

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 05 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 04	As of Mar 05	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	82,473	83,107	634
Total active cases in BC	4,743	4,901	158
Currently in intensive care	64	66	2
Currently hospitalized	248	255	7
Total hospitalized to date	4,492	4,515	23
Total deaths in BC	1,376	1,380	4
Total recovered in BC	76,289	76,752	463

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Mar 04	As of Mar 05	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	82,473	83,107	634
Vancouver Coastal Health	19,157	19,306	149
Fraser Health	48,411	48,776	365
Island Health	2,489	2,515	26
Interior Health	7,522	7,555	33
Northern Health	4,739	4,799	60
Out of Canada	155	156	1
Total individuals tested in BC	1,964,262	1,974,667	*10,405

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Mar 04	As of Mar 05	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	6,682	6,685	3
Negative results	6,591	6,598	7
Pending results	19	15	-4

*The BCCDC has reported 10,384 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers (10,405) between Mar 4th to Mar 5th.

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

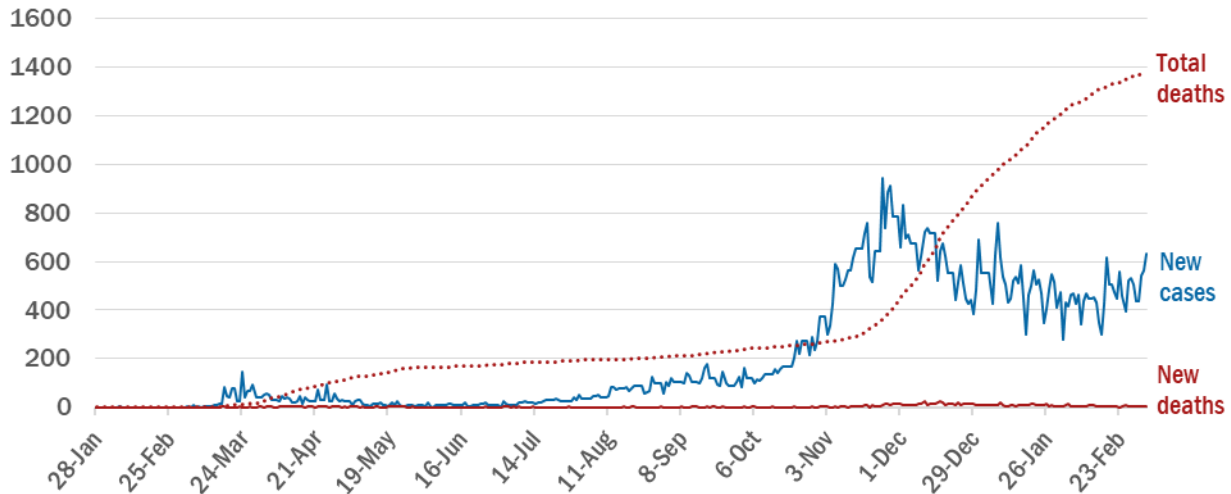
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA³

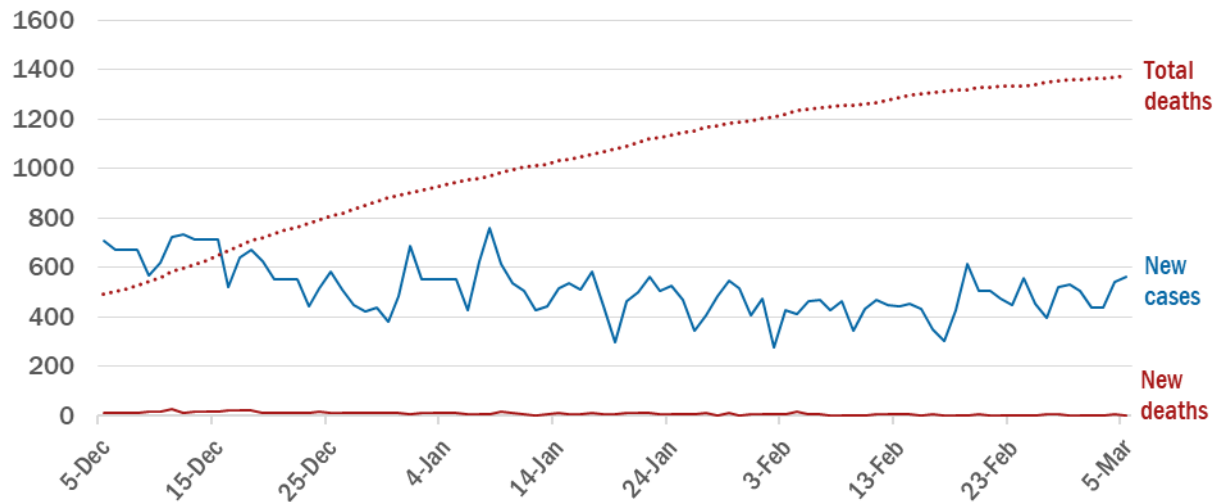
	As of Mar 03	As of Mar 04	Change
Total confirmed cases	21,729	21,836	107
Total active cases	1,375	1,300	-75
Currently hospitalized	991	993	2
Total deaths	240	245	5
Total recovered	20,114	20,291	177
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,339	2,362	23

