

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 08 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 05</b>	<b>As of Mar 08</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	83,107	84,569	<b>1,462*</b>
Total active cases in BC	4,901	4,854	<b>-47</b>
Currently in intensive care	66	66	<b>0</b>
Currently hospitalized	255	240	<b>-15</b>
Total hospitalized to date	4,515	4,601	<b>86</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,380	1,391	<b>11</b>
Total recovered in BC	76,752	78,237	<b>1,485</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Mar 05</b>	<b>As of Mar 08</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	83,107	84,569	<b>1,462*</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	19,306	19,713	<b>407</b>
Fraser Health	48,776	49,578	<b>802</b>
Island Health	2,515	2,857	<b>72</b>
Interior Health	7,555	7,634	<b>79</b>
Northern Health	4,799	4,901	<b>102</b>
Out of Canada	156	156	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	1,974,667	2,000,267	<b>25,600</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Mar 05</b>	<b>As of Mar 08</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	6,685	6,710	<b>25</b>
Negative results	6,598	6,626	<b>28</b>
Pending results	15	12	<b>-3</b>

\*The BCCDC has reported 545 new cases from Mar 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 532 from Mar 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, and 385 from Mar 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

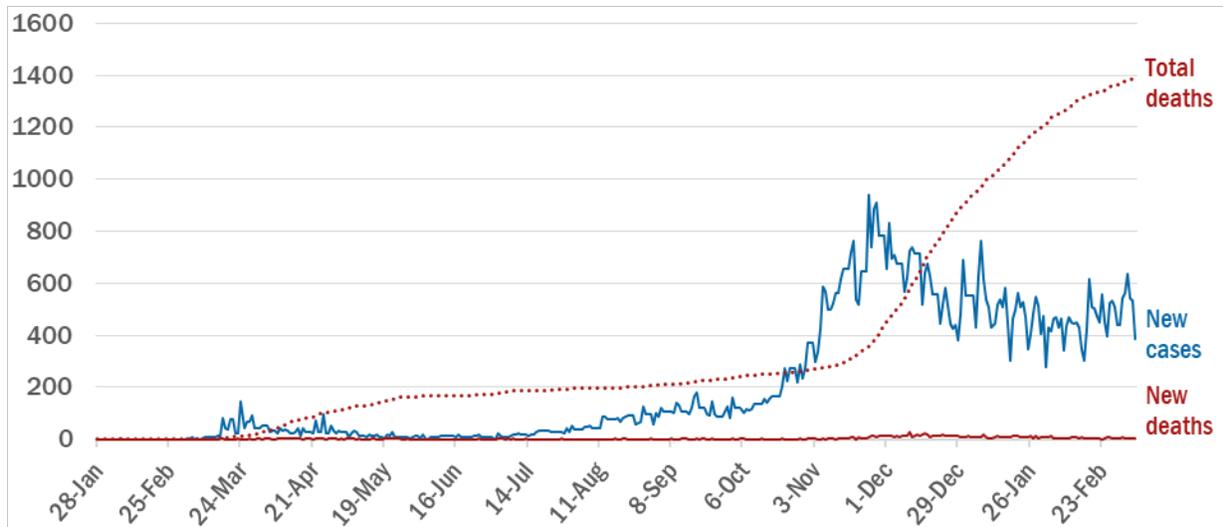
<sup>2</sup> Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE**

