

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 02 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 Mar 01 | As of Mar 02* | Change |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 80,672 | 81,367 | 438 |
| Total active cases in BC | 4,464 | 4,679 | 215 |
| Currently in intensive care | 65 | 63 | -2 |
| Currently hospitalized | 236 | 243 | 7 |
| Total hospitalized to date | 4,420 | 4,431 | 11 |
| Total deaths in BC | 1,363 | 1,365 | 2 |
| Total recovered in BC | 74,776 | 75,255 | 479 |

| CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹ | As of Mar 01 | As of Mar 02* | Change |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 80,672 | 81,367 | 438 |
| Vancouver Coastal Health | 18,619 | 18,858 | 137 |
| Fraser Health | 47,436 | 47,840 | 249 |
| Island Health | 2,403 | 2,423 | 19 |
| Interior Health | 7,435 | 7,443 | 16 |
| Northern Health | 4,625 | 4,649 | 17 |
| Out of Canada | 154 | 154 | 0 |
| Total individuals tested in BC | 1,940,319 | 1,946,735 | 6,415 |

| STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON² | As of Mar 01 | As of Mar 02 | 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 | 6,654 | 6,667 | 13 |
| Negative results | 6,571 | 6,565 | -6 |
| Pending results | 11 | 30 | 19 |

*The BCCDC's reporting system has been updated with all data and as of March 2nd, this data is current. The data within the Change column reflects the currently reported data, as opposed to the difference between the columns for March 1st and March 2nd.

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

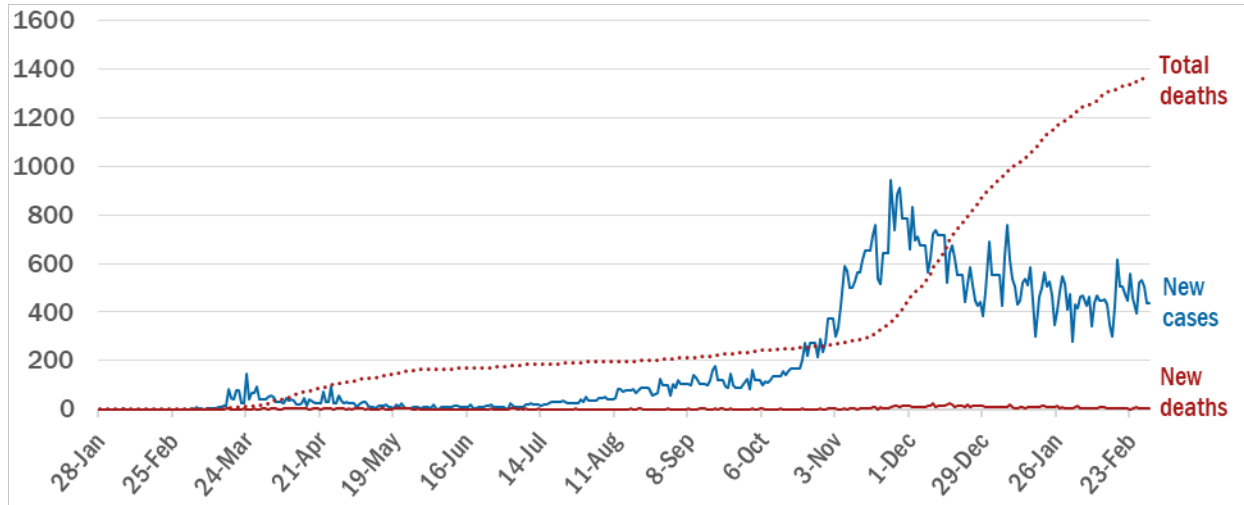
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA³

