

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 03 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

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Mar 02</b>	<b>As of Mar 03</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	81,367	81,909	<b>542</b>
Total active cases in BC	4,679	4,654	<b>-25</b>
Currently in intensive care	63	64	<b>1</b>
Currently hospitalized	243	246	<b>3</b>
Total hospitalized to date	4,431	4,461	<b>30</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,365	1,372	<b>7</b>
Total recovered in BC	75,255	75,819	<b>564</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Mar 02</b>	<b>As of Mar 03</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	81,367	81,909	<b>542</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	18,858	18,989	<b>131</b>
Fraser Health	47,840	48,132	<b>292</b>
Island Health	2,423	2,454	<b>31</b>
Interior Health	7,443	7,486	<b>43</b>
Northern Health	4,649	4,693	<b>44</b>
Out of Canada	154	155	<b>1</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	1,946,735	1,955,945	<b>*9,210</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Mar 02</b>	<b>As of Mar 03</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	6,667	6,675	<b>8</b>
Negative results	6,565	6,581	<b>16</b>
Pending results	30	22	<b>-8</b>

\*The BCCDC has reported 9,189 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers (9,210) between Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> to Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

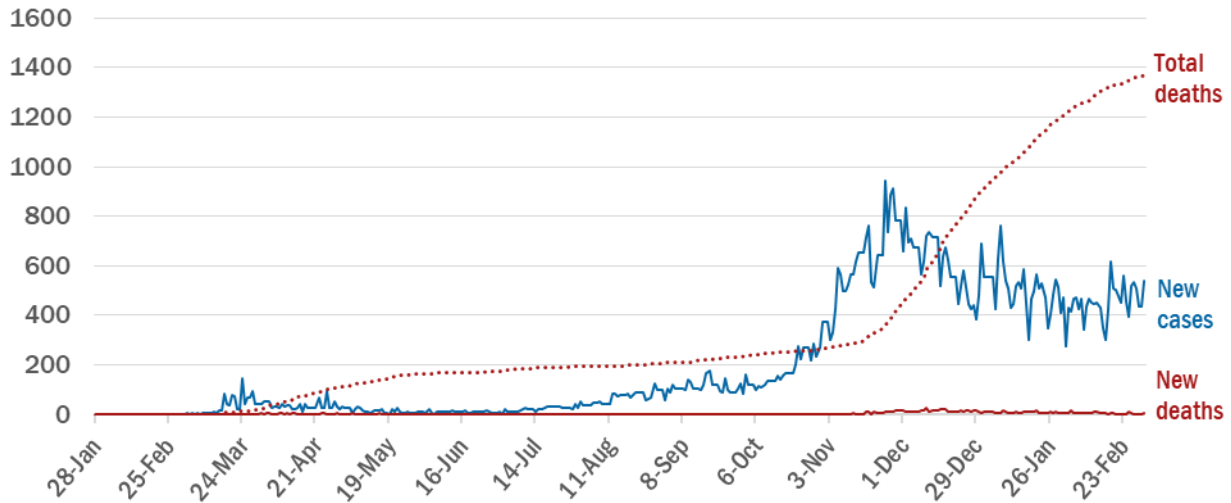
<sup>2</sup> Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE**

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

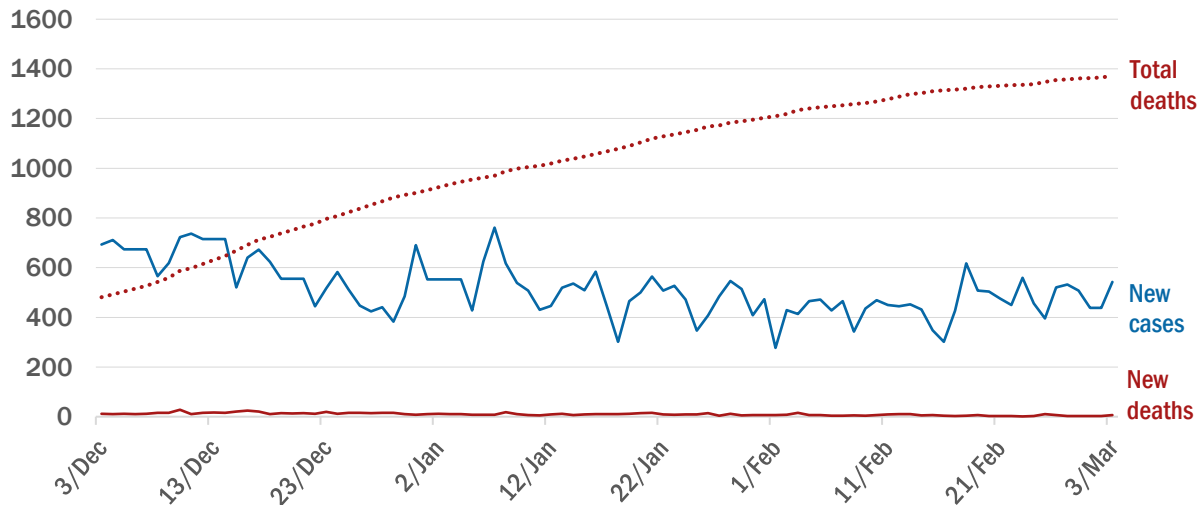
	As of Mar 01	As of Mar 02	Change
Total confirmed cases	21,253	21,584	331
Total active cases	1,425	1,356	-69
Currently hospitalized	974	974	0
Total deaths	230	239	9
Total recovered	19,598	19,989	391
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,319	2,331	12

