

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 01 March 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 26	As of Mar 01	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	*79,194	80,672	**1,478
Total active cases in BC	4,665	4,464	-201
Currently in intensive care	63	65	2
Currently hospitalized	232	236	4
Total hospitalized to date	*4,331	4,420	89
Total deaths in BC	*1,355	1,363	8
Total recovered in BC	73,188	74,776	1,588

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Feb 26	As of Mar 01	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	79,194	80,672	1,478
Vancouver Coastal Health	*18,292	18,619	327
Fraser Health	*46,579	47,436	857
Island Health	*2,315	2,403	88
Interior Health	*7,343	7,435	92
Northern Health	*4,511	4,625	114
Out of Canada	154	154	0
Total individuals tested in BC	*1,916,090	1,940,319	24,229

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Feb 25	As of Mar 01	Change
Total confirmed cases	72	72	0
Total active cases	0	0	0
Total deaths	1	1	0
Total recovered	71	71	0
Total individuals tested	6,634	6,654	20
Negative results	6,549	6,571	22
Pending results	13	11	-2

*The BCCDC's reporting system was incorrect on Feb 26, 2021. Updated numbers have since been provided.

** The BCCDC has reported 532 new cases for Feb 27th, 508 for Feb 28th, and 438 for March 1st for a total of 1,478.

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

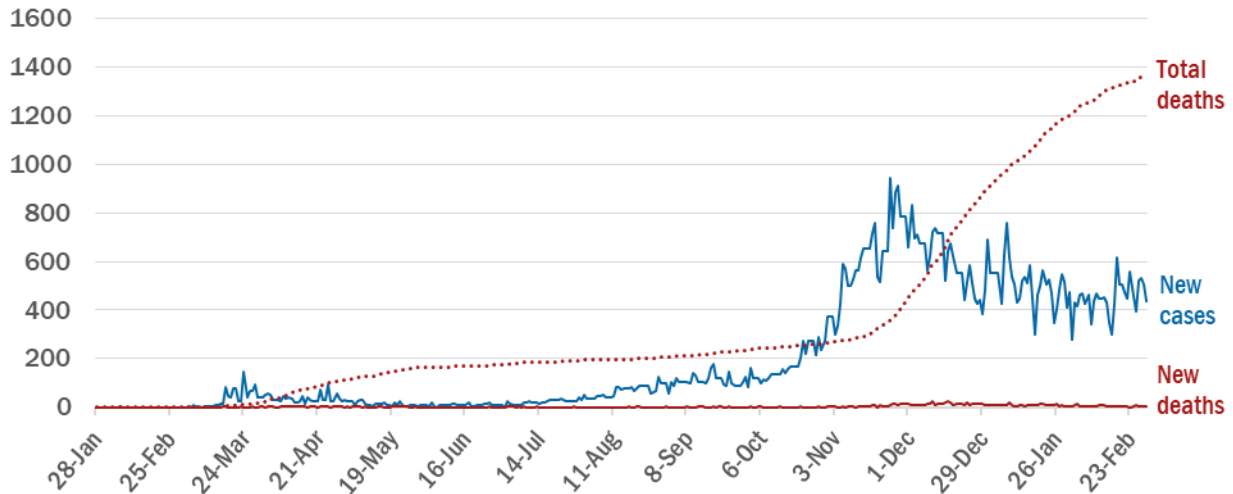
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA³

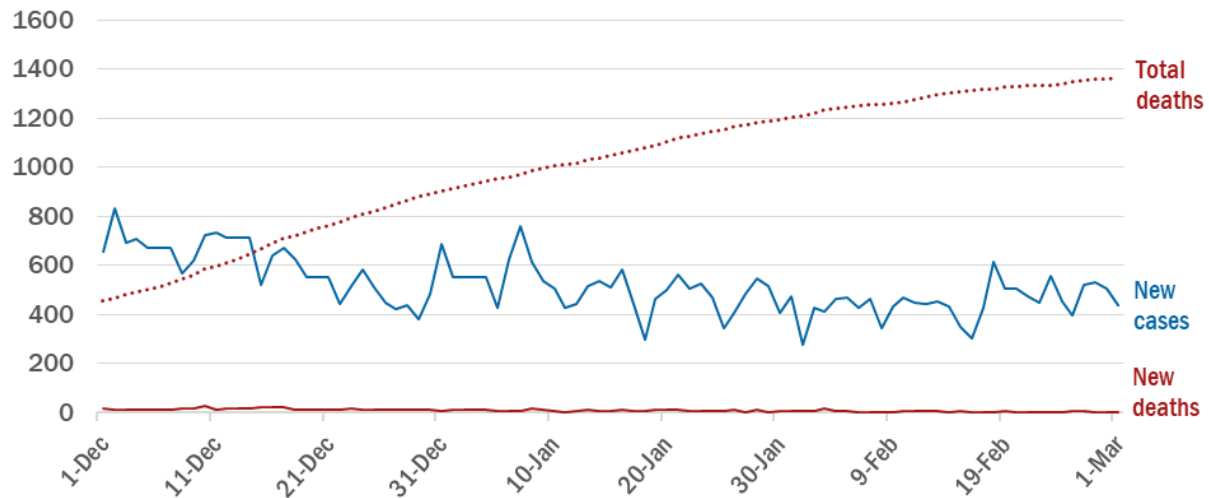
	As of Feb 25	As of Feb 26	Change
Total confirmed cases	20,624	20,882	258
Total active cases	1,469	1,485	16
Currently hospitalized	942	948	6
Total deaths	222	224	2
Total recovered	18,932	19,173	241
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,238	2,262	24

