

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 19 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 18	As of Feb 19	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	75,327	75,835	508
Total active cases in BC	4,348	4,486	138
Currently in intensive care	60	60	0
Currently hospitalized	224	217	-7
Total hospitalized to date	4,147	4,158	11
Total deaths in BC	1,321	1,327	6
Total recovered in BC	69,602	69,970	368
CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Feb 18	As of Feb 19	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	75,327	75,835	508
Vancouver Coastal Health	17,371	17,487	116
Fraser Health	44,462	44,748	286
Island Health	2,046	2,068	22
Interior Health	7,072	7,131	59
Northern Health	4,227	4,252	25
Out of Canada	149	149	0
Total individuals tested in BC	1,851,860	1,861,010	*9,150
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Feb 18	As of Feb 19	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	6,550	6,570	20
Negative results	6,429	6,471	42
Pending results	49	27	-22

*The BCCDC has reported 9,117 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers (9,150) between Feb 18th and 19th

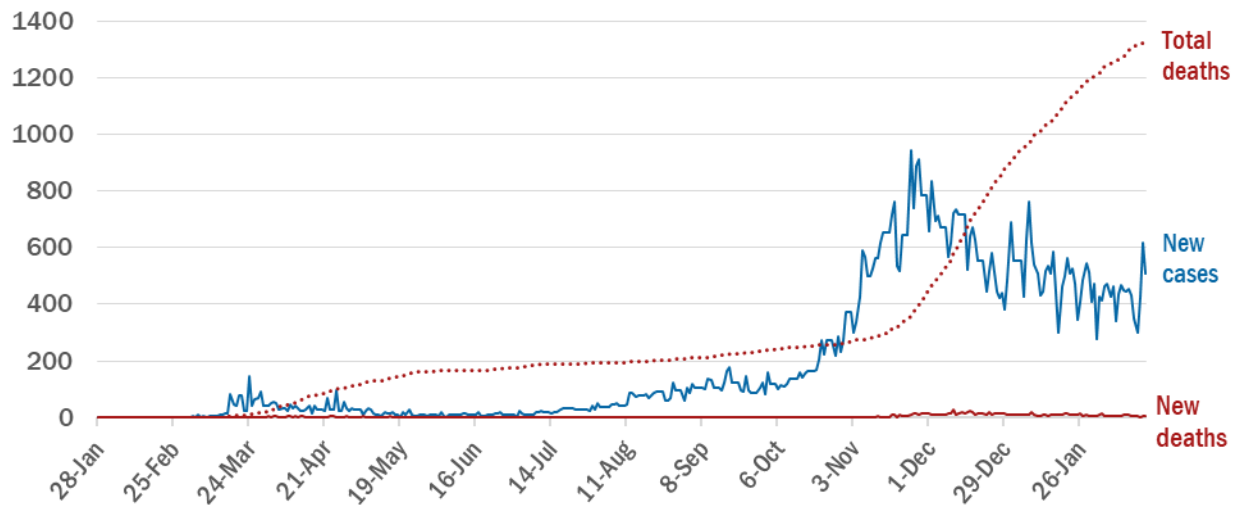
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

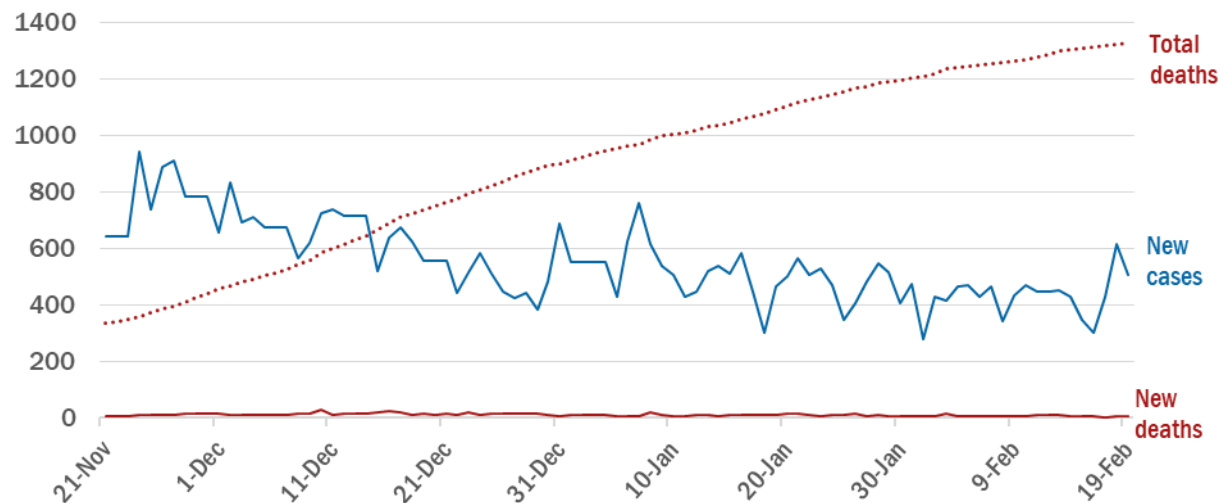
CASES IN CANADA³	As of Feb 17	As of Feb 18	Change
Total confirmed cases	19,361	19,455	94
Total active cases	1,350	1,265	-85
Currently hospitalized	898	901	3
Total deaths	208	215	7
Total recovered	17,803	17,975	172
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,091	2,103	12

