

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 26 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

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Feb 25</b>	<b>As of Feb 26</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	78,673	79,262	<b>589*</b>
Total active cases in BC	4,489	4,665	<b>176</b>
Currently in intensive care	62	63	<b>1</b>
Currently hospitalized	228	232	<b>4</b>
Total hospitalized to date	4,310	N/A	<b>N/A*</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,348	N/A	<b>N/A*</b>
Total recovered in BC	72,781	73,188	<b>407</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Feb 25</b>	<b>As of Feb 26</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	78,673	79,262	<b>589</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	18,171	18,328	<b>157</b>
Fraser Health	46,297	46,614	<b>317</b>
Island Health	2,278	2,309	<b>31</b>
Interior Health	7,295	7,334	<b>39</b>
Northern Health	4,478	4,523	<b>45</b>
Out of Canada	154	154	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	1,906,311	N/A	<b>N/A*</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Feb 24</b>	<b>As of Feb 25</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	72	72	<b>0</b>
Total active cases	0	0	<b>0</b>
Total deaths	1	1	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	71	71	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested	6,623	6,634	<b>11</b>
Negative results	6,527	6,549	<b>22</b>
Pending results	24	13	<b>-11</b>

\*Today's BCCDC case information is provisional due to delayed updates in the lab reporting system. Full case information will be posted on the BCCDC dashboard once verified.

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

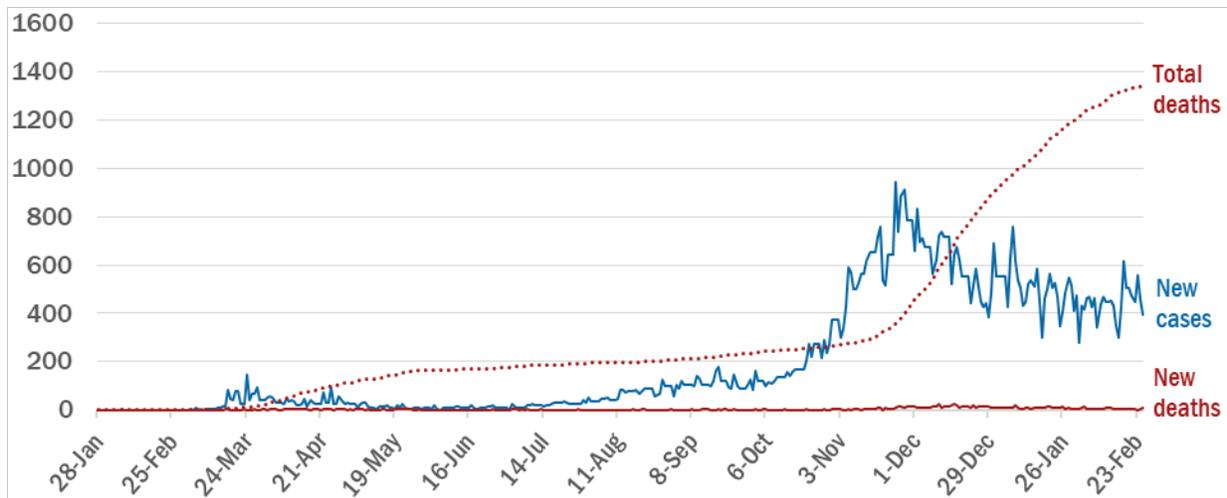
<sup>2</sup> Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE**

**CASES IN CANADA<sup>3</sup>**

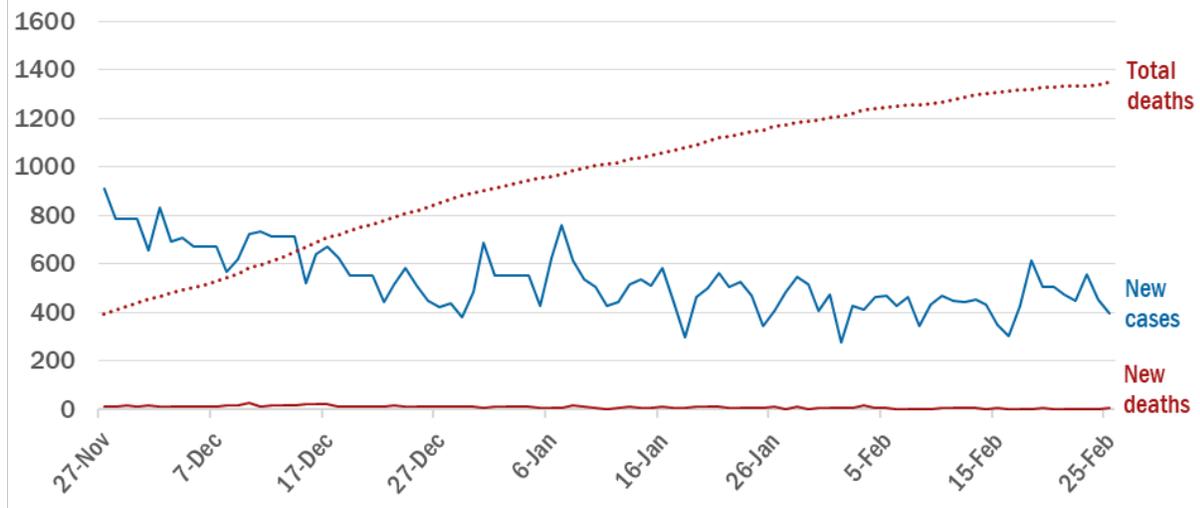
	As of Feb 24	As of Feb 25	Change
Total confirmed cases	20,445	20,624	179
Total active cases	1,415	1,469	54
Currently hospitalized	938	942	4
Total deaths	222	222	0
Total recovered	18,808	18,932	124
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,217	2,238	21