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



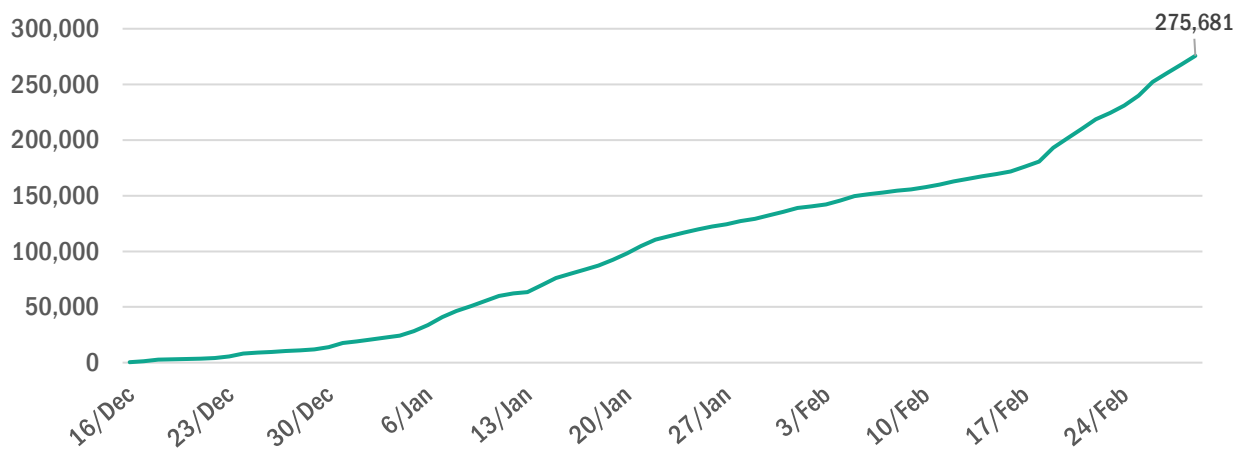
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

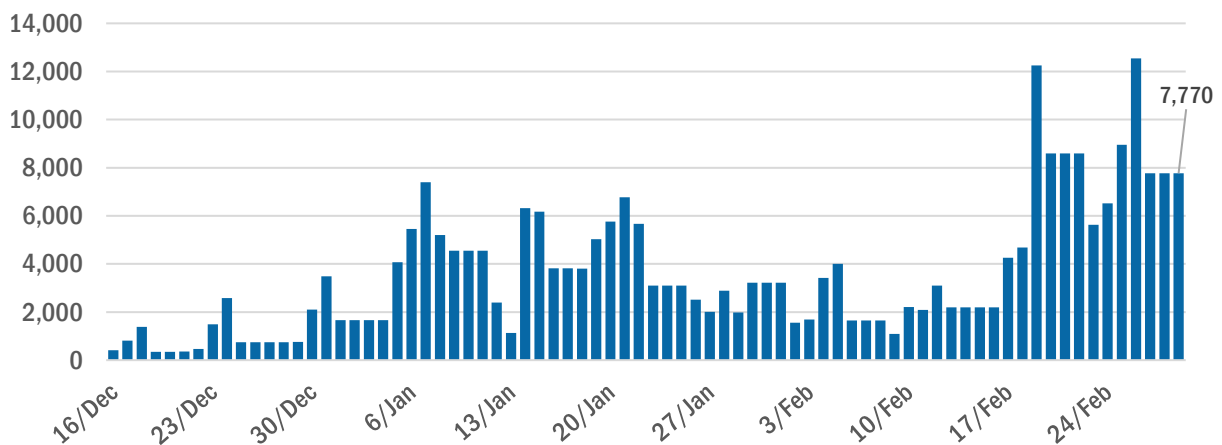
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	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	23,308	275,681	323,840	85.12%	5,357.34	83,777	1.63%
Yukon	897	16,071	18,900	85.03%	38,104.60	4,902	11.53%
Canada	59,141	1,946,200	2,442,170	79.70%	5,120.50	538,239	1.42%