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

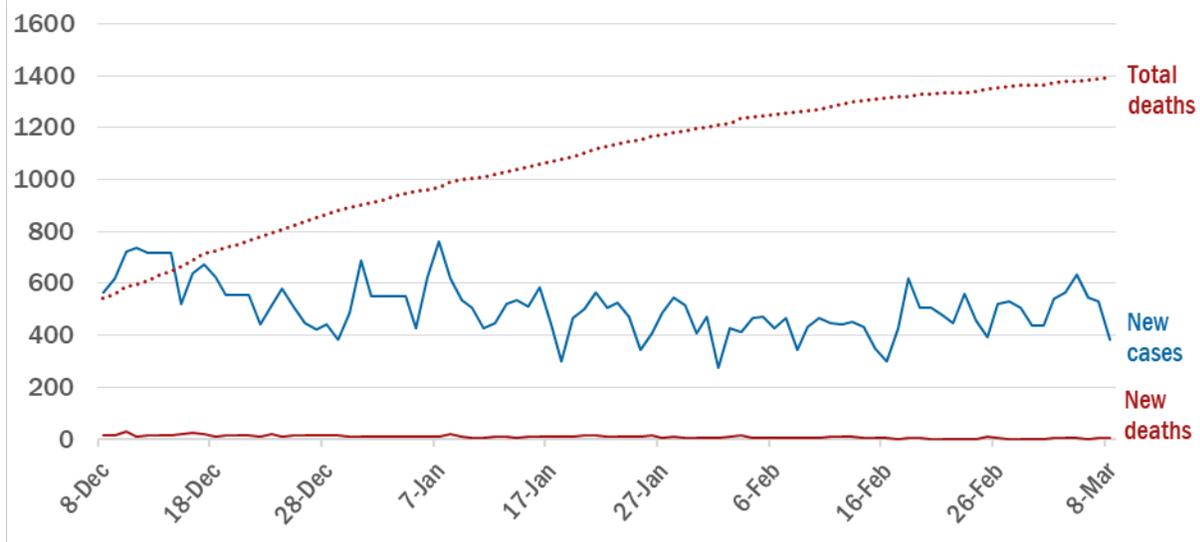
	As of Mar 04	As of Mar 05	Change
Total confirmed cases	21,836	22,000	164
Total active cases	1,300	1,316	16
Currently hospitalized	993	1,012	19
Total deaths	245	247	2
Total recovered	20,291	20,437	146
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,362	2,384	22

**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**



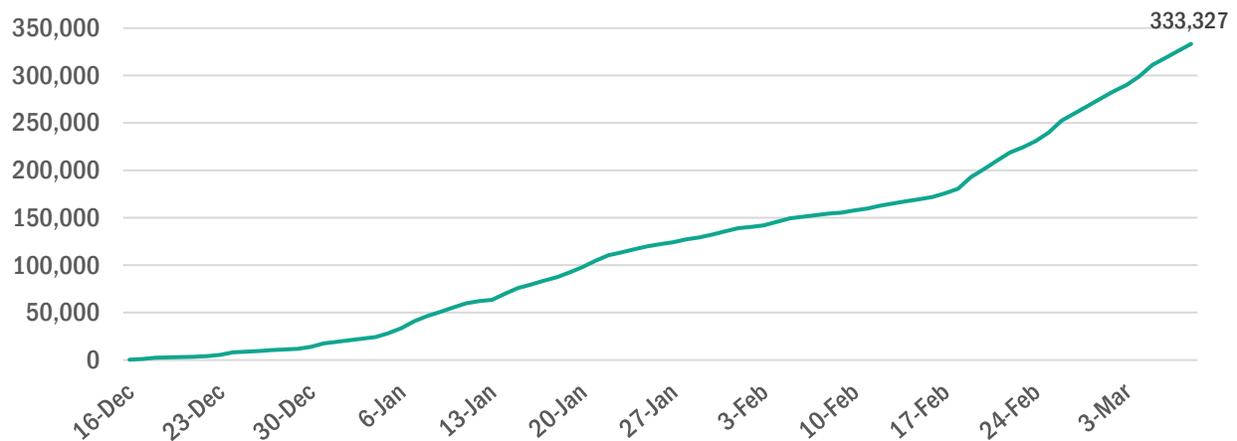
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## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

