

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 04 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 03	As of Mar 04	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	81,909	82,473	564
Total active cases in BC	4,654	4,743	89
Currently in intensive care	64	64	0
Currently hospitalized	246	248	2
Total hospitalized to date	4,461	4,492	31
Total deaths in BC	1,372	1,376	4
Total recovered in BC	75,819	76,289	470

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Mar 03	As of Mar 04	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	81,909	82,473	564
Vancouver Coastal Health	18,989	19,157	168
Fraser Health	48,132	48,411	279
Island Health	2,454	2,489	35
Interior Health	7,486	7,522	36
Northern Health	4,693	4,739	46
Out of Canada	155	155	0
Total individuals tested in BC	1,955,945	1,964,242	8,297*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Mar 03	As of Mar 04	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	6,675	6,682	7
Negative results	6,581	6,591	10
Pending results	22	19	-3

*The BCCDC has reported 8,282 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers (8,297) between Mar 3rd to Mar 4th.

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

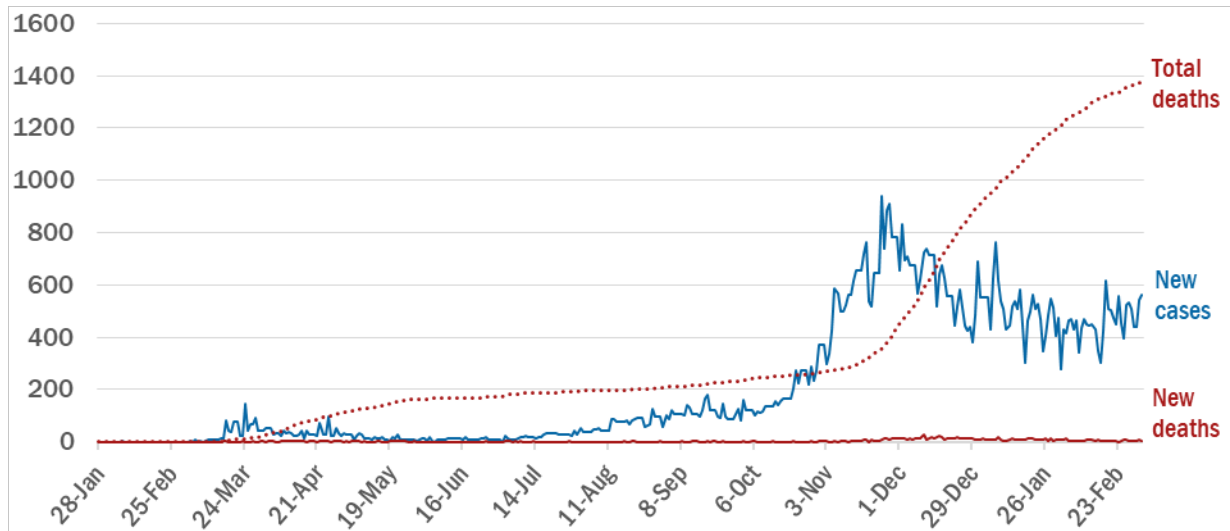
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA ³

