3,337.73	22,914	0.45%
Yukon	N/A	11,514	18,900	60.92%	27,299.88	909	2.14%
Canada	26,157	1,306,784	1,447,600	90.30%	3,438.18	325,936	0.86%

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 B.C. Government announced the extension of the provincial state of emergency through the end of the day on March 2, 2021.⁸
 - This measure allows health and emergency management officials to continue to use extraordinary powers under the Emergency Program Act (EPA) to support the Province's COVID-19 pandemic response.
 - Under the EPA, the province continues to use the support of police and other enforcement officials to issue tickets for owners, operators and event organizers who host an event or gathering contravening the Provincial Health Officer's orders.
- 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:⁹
 - Regarding the variants of concern:
 - There are currently 60 cases in B.C.
 - B.1.1.7 (UK variant) – 40 cases
 - B.1.351 (SA variant) – 19 cases
 - B.1.525 (Nigeria variant) – 1 case
 - Regarding B.C.'s Immunization Plan:
 - "This week, we will start to see increased deliveries of COVID-19 vaccine. While this is encouraging, our supply remains limited and we are continuing to defer second doses for most people until we have greater, more stable supply."
 - The focus is on providing second doses to those who are at highest risk of contracting COVID-19.
 - B.C.'s Immunization Plan provides a buffer of time for the administration of second doses, to ensure individuals receive them in a timely matter in the event of supply issues.
 - Regarding current cases of COVID-19:
 - Current numbers show that unsafe interactions continue in B.C.
 - The reproductive number -- the number of individuals that become infected themselves following contact with an individual infected with COVID-19 -- has increased.
 - This means that one individual is transmitting to, and infecting more than, one other person. This can lead to exponential growth, causing the virus to spread more rapidly.
 - "If you have symptoms of COVID-19, it is important to stay home, stay away from others and arrange to get tested right away. We ask all employers to support their employees and make this possible for everyone."
 - "As we ramp up our immunization program once again, we have to remember today's new cases are a result of our actions two weeks ago. But more importantly, the precautions we take today will define how we fare two weeks from now."

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0014-000280>

⁹ Via live press conference on February 16, 2021

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- On February 13, 2021, the Yukon government announced **Exposure Notices** for three new cases of COVID-19:¹⁰
 - People may have been exposed to COVID-19 infection if they were at the following locations at the listed times and dates:
 - Canada Games Centre, running track – Thursday, February 4 between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
 - Whiskey Jack’s Pub & Grill, dining room and off sales – Saturday, February 6 between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
 - Better Bodies – Monday, February 8 between 5:45 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.
 - Anyone experiencing any COVID-19 like symptoms should self-isolate and remain at home, take the self-assessment online, and arrange to get tested.

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. Highlights included the following:¹¹
 - “In the past two months more contagious new variants have emerged in Canada and now appear in all 10 provinces. Starting with a few travel-related cases in the early weeks, these variants have been smouldering in the background and gaining fuel that now threatens to flare up into a new, rapidly spreading blaze. There are now over 540 B.1.1.7 variants, 33 B.1.351 variants, and 1 P.1 variant.”
 - “More worrisome is that at least four provinces are reporting evidence of community spread and outbreak activity associated with these faster spreading variants.”
 - “Though we may feel tired, and have all suffered losses, collectively we cannot afford to take the brakes off. We need to protect our progress and keep the runway clear for vaccine programs to expand and begin to work. This virus has shown time and again that what works is a united front, quick action, and sustained effort.”
- On February 14, 2021, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) provided an update regarding identifying and responding to misinformation during COVID-19:¹²
 - “Throughout the pandemic we have relied on technology and information-sharing platforms to keep us safe, informed, and connected. At the same time, these platforms have contributed to an overabundance of information - an *infodemic* - that worsens the current pandemic by allowing false information to circulate more easily, hampering public health responses, creating confusion and distrust, and ultimately, making it more difficult for people to make vital decisions about their health and safety.”
 - How Canadians can equip themselves to recognize misinformation:
 - **Acknowledge that misinformation is everywhere online**, and anyone can be vulnerable to it.

¹⁰ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/february-13-2021-additional-public-exposure-notices>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/02/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-covid-19-february-16-2021.html>

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/02/cpho-sunday-edition-equipping-ourselves-against-mis--and-disinformation-during-covid-19.html>

- **Carefully review information you come across.** Pause and carefully check information before you share it with loved ones and others, so that we can break the misinformation chain.
- **Consider your current emotional state:** Studies show that we are less able to recognize misinformation when we are feeling anxious or scared.
 - Then, **read the full article:** Research also shows that we often do not click on headlines to fully read an article before we share it onward.
- **Do not share information you have not vetted for yourself.**
 - Before sharing, try to "retrace your steps" to ensure that the information originated from a trusted party. Try checking to see if the information can be validated by other legitimate sources, like the Government of Canada's or the World Health Organization's COVID-19 websites, from provincial and territorial health ministry sites, or from local public health units or other trusted institutions like universities or health organizations.
- **Consider what the majority of experts are saying** over what one or two individuals may have to say.
- **If you come across misinformation,** report it on the social media platform where you see it.
 - If friends or family members shared the misinformation, speak empathetically with them about why something is untrue and share sources of accurate information instead.
- Resources for Canadians on identifying and dealing with misinformation:
 - SPOTFakeNews.ca (<https://spotfakenews.ca/>)
 - ScienceUpFirst (<https://www.scienceupfirst.com/>)
- Organizations like MediaSmarts have resources for parents, children, and teachers to help introduce media literacy concepts for children (<https://mediasmarts.ca/>)

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