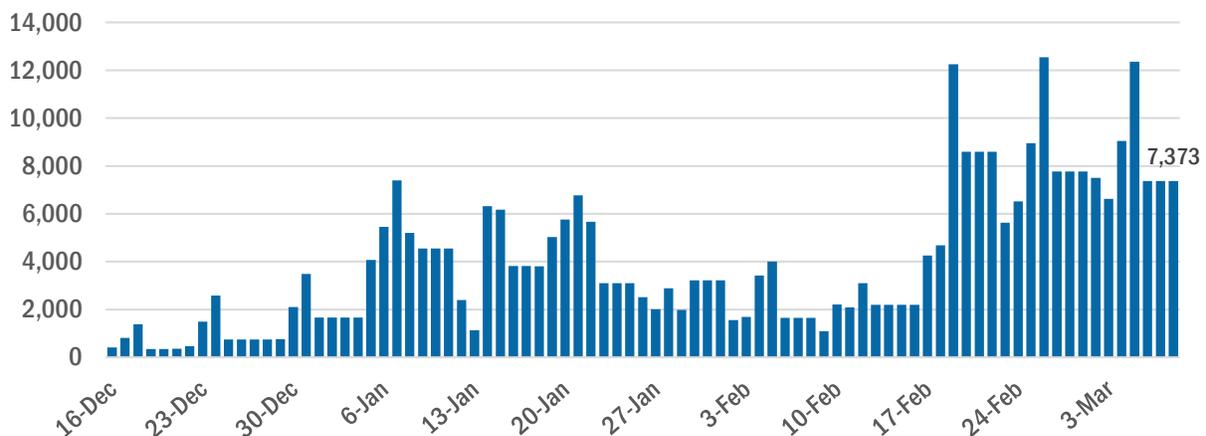
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	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>	22,119	333,327	385,080	86.56%	6,477.58	86,925	1.69%
<b>Yukon</b>	2,424	23,521	35,000	67.20%	55,768.68	8,720	20.50%
<b>Canada</b>	78,246	2,465,435	2,923,045	84.30%	6,486.62	569,009	1.50%

### 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, B.C.'s provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, issued a joint statement via live press conference on the COVID-19 response in B.C. which included the following information:<sup>8</sup>
  - There are 144 new variants of concern cases, for a total of 394 cases:
    - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 363
    - B.1.351 (South African) – 31
    - 87 cases are currently active
  - As of today, vaccine appointment bookings are available for people over 90 and Indigenous peoples over 65.
    - Individuals are reminded to only call the appointment booking lines once their age group is eligible to begin booking appointments.
    - Calling now, when it is not your age group, does not speed up your chance to book an appointment – it causes delays for those who are eligible to book in this current phase.
    - Today has already seen extremely high call volumes, and the teams are working to respond as quickly as possible. Volumes will only increase as new phases and age groups are entered, and the need to handle these volumes will be continually evaluated and addressed, as necessary.
  - Regarding a new outbreak in a long-term care home in the Interior:
    - All staff and residents had been offered an immunization, and there was a very high uptake of immunization.
    - Some cases are in individuals who had received 2 doses of vaccine.
    - “This serves to remind us that while we are very confident that vaccine is very effective and prevents particularly severe illness and death, it doesn’t necessarily mean that all transmission will be stopped. We need to be mindful right now, when we still have high levels of transmission in our communities, how important it is to continue those precautions, particularly with older people and in care homes.”
  - “As I heard the other day from a Knowledge Keeper on the B.C. Association for First Nations call, we had Robert Joseph, a very wise man, say ‘we will celebrate our lives again, dream our dreams again, and watch our children regain their hope.’ And that’s what we can look forward to in the coming months. And let’s also continue to be kind to each other, to be calm, and to stay safe.”
- Today, Premier John Horgan and Grace Lore, Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity, issued a statement for International Women’s Day, including the following highlights on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on women:<sup>9</sup>
  - “On International Women’s Day, we honour the many women, girls, two-spirit, and non-binary people who are leading the way toward a more equitable future in our province.”
  - “While we have all been challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic, women have shouldered a disproportionate burden. More women are working in the hardest-hit sectors, and many

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<sup>8</sup> Via live press conference on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 3:00pm PST.