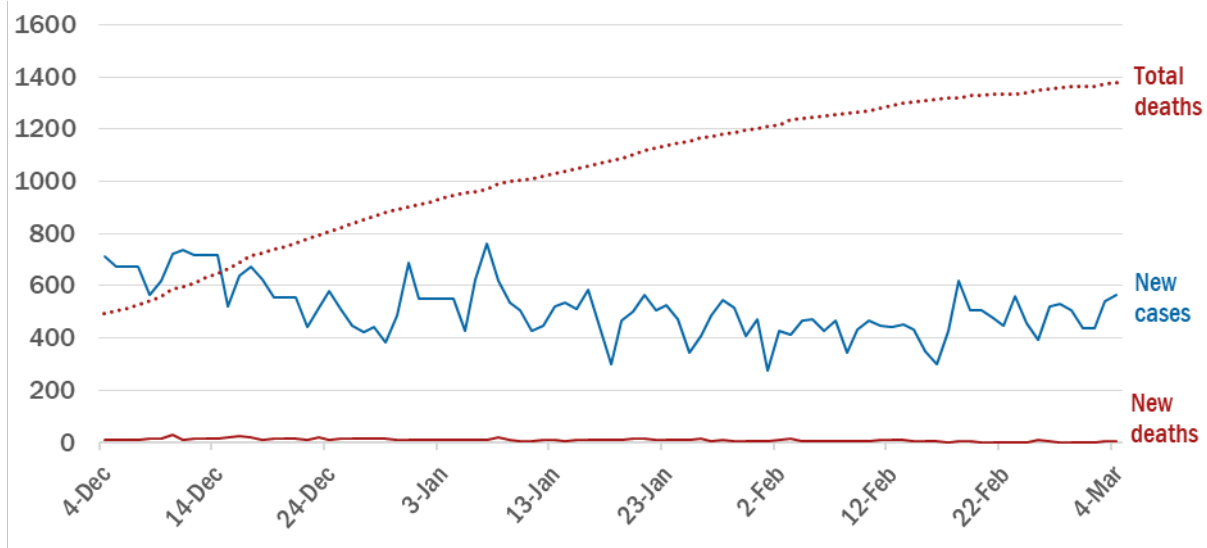
	As of Mar 02	As of Mar 03	Change
Total confirmed cases	21,584	21,729	145
Total active cases	1,356	1,375	19
Currently hospitalized	974	991	17
Total deaths	239	240	1
Total recovered	19,989	20,114	125
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,331	2,339	8

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



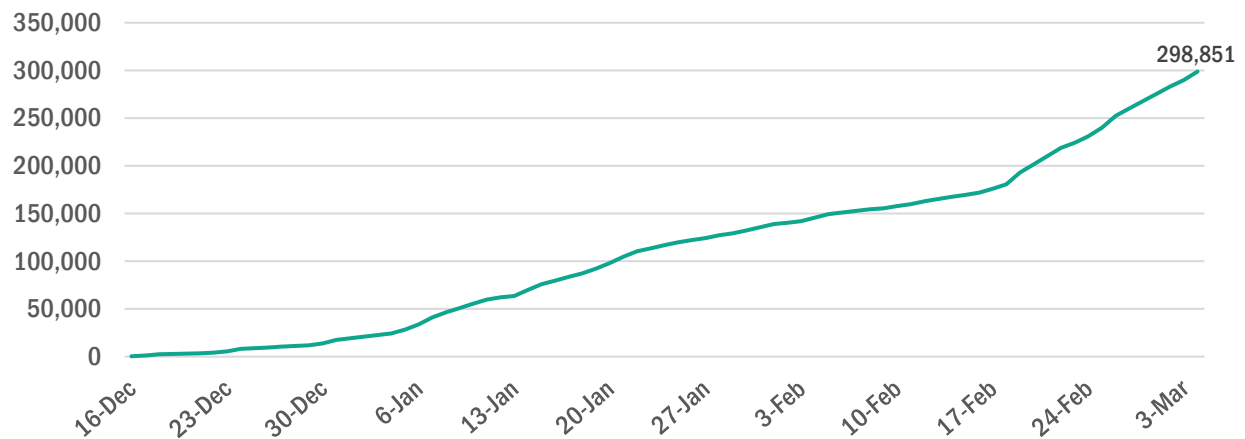
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