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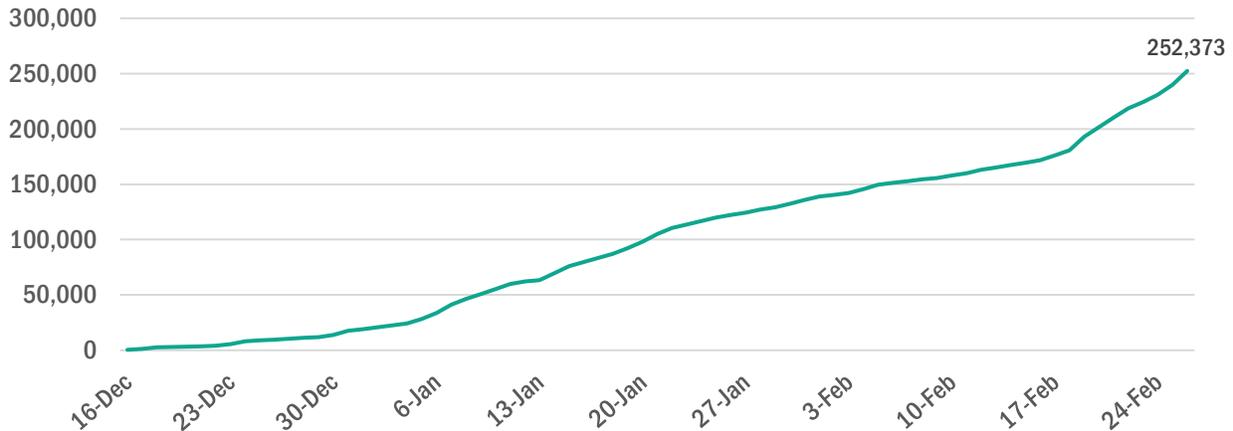
<sup>3</sup> Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

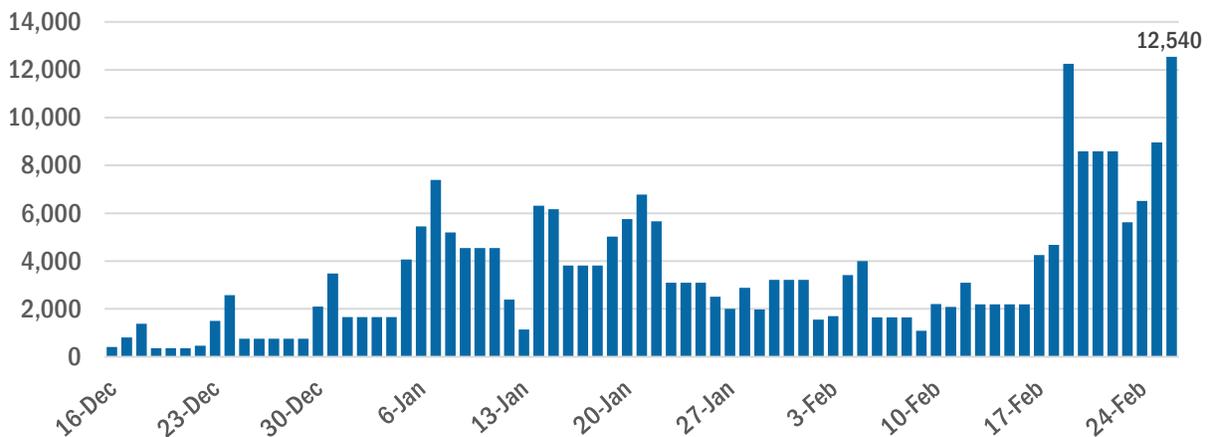
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered <sup>5</sup>	Doses Administered / 100k Population	People Fully Vaccinated <sup>6</sup>	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated <sup>7</sup>
	Today	Total					
<b>BC</b>	12,540	252,373	323,340	78.05%	4,904.39	73,808	1.43%
<b>Yukon</b>	N/A	15,174	18,900	80.28%	35,977.80	4,309	10.14%
<b>Canada</b>	67,251	1,774,599	2,441,670	72.70%	4,669.01	511,975	1.35%

### TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC



### DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC EACH DAY



<sup>4</sup> Source: N. Little. COVID-19 Tracker Canada (2020), COVID19Tracker.ca

<sup>5</sup> % of Doses Administered: Percentage of doses supplied to the provinces that have been reported as administered.

<sup>6</sup> People Fully Vaccinated: The number of people reported as having received both required doses.

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

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer, provided an update on COVID-19 vaccine availability for B.C.:<sup>8</sup>
  - “Today, the Government of Canada announced the approval of two versions of a new COVID-19 vaccine – the viral vector vaccine produced by Oxford-AstraZeneca and the Verity-Serum Institute of India vaccine.”
  - “Unlike the vaccines that have been available to date, this new, two-dose viral vector vaccine has the benefit of being ‘fridge stable,’ making it much easier to transport and distribute around the province.”
  - “This new vaccine will be integrated into our provincial immunization program as delivery and supply is confirmed in the coming weeks. The additional supply will allow us to look at accelerating immunization of priority populations and essential workers.”
- Today, the Ministry of Finance provided a statement regarding the Economic Forecast Council’s projections for a slight rebound and moderate growth in the economy in 2021, following unprecedented economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Highlights include the following:<sup>9</sup>
  - “The pandemic has required significant changes to the way we conduct day-to-day business, and those changes have affected workers, businesses, households and the economy as a whole.”
  - “I am encouraged to hear the economic forecasts signal our government is on the right path and poised to seize the opportunities that recovery will offer, but we also need to be realistic about the long road ahead. Our priority will continue to be responding to the needs of people, businesses and communities, during the pandemic response and into recovery.”
  - The Economic Forecast Council estimates B.C.’s real gross domestic product declined by 5.1% in 2020.
    - The council predicts growth of 4.7% in 2021 and 4.3% in 2022.
  - Since the economic low point of the pandemic in April 2020, B.C. has had nine consecutive months of job growth.
    - The province’s unemployment rate remains above pre-pandemic levels but is below the national average.
  - The council’s economic forecasts will be presented with the B.C. government’s updated forecasts in the 2021 budget.

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

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

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<sup>8</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0015-000351>

<sup>9</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021FIN0015-000346>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Health Canada authorized two additional COVID-19 vaccines for use in Canada.
  - Vaccine details are as follows:
    - These are the first viral vector-based COVID-19 vaccines authorized in Canada.
      - The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines are mRNA vaccines.
    - The vaccines are authorized for use in people over 18 years of age.
    - They are administered as a two-dose regimen and can be kept at refrigerated temperatures (from 2° to 8°C) for at least six months, facilitating distribution across the country.
  - Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada will closely monitor the safety of these vaccines once they are on the market and will not hesitate to take action if any safety concerns are identified.
  - Following Health Canada's authorization of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, announced today that Canada has secured 2 million doses through an agreement with Verity Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc./Serum Institute of India.<sup>10</sup>
    - The first 500,000 doses will be delivered to Canada in the coming weeks and will quickly be ready for distribution to provinces and territories.
    - The remaining 1.5 million doses will arrive by mid-May 2021.
    - The 2 million doses secured through this agreement are in addition to the 20 million doses already secured through an earlier agreement with AstraZeneca.
  - Today, Natural Resources Canada announced that Canada's forest sector has developed a made-in-Canada, biodegradable and eco-friendly single-use mask to reduce non-biodegradable waste.<sup>11</sup>
    - Features of the masks include:
      - The masks are certifiable, three-ply biodegradable, and manufactured with material made from sustainably produced Canadian forest fibre and biodegradable plastic.
      - They offer 85 percent filtration performance and biodegradability — near the top of what is currently on the market.
    - As demand for personal protective equipment increases, the waste resulting from non-biodegradable products such as masks remains an environmental concern.
      - This solution means that these masks can be disposed of in an industrial composting environment, where local guidelines permit.
      - FPIInnovations is ready to transfer technology for production of this eco and cost-friendly solution to Canadian mask manufacturers.

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

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/news/2021/02/canada-to-receive-2-million-doses-of-astrazenecas-covid-19-vaccine-manufactured-by-the-serum-institute-of-india.html>

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