**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**



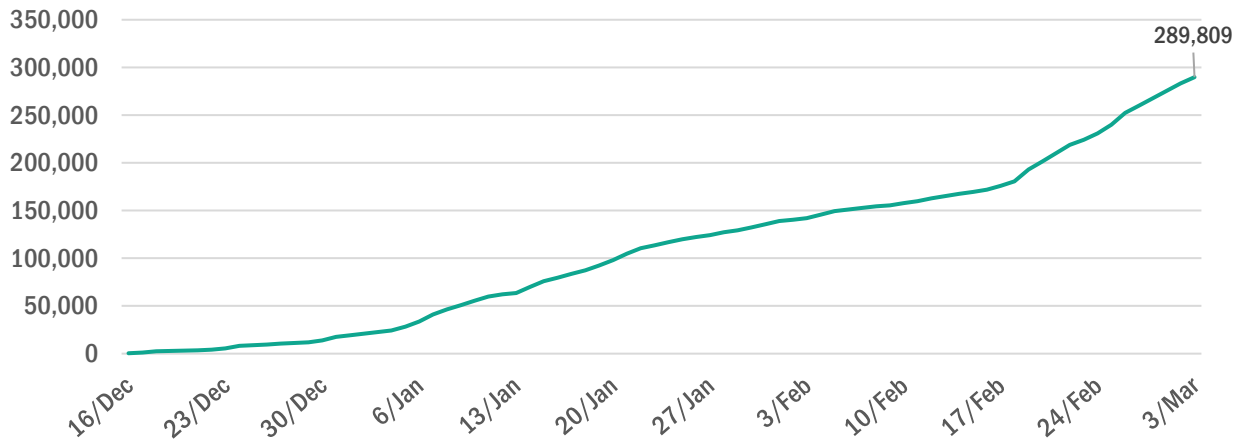
<sup>3</sup> Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

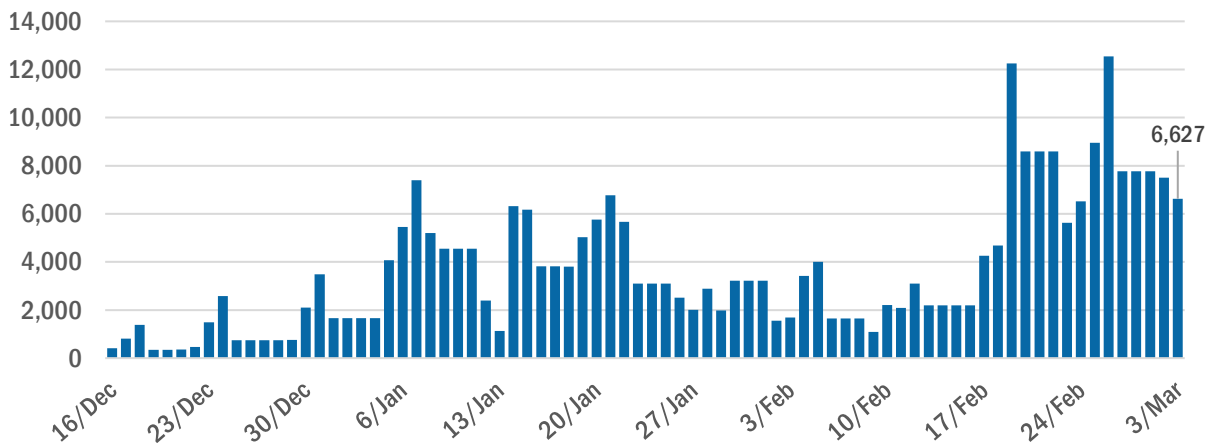
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	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>	6,627	289,809	384,740	75.71%	5,631.89	86,616	1.68%
<b>Yukon</b>	N/A	17,168	35,000	49.05%	40,705.61	5,665	13.33%
<b>Canada</b>	72,472	2,090,710	2,832,350	73.80%	5,500.70	553,735	1.46%