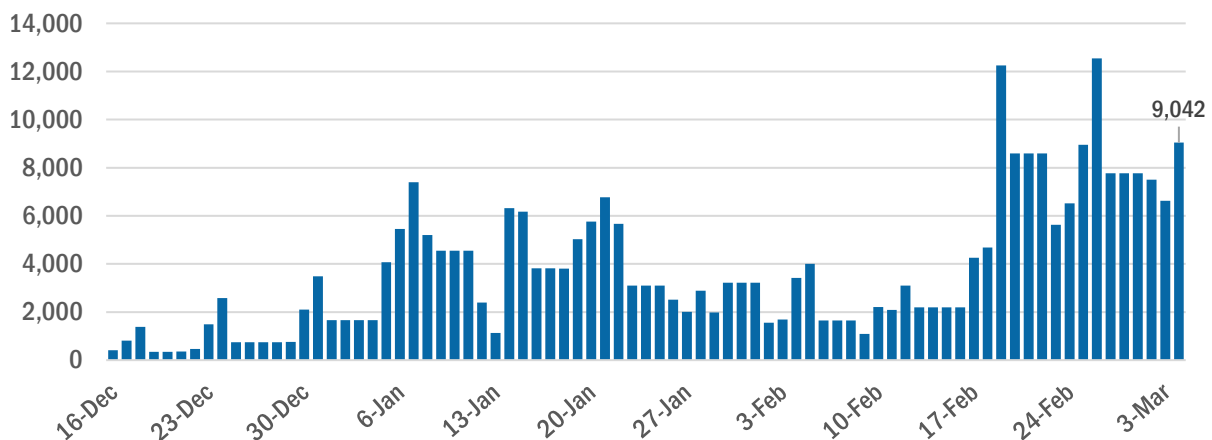
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	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	9,042	298,851	382,740	78.08%	5,807.61	86,746	1.69%
Yukon	1,279	19,437	35,000	55.53%	46,085.45	7,093	16.69%
Canada	77,717	2,169,417	2,841,710	76.30%	5,707.78	558,882	1.47%

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. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, issued a joint statement on the COVID-19 response in B.C. which included the following information:⁸
 - “The first deliveries of the AstraZeneca-Serum Institute of India COVID-19 vaccines will arrive in our province in the coming days. This vaccine will be made available to first responders and essential workers. The delivery will run parallel with our age-based, community-wide immunization program.”
 - By making these vaccines available to these groups who are in areas of ongoing clusters and outbreaks, the goal is stop the cycle of workplace-to-community transmission.
 - Based on recommendations from the B.C. Immunization Committee and National Advisory Council on Immunization, a detailed plan will be developed for the AstraZeneca-Serum Institute of India vaccines, which will be shared later in the month.
 - “As part of our ongoing COVID-19 response, we are also using point-of-care rapid testing as another tool to support our public health contact tracing and outbreak response efforts.”
 - These tests are used when rapid results are required, as well as in areas where the PCR test can't be used, such as rural and remote communities that do not have the necessary PCR test machines.
 - Rapid testing will continue to be used as part of public health outbreak response in rural and remote communities and at some worksites and community living locations.
 - 46 new COVID-19 variants of concern cases have been identified, 16 of which are active.
 - The total number of variants of concern cases is 246, including:
 - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 218
 - B.1.351 (South African) – 28
- Today, the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation announced an extension of the deadline for the Small and Medium Sized Business Recovery Grant program, as well as a change in eligibility requirements, to ensure more businesses are able to apply.⁹
 - Businesses now have until August 31st, 2021 to apply.
 - Businesses are now required to demonstrate only a 30% revenue loss in any one month between March 2020 to the point of application.
 - Previously, a business had to have experienced at least a 70% revenue loss at some point in March or April 2020.
 - For more information on the program and how to apply, visit:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/economic-recovery/business-recovery-grant>

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0018-000401>

⁹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021JERI0015-000394>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

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

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Health Canada provided a statement addressing future modified COVID-19 vaccines for variants.¹⁰
 - New guidance has been issued that lays out what information regulators would need to approve any modifications to authorized COVID-19 vaccines, should virus mutations make them less effective at preventing COVID-19. With this guidance, authorized COVID-19 vaccines that are modified in response to new variants will need to be reviewed and authorized.
 - Vaccine manufacturers would need to provide the following evidence:
 - That the modified vaccine produces an immune response in a sufficient number of people. However, clinical studies would not be needed since they do not add to the regulatory understanding of a vaccine's safety, efficacy, or quality.
 - The modified vaccine's safety and quality. Data from the original clinical trials and the ongoing studies on real-world use in millions of people can be used to support any decision by the regulators.
 - This approach is based on established regulatory processes used for seasonal flu vaccines, for which annual modifications are needed to match the strains circulating each year.

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

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/03/future-vaccine-modificationsthat-respond-to-new-variants-of-covid-19-tobemade-available-quicklyto-canadianswithout-compromising-safety-efficacy-or-.html>