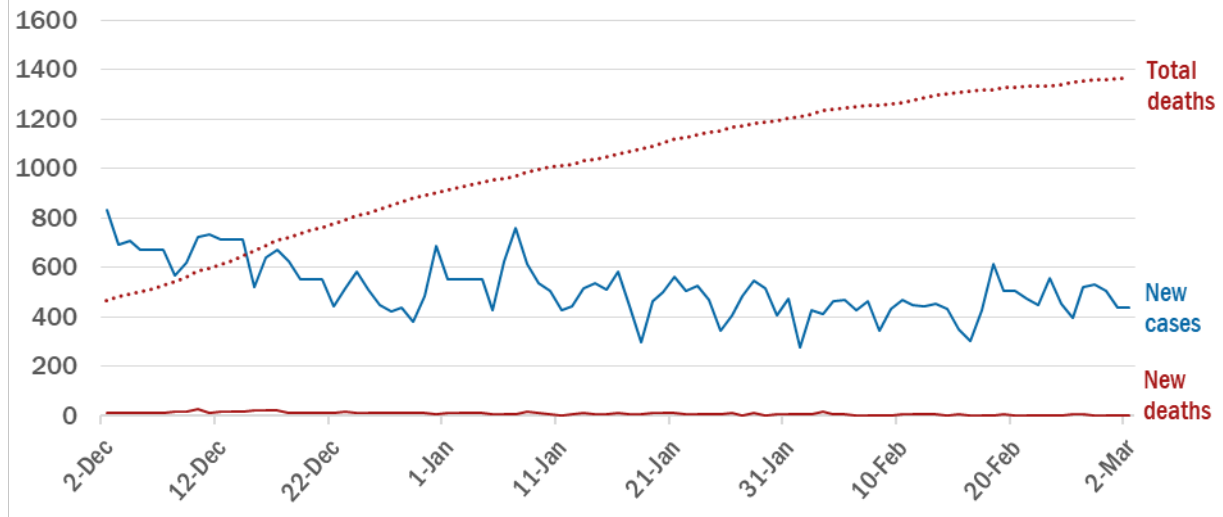
| | As of Feb 26 | As of Mar 01 | Change |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| Total confirmed cases | 20,882 | 21,253 | 371 |
| Total active cases | 1,485 | 1,425 | -60 |
| Currently hospitalized | 948 | 974 | 26 |
| Total deaths | 224 | 230 | 6 |
| Total recovered | 19,173 | 19,598 | 425 |
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 2,262 | 2,319 | 57 |

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



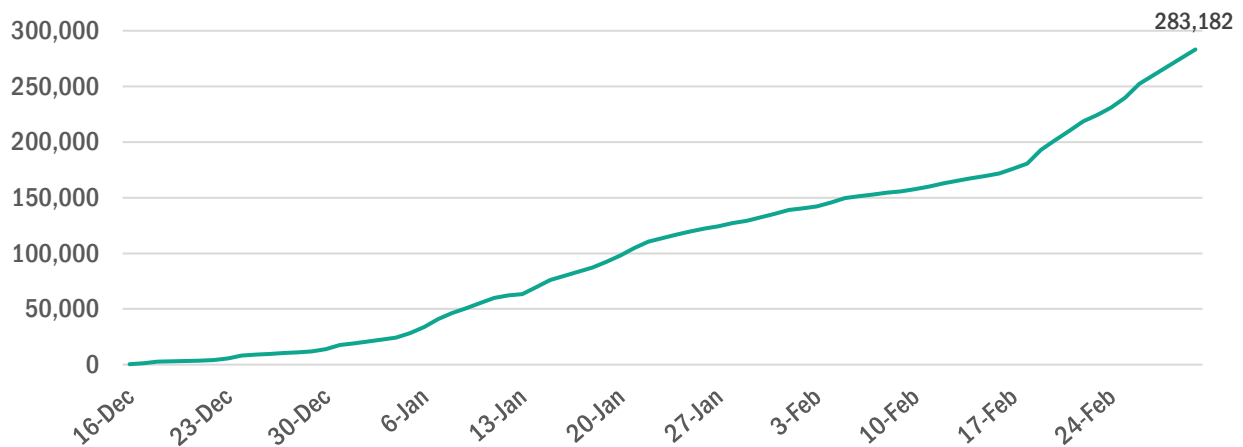
³ Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