### 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, and Adrian Dix, issued a joint statement on the COVID-19 response in B.C. which included the following information:<sup>8</sup>
  - Regarding an announcement today from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization that the interval between receiving the first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccines may be extended to 16 weeks<sup>9</sup>, Dr. Henry stated:
    - “Our goal is to protect as many people as possible, as quickly as possible, through the available COVID-19 vaccines. With a single primer dose, these vaccines are helping to stop outbreaks and reduce serious illness and death.”
    - “Setting the second booster dose at 16 weeks allows us to expand the number of people who will have access to these safe and effective vaccines and may provide more durable and longer lasting protection.”
    - “We are pleased to see that today, the National Advisory Council on Immunization, as well as Canada’s Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health, have endorsed this approach.”
  - 18 new COVID-19 variants of concern cases have been identified, 11 of which are active.
    - The remaining cases have recovered
  - The total number of variants of concern cases is 200, including:
    - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 176
    - B.1.351 (South African) – 24

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon released an update on the COVID-19 situation in the territory:<sup>10</sup>
  - The government is extending the state of emergency under the *Civil Emergency Measures Act*.
    - The extension is for the continued health, safety and economic wellbeing of Yukoners and to ensure all Ministerial Orders enacted under the state of emergency would remain in place, including the requirement for those entering the territory to self-isolate for 14 days.
  - As of March 1, there were 17,168 doses of the Moderna vaccine administered in Yukon.
    - 11,503 first doses
    - 5,665 second doses
  - A clinic also opened in Whitehorse on March 1 for residents ages 18 and older to receive vaccines by appointment.
    - Visit <https://yukon.ca/en/this-is-our-shot> to book an appointment.
    - Starting March 11, the clinic will accept walk-ins<sup>11</sup>
    - This week, mobile clinics are also running in Carcross, Dawson City, Pelly Crossing and Teslin.
    - As of March 1, 32% of adult Yukoners have received their first vaccine dose.

<sup>8</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0018-000390>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci/rapid-response-extended-dose-intervals-covid-19-vaccines-early-rollout-population-protection.html>

<sup>10</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/march-3-2021-covid-19-update>

<sup>11</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/yukons-chief-medical-officer-health-and-deputy-chief-receive-covid-19-vaccine>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has recommended extending the interval between first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccines to up to 4 months.<sup>12</sup>
  - This will allow a greater number of individuals to benefit from receiving the first dose of the vaccine at an earlier date.
  - This will not only contribute to the protection of the adult population but will also contribute to health equity.
  - “This approach was shown to be a good strategy through modelling, even in scenarios considering a six month interval and in theoretical scenarios where waning protection was considered.”
  - “NACI will continue to monitor the evidence on effectiveness of extended dose intervals and will adjust recommendations as needed.”
- Today, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, provided an update on federal government’s response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic:<sup>13</sup>
  - Regarding emergency subsidies to Canadians:<sup>14</sup>
    - The government is extending the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) and Lockdown Support from March 14 until June 5, 2021.
    - The maximum rent subsidy rate would remain at 65%.
    - Lockdown Support would remain at 25% and continue to be provided in addition to the rent subsidy, providing eligible businesses with rent support of up to 90%.
  - Regarding vaccines:
    - 2 million vaccines have been administered across the country since the start of the vaccination program.
    - Today, 500,000 doses of the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine from the Serum Institute of India arrived in Canada.
- Today, Health Canada authorized more flexible storage and transportation requirements for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine:<sup>15</sup>
  - The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine can now be stored and transported at standard freezer temperatures of between -25°C and -15°C for up to two weeks instead of the ultra cold refrigeration.
  - “After conducting a thorough review of Pfizer-BioNTech’s latest submission, the Department determined that the COVID-19 vaccine remains stable when transported and stored at standard freezer temperatures for up to two weeks.”

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

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci/rapid-response-extended-dose-intervals-covid-19-vaccines-early-rollout-population-protection.html>

<sup>13</sup> Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, ministers Freeland and Champagne at 8:30 am on Mar 3, 2021.

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/03/government-announces-wage-and-rent-subsidy-amounts-to-remain-unchanged-through-to-june0.html>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/03/health-canada-allows-more-flexible-storage-and-transportation-conditions-for-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine0.html>