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



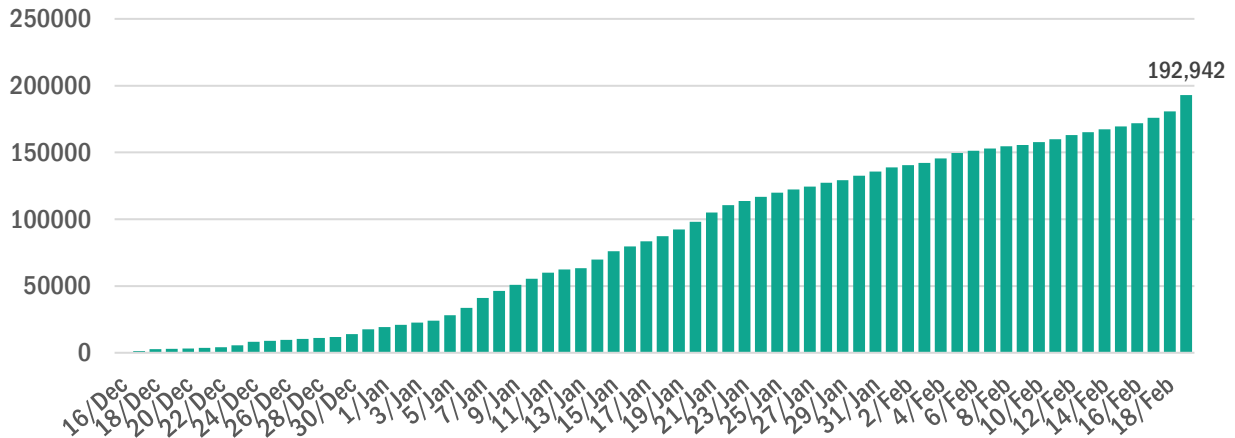
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

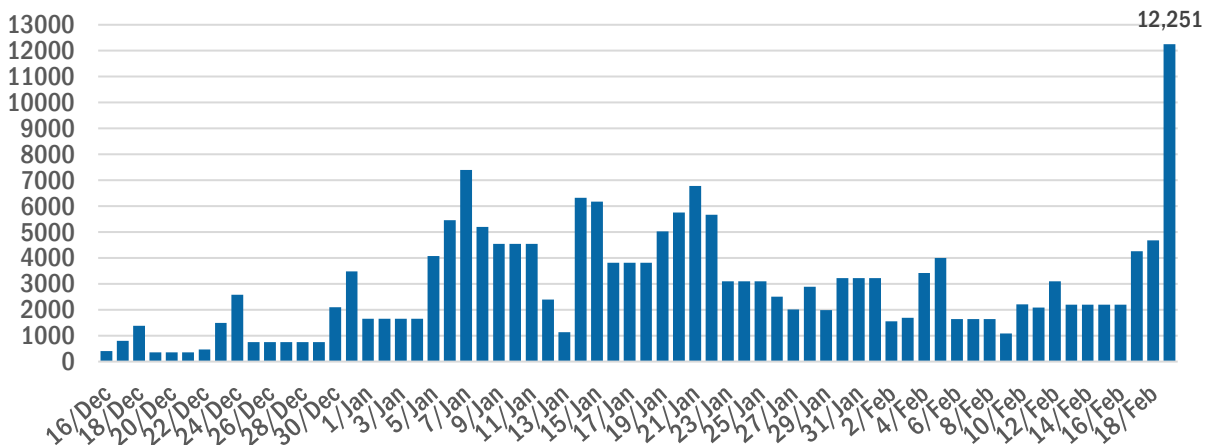
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	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	12,251	192,942	243,490	79.24%	3,749.46	36,923	0.72%
Yukon	306	11,850	18,900	62.69%	28,096.54	1,223	2.88%
Canada	47,850	1,402,139	1,851,710	75.70%	3,689.06	385,860	1.02%

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, Dr. Réka Gustafson, B.C.'s deputy provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, B.C.'s Health Minister provided an update on the province's response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic:⁸
 - 72 Variants of Concern have been identified in B.C. since February 18, 2021.
 - B.1.1.7 (UK) variants – 52
 - B.1.351 (South Africa) variants – 20
 - Preliminary evidence from the vaccination program shows that it is highly effective in reducing outbreaks and protecting those who are most at risk of severe illness.
 - Yesterday saw the largest immunization rate to date so far with 12,251 people being vaccinated.
 - 5,280 of those were first doses.
 - 6,971 were second doses.
 - People over the age of 80 can expect to receive their immunization in the month of March.
 - More information and details will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

- Today, First Nations Health Authority released an update on COVID-19 and the vaccine rollout in First Nations communities:⁹
 - Currently FNHA is reporting 426 active cases of COVID-19 in First Nations persons, with 185 of those being on-reserve individuals.
 - Approximately 16,000 people in over 90 First Nations communities have received their first dose of Moderna vaccine.