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



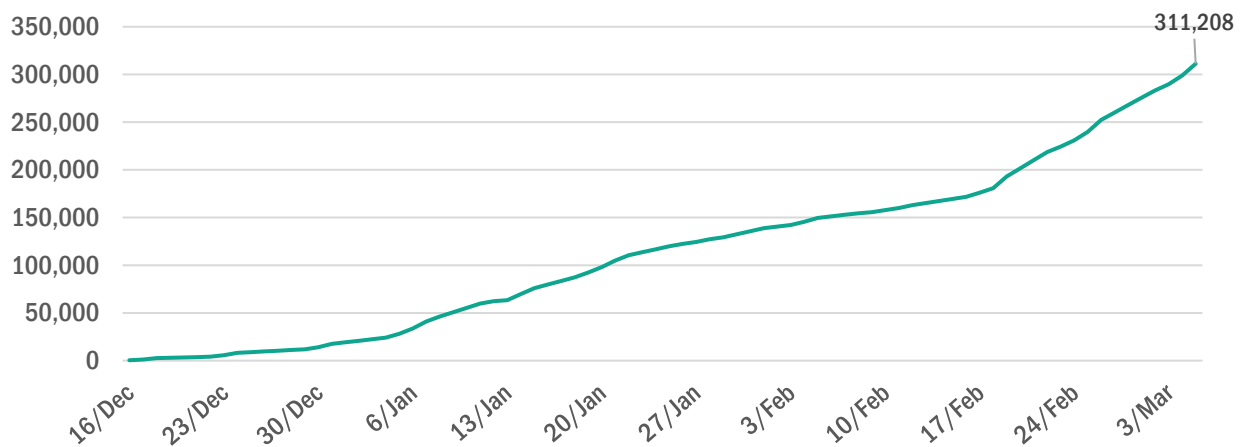
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

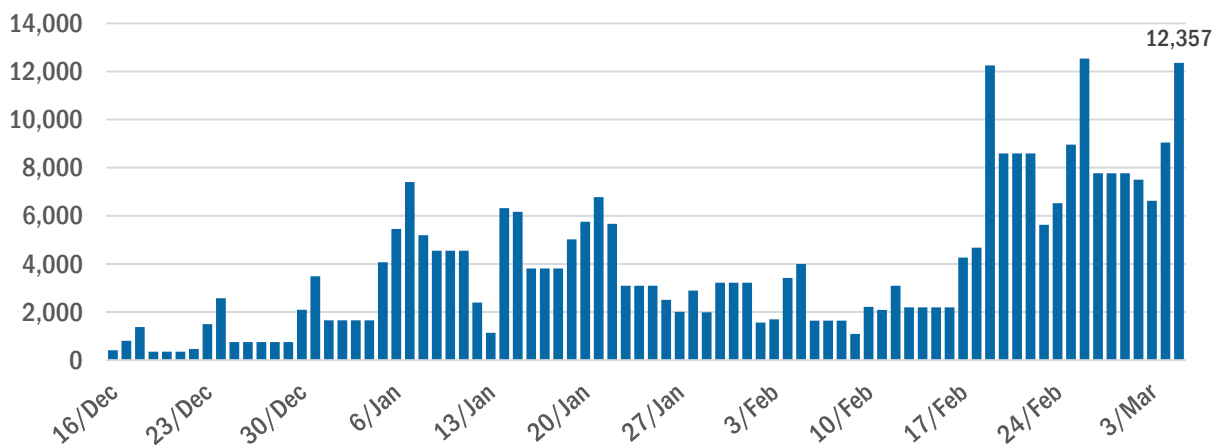
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	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	12,357	311,208	385,080	80,81%	6,047.74	86,865	1.69%
Yukon	1,660	21,097	35,000	60.27%	50,021.33	7,826	18.41%
Canada	85,757	2,255,174	2,893,190	77.90%	5,933.41	561,971	1.48%