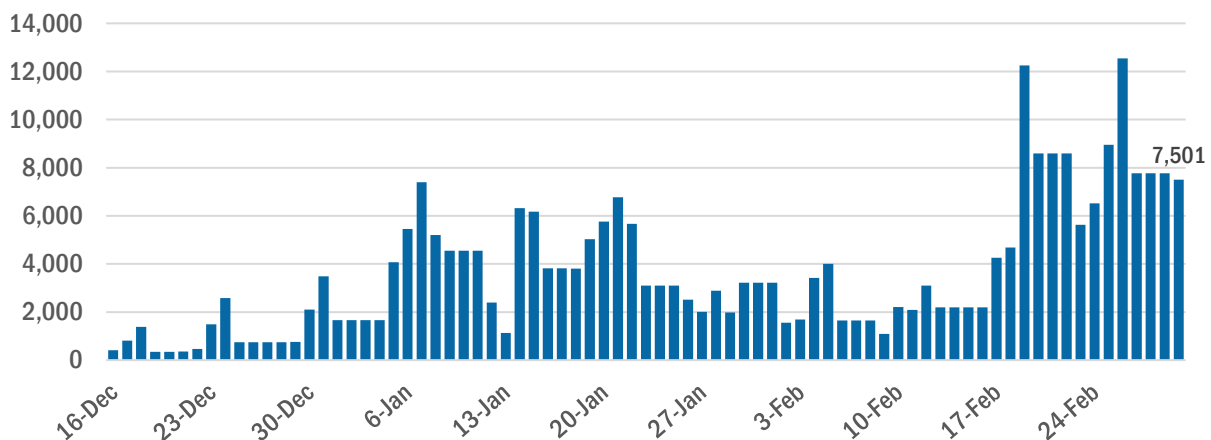
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

| | 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 | 7,501 | 283,182 | 323,840 | 87.44% | 5,503.11 | 86,537 | 1.68% |
| Yukon | 1,097 | 17,168 | 35,000 | 49.05% | 40,705.61 | 5,665 | 13.33% |
| Canada | 72,038 | 2,018,238 | 2,474,470 | 81.60% | 5,310.03 | 548,204 | 1.44% |

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

- On March 1, 2021, the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) provided an update regarding Phase 2 of COVID-19 immunization for Indigenous peoples age 65 and older:⁸
 - As of March 8, 2021, all Indigenous people in B.C. age 65 or older will be able to register for a COVID-19 vaccination appointment as part of the province's next rollout of vaccination clinics. Registration will take place for appointments for first doses of vaccine. Immunization clinic locations will be confirmed at time of booking, with vaccinations starting as early as March 15, 2021.
 - Call centres will start registering appointments on March 8th for Indigenous people age 65 and older, as well as seniors age 80 and older. The centres will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day, with reduced hours on statutory holidays.
 - Vaccine Registration Contact Information by Health Authority
 - Fraser Health Authority: 1-855-755-2455
 - Interior Health Authority: 1-877-740-7747
 - Northern Health Authority: 1-844-255-7555
 - Vancouver Coastal Health Authority: 1-877-587-5767
 - Vancouver Island Health Authority: 1-833-348-4787
 - To find out which Health Authority you are in, please visit:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/partners/health-authorities/regional-health-authorities>
- Today, the B.C. Government announced the extension of the provincial state of emergency through the end of the day on March 16, 2021.⁹
 - 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, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s Provincial Health Officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, issued a joint statement regarding B.C.'s response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which included the following highlights regarding cases of the variants of concern:
 - Provincial total: 182
 - B.1.1.7 (UK): 159
 - B.1.351 (South African): 23
 - Of the cases identified, approximate transmission sources have been linked as follows:
 - 13% travel related
 - 60% close contact
 - The other cases remain unclear on transmission source