- On February 18, the First Nations Health Authority shared an article to promote the positive uptake of the COVID-19 vaccines amongst First Nations communities and people:¹⁰
 - Chief John Allen French of Takla First Nation received his vaccine on Dec 29, 2020 and hopes that others will follow suit.
 - "If you want to start seeing your Elders and seeing the people that you love and start going back to having our gatherings and being able to get together and start doing all those fun things we do, then this is the only way forward."
 - Dr. John Pawlovich, medical director of Carrier Sakani Family Services, stated:
 - "This is all about protecting yourself, your family, your community and your Nation. It's been a long time coming. The pandemic is super stressful for everyone and this is part of the journey to healing and to putting this pandemic behind us."
 - Elder Helen Clifton of the Gitag'at First Nation said she got the vaccine to protect her great-grandchildren and grandchildren.
 - "My family comes first with me. (I wanted) to be a role model and to take the vaccine because they are so precious. And what's precious to granny should be precious to all the Gatga'ats."
 - BC is now in phase 2 of the vaccine rollout timeline.
 - In this phase the vaccine distribution is focused on Indigenous Elders aged 65 and older and additional communities that haven't yet had vaccination clinics.

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021MUNI0014-000291>

⁹ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/an-fnha-update-on-covid-19-vaccine-rollout>

¹⁰ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/bc-first-nations-communities-accepting-vaccines-with-open-arms-rolled-up-sleeves>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- There are no significant updates in the Yukon Territory today.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau provided an update on the ongoing federal response to COVID-19 pandemic:¹¹
 - On the pandemic:
 - The Federal Government has shared an updated vaccine delivery schedule to all the provinces and territories during the First Ministers' Meeting.
 - A new, COVID-19 rapid test has been approved to help with screening, contact tracing and monitoring of suspected cases.
 - "Current measures taken by provinces, cities, and Canadians over the past few weeks are working; cases are down, hospitalizations are down, the number of deaths is down. However, with the new variants, we need to continue adhering to strong public health measure."
 - "Even with vaccines, we still need to take precautions to protect our vulnerable populations such as seniors and long-term care (residents). Otherwise, we could see a third wave that is even worse than the second or the first."
 - On the economy, the government is extending:¹²
 - The Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) and the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB) by 12 weeks for a maximum of 38 weeks in total.
 - The Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) from the current 2 weeks to a new total of 4 weeks.
 - The number of weeks of EI regular benefits are available to a maximum of 50 weeks, for claims that are made between September 27, 2020 and September 25, 2021.
- Today, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, and Dr. Howard Njoo, the deputy chief public health officer, held a virtual technical briefing to discuss the most recent federal modeling data concerning the possible impact of COVID-19 and variants in Canada. Highlights included the following:¹³
 - Currently, there are less than 33,000 active cases of COVID-19 in Canada, which is almost 60% fewer active cases than a month ago.
 - Daily case counts have been steadily declining over the past few weeks. However, case counts are still 60% higher than the peak of the first wave.
 - Variants of Concerns have now appeared in all 10 provinces. There have been reported cases of community spread and outbreaks associated with these variants in at least 5 provinces:
 - B.1.1.7 (UK) variants – over 600
 - B.1.351 (South Africa) variants – 39
 - P.1 (Brazil) variant – 1

¹¹ PM Justin Trudeau via live press conference at 9:00 A.M. on Feb 19, 2021.

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/02/crb-extension.html>

¹³ Dr. Tam and Dr. Njoo via live press conference at 10:00 A.M. on Feb 19, 2021.

- “Unless we maintain and abide by stringent public health measures, we may not be able to avert a re-acceleration of epidemic in Canada. We need to keep the pressure on the virus and applying what works with more diligence.”
- “The rapid escalation of cases in Newfoundland and Labrador, associated with the B.1.1.7 variant demonstrates how quickly the situation can change when highly contagious variants were introduced.”
- “The infection rate has been declining steady across all age groups and number of outbreaks in long term care setting appears to be declining. However, Variants of Concern have started to be associated with outbreaks in long-term care homes, hospitals, schools, apartment buildings and workplaces.”
- “New long-range forecasts that include Variants of Concern indicate a strong resurgence of COVID-19 cases (is possible) unless we continue to have stringent public health measures and individual precautions.”

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