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
 - There are 4 new variants of concern cases, for a total of 250 cases:
 - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 222
 - B.1.351 (South African) – 28
 - 12 cases are currently active.
 - “Starting on Monday, vaccine appointment bookings for people over 90 and Indigenous people over 65 will get underway, with appointments available in communities provincewide.”
 - “This has been a week of progress in our COVID-19 response, as we ready our province to begin our age-based immunizations and integrate the AstraZeneca-SII vaccine into our program.”
 - “Building on this momentum, the federal government approved a fourth COVID-19 vaccine today. The newly approved Johnson & Johnson vaccine is another tool in our immunization program that will help accelerate protection of people throughout our province.”
- Today, the BC Ministry of Finance announced that two planned tax changes that were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic will go into effect on April 1, 2021.⁹
 - PST will be charged on sweetened carbonated beverages.
 - This applies to all beverages dispensed through soda fountains, soda guns, vending machines and other similar equipment.
 - All sellers of digital software and telecommunication services will be required to collect PST on sales to B.C. customers if they have B.C. revenues of more than \$10,000.
 - All sellers of vapour products will be required to register to collect PST on all online or mail-order sales to B.C. customers.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon released A Path Forward: Next Steps which is a strategy outlining how the territory will move forward through the next phases of the pandemic:¹⁰
 - “The approach focuses on reducing or modifying COVID-19 restrictions.”
 - “The reduction and modification of COVID-19 restrictions is contingent on the territory’s overall vaccination rate, new case counts, the understanding of variants and ongoing adherence to public health measures.”
 - “The new approach stresses that in order to reduce the importation and transmission of the virus, we will need to strengthen some measures and ensure greater compliance with existing measures.”
 - “As spring approaches, this will allow the flexibility to provide some relief from restrictions that affect the daily lives of Yukoners and move us into the next phase of recovery.”
 - “Adjustments to public health measures may also include determining how to make events, such as potlatches, weddings, funerals and celebrations of life, safer.”

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

⁹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021FIN0019-000407>

¹⁰ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/next-steps-move-yukon-towards-living-covid-19>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Indigenous Services Canada issued a COVID-19 update for Indigenous Peoples and communities in Canada, which included the following information:¹¹
 - Currently, there are 1,300 active cases as of March 4, 2021 in First Nations communities across the country.
 - As of March 4, 2021, more than 12,700 vaccine doses have been administered in more than 480 First Nations, Inuit and Territorial communities
 - Approximately 40% of the Indigenous population have received at least one dose.
 - “In line with NACI recommendations, all Indigenous adults, including First Nations, Inuit and Métis, are recommended to be prioritized for COVID-19 vaccinations as soon as possible.”
 - “Current real world evidence suggests high vaccine effectiveness against disease and hospitalization after the first dose, including among older populations.”
 - “Provinces and territories are being encouraged to engage with Indigenous partners when looking to maximize the number of people receiving a first dose by extending the interval between doses up to 4 months.”
- Today, Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, Dr. Supriya Sharma, senior medical advisor with Health Canada, and Dr. Marc Berthiaume, director of the Bureau of Medical Science at Health Canada provided technical details on the authorization of a new vaccine:¹²
 - The Janssen vaccine by Johnson & Johnson is the first single-dose vaccine to be approved by Health Canada.
 - It can be stored and transported at refrigerated temperatures of between 2°C to 8°C for at least 3 months.
 - The vaccine provides acceptable levels of protection against the South Africa and Brazil variants, along with the current COVID-19 strains in North America.
 - Efficacy rate: 66% effective overall at preventing moderate to severe COVID-19 symptoms.
 - This exceeds the efficacy standard of Health Canada, the World Health Organization and the US Food and Drug Administration.
 - The efficacy rate does not mean a 34% rate of contracting COVID-19, any of the five vaccines will reduce greatly the likelihood of getting the virus, preventing hospitalizations and death.
 - Currently the vaccine is approved for people 18 years and older.
 - Clinical trials have indicated there are no differences in safety or efficacy between different age groups and race.
 - Health Canada has authorized further clinic trials for children ages 12 to 17.

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/03/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities.html>

¹² Minister Anand, Dr. Sharma, and Dr. Berthiaume via live press conference at 4:00 am on Mar 5, 2021.

- Today, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada's chief public health officer, and other ministers and officers gathered to provide an update on the federal response to COVID-19.¹³
 - Regarding vaccines:
 - Canada has reached an agreement with Johnson & Johnson for 10 million doses between March to September.
 - Pfizer has indicated it will move up the delivery of 3.5 million doses scheduled from the summer into the next couple of months.
 - An additional 1.5 million doses will arrive later in March and 1 million doses in April and May.
 - In total, Canada can expect 12.8 million doses of the Pfizer vaccines from April to June.
 - On COVID-19 situation updates in Canada:¹⁴
 - Currently, there are just over 29,900 active cases.
 - 1,650 variants of concern cases have been detected, including:
 - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 1,532
 - B.1.351 (South African) – 114
 - P.1 (Brazil) – 3

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

¹³ Prime Minister Trudeau, ministers Anand, Hajdu, LeBlanc, Drs. Tam and Hjoon via live press conference at 8:30 am on Mar 5, 2021.

¹⁴ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/03/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-covid-19-march-5-2021.html>