⁸ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/phase-2-of-covid-19-immunizations-opens-appointments-for-indigenous-people-age-65-and-older>

⁹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0018-000377>

- Today, the Ministry of Education announced that six regional COVID-19 rapid response teams are now in place to support K-12 schools and school districts with safety plans and exposure assessments.¹⁰
 - “As the pandemic evolves, these teams will help us respond quickly and adapt, where necessary, to ensure best practices are being consistently applied throughout the education sector.”
 - The Province is investing \$900,000 in federal funding to support one team for each health authority, as well as one team dedicated to support independent schools, including hiring or redeploying health and safety staff.
 - Rapid response teams have representatives from school and public health staff.
 - The teams will:
 - Work with school, school district, and health authority staff to review significant school exposure events, make recommendations, and support schools to enhance their safety plans when needed
 - Review school or district COVID-19 safety plans and related policies
 - Support schools with their implementation and safety plans, as well as communications to students, staff, and families
 - Conduct school safety assessments
 - Families and students can find up-to-date information about K-12 schools online: <https://www.gov.bc.ca/safeschools>

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:¹¹
 - With last week’s authorization of two new vaccines by Health Canada, the AstraZeneca vaccine, there are now four COVID-19 vaccines available for use in Canada which all contribute to the reduction of severe COVID-19 illness and death.
 - On March 1st, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), updated its guidance to include recommendations on the use of the newly authorised AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine formulations for optimal public health benefit.
 - NACI is also assessing the time interval between the first and second doses of currently authorized COVID-19 vaccines to allow as many people as possible to be vaccinated while not compromising vaccine effectiveness. NACI is aiming to provide recommendations by later this week.

¹⁰ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021EDUC0017-000371>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/03/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-covid-19-march-2-2021.html>

- Today, Health Canada and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) collaboratively published the full clinical data reviewed as part of their authorizations of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.¹²
 - “Health Canada is committed to openness and transparency. By releasing the clinical data behind the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine submission, Canada and the EMA are providing the healthcare community and researchers with a tremendous resource they can use to help bring the COVID-19 pandemic under control.”
 - “With the publication of the data package for Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine, we are publishing the clinical reports that we assessed in support of the authorization of this vaccine, and going forward, we will continue with this open data approach for all other COVID-19 vaccines.”
 - The clinical data package for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine presents the interim safety and efficacy data generated in three clinical studies.
 - The intent of transparently sharing this information is to:
 - Ensure the public has as much information as possible to make decisions regarding vaccination
 - Increase widespread benefits for the health care system and the research community
 - The data package is available on the following websites:
 - Health Canada’s Public Release of Clinical Information portal
<https://clinical-information.canada.ca/search/ci-rc>
 - EMA's clinical data website
<https://clinicaldata.ema.europa.eu/web/cdp/home>
- Today, Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, and Employment and Social Development Canada announced the launch of *Everyone Counts 2021*, a nationally coordinated Point-in-Time (PiT) Count of homelessness, which will capture important data on the COVID-19 pandemic’s impacts on homelessness in Canada.¹³
 - “Every Canadian deserves a safe and affordable place to call home. This year, the Point-in-Time Counts will give us insight into how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted homelessness in communities. They will allow us to find solutions that meet the needs and experiences of the homeless population, as we continue our work to end chronic homelessness across the country.”
 - PiT Counts contribute to developing a picture of homelessness at the community and national levels, help communities better identify the needs of people experiencing homelessness and better coordinate and deliver local, tailored supports. Approach includes:
 - Counting individuals and families who are staying in shelters, transitional housing, or who are sleeping outside
 - Include a survey capturing demographic details like age, gender, racial or Indigenous identity, and veteran status
 - The PiT Count will be conducted between March 1 and April 30, 2021 and all communities across Canada are invited to participate.

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

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/03/health-canada-and-the-european-medicines-agency-publish-clinical-data-used-to-support-their-authorizations-of-the-moderna-covid-19-vaccine.html>

¹³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/03/homelessness-point-in-count.html>