<sup>9</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PREM0018-000405>

have taken on additional caregiving responsibilities for their children and family members. Deeply troubling reports of intimate partner and family violence are on the rise.”

- “We recognize for many Indigenous women, women of colour, women with disabilities and people in the 2SLGBTQ+ community, the pandemic has only heightened the inequalities that still exist.”
- “Our recovery from COVID-19 must be rooted in equality, where opportunities are available to all, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or other parts of their identity.”
- “We have taken meaningful strides toward gender equality, and the pandemic has highlighted how much further we must go.”

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY**

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory.

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

- Today, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau issued the following statement to announce the Government of Canada is designating March 11, 2021, as a National Day of Observance to commemorate the people who lost their lives, and the significant impacts we have all felt, because of COVID-19:<sup>10</sup>
  - “Early last year, our lives, and the lives of everyone around the world, were forever changed by the emergence of COVID-19. Today – one year after the first known death of a Canadian to the disease – we now mourn the tragic loss of more than 22,000 parents, siblings, friends, and loved ones.”
  - “COVID-19 has infected over 864,000 other Canadians and has had an immeasurable impact on how we all work and learn, connect with friends and family, and live our daily lives. All Canadians have experienced sacrifice and loss over the past year.”
  - “During this crisis, Canadians have remained resilient... As we continue to deal with the impacts of the global pandemic, your government will continue to do whatever it takes, for however long it takes, to support you – because here in Canada, we help each other through challenging times.”
  - “In recognition of how far we have come and how far we still have to go, the Government of Canada is designating March 11, 2021, as a National Day of Observance. On this day, I invite all Canadians to join together in honouring the memory of those we have lost, and the people they left behind.”
  - “We will also recognize everyone who has been impacted by COVID-19 and pay tribute to all those who continue to work hard and make incredible sacrifices in our fight against the virus. Together, we will beat COVID-19.”
- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s chief public health officer, provided the following update regarding the federal response to COVID-19:<sup>11</sup>
  - “As vaccination programs continue to expand across Canada, there is growing optimism that widespread and lasting immunity can be achieved through COVID-19 vaccination. Recent expert analysis of the efficacy and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines in Canada supports that priority vaccination programs are providing strong benefits for those at highest risk of severe outcomes or exposure.”

<sup>10</sup> <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2021/03/08/statement-prime-minister-announcing-national-day-observance-covid-19>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/03/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-march-8-2021.html>

- “Until vaccine access fully expands, and sufficient levels of population immunity are achieved, and with the continued increase of cases and outbreaks associated with more contagious variants, we must all remain vigilant with public health measures and individual precautions to prevent a rapid shift in trajectory of the epidemic.”
- Today, Patty Hajdu, Canada’s Minister of Health, announced the launch of the Vaccine Community Innovation Challenge, to propose creative ideas for communications campaigns that will reach groups within their communities who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic:<sup>12</sup>
  - The Challenge encourages people to help spread the word about COVID-19 vaccines and increase vaccine confidence through creative, community-driven, and culturally sensitive means.
  - Individuals and/or groups are invited to propose their ideas, from which twenty finalists will be chosen by an expert panel and given \$25,000 to develop their ideas and launch their campaigns.
    - Proposals must be submitted by April 9, 2021 at 3pm EST
  - A grand prize of \$100,000 will be awarded to one winner at the end of the Challenge period to reinvest in the protection and promotion of public health in their community.
  - More information on the Challenge can be found here:  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/funding-opportunities/grant-contribution-funding-opportunities/vaccine-community-innovation-challenge.html>

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

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<sup>12</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/03/government-of-canada-launches-vaccine-community-innovation-challenge-to-support-increased-vaccine-confidence.html>