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, Premier John Horgan, Dr. Bonnie Henry, Adrian Dix, and Dr. Penny Ballem, executive lead of the B.C. immunization rollout team, provided an update on B.C.'s immunization plan rollout:⁸
 - Beginning March 8, 2021, seniors aged 80 and over, and Indigenous peoples aged 65 and over who are not in independent living or seniors' supportive housing can make a phone call to book their vaccination appointment in the respective health authorities:
 - **March 8, 2021:** Seniors born in or before 1931 (90 years+) and Indigenous people born in or before 1956 (65 years+) may call to book their vaccine appointment.
 - **March 15, 2021:** Seniors born in or before 1936 (85 years+) may call to book their vaccine appointment.
 - **March 22, 2021:** Seniors born in or before 1941 (80 years+) may call to book their vaccine appointment.
 - Health authorities contact information, call-in schedules, hours of operations and step-by-step instructions on how to call to book an appointment for will be available on March 8, 2021, at www.gov.bc.ca/bcseniorsfirst
 - The province is currently moving into Phase 2 of the vaccination plan, which will see a further 400,000 people immunized between March to early April.
 - In mid-April, Phase 3 will begin mass vaccination of people aged 79 to 60 years, including Indigenous peoples born between the years of 1956 and 1960 (ages 64-60) and people aged 16+ who are extremely clinically vulnerable.
 - Registration for appointment can be made online or by phone starting March 31st
 - “The scientific evidence has proven that the single most-important risk factor for becoming seriously ill or dying from COVID-19 is age. The older you are, the more at risk of severe illness or death you are. That is why here in B.C., like many jurisdictions around the world, the foundation of our immunization program is an aged-based approach.”
 - Regarding the addition of the AstraZeneca vaccine:
 - Unlike the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines, the AstraZeneca vaccine is stable at normal fridge temperature, meaning it can be distributed using existing logistical infrastructures in our communities.
 - Once supply and delivery dates become clear, the province will be able to expand immunization to first responders and essential workers who are not able to work from home.
 - Second doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine may be taken up to 16 weeks after the first dose, which allows for more people to receive the vaccine at an earlier date.
- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s Provincial Health Officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, issued a joint statement which included the following information regarding COVID-19 variants of concern:⁹
 - 42 new variants of concern cases have been detected.
 - This brings the provincial total to 158 cases:
 - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 137
 - B.1.351 (South African) – 21

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0016-000367>

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SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

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

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, issued a statement on the federal government’s ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which included the following:¹⁰
 - Currently, there are 30,731 active cases of COVID-19 in Canada, and 1,254 of them are variants of concern, including:
 - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 1,152
 - B.1.351 (South African) – 99
 - P.1 (Brazil) – 3
 - Regarding the efficacy of the different COVID-19 vaccines:
 - “All COVID-19 vaccines authorized by Health Canada, regardless of differences in efficacy against symptomatic disease, will contribute to reducing severe COVID-19 illness and death in Canada.”
- On February 27, 2021, Dr. Theresa Tam, issued a statement on the federal government’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which included the following:¹¹
 - “On February 26, 2021, after a thorough, independent review of the evidence for safety, efficacy and quality requirements, Health Canada (has) authorized the third and fourth COVID-19 vaccines for use in Canada.”
 - The AstraZeneca vaccine, which was developed in partnership with Oxford University.
 - The Serum Institute of India version of the AstraZeneca vaccine, which is sponsored in Canada by Verity Pharmaceuticals Inc.
 - These are the first viral vector COVID-19 vaccines to be authorized for use in Canada.
 - As of February 26, 2021, close to 1.8 million doses of vaccines have been administered across the country.
 - Based on data up to February 19, 2021, there have been 1,325 reports of adverse events following immunization.
 - “All adverse events are subject to review. All serious events undergo a detailed investigation to determine whether or not they are related to the use of the vaccine.”

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

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/03/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-march-1-2021.html>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/02/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-february-27-2021.html>