

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 09 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 08	As of Mar 09	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	84,569	85,119	550
Total active cases in BC	4,854	4,869	15
Currently in intensive care	66	68	2
Currently hospitalized	240	249	9
Total hospitalized to date	4,601	4,614	13
Total deaths in BC	1,391	1,393	2
Total recovered in BC	78,237	78,770	533

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Mar 08	As of Mar 09	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	84,569	85,119	550
Vancouver Coastal Health	19,713	19,846	133
Fraser Health	49,578	49,897	319
Island Health	2,587	2,594	7
Interior Health	7,634	7,670	36
Northern Health	4,901	4,953	52
Out of Canada	156	159	3
Total individuals tested in BC	2,000,267	2,004,825	4,558

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Mar 08	As of Mar 09	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	6,710	6,712	2
Negative results	6,626	6,627	1
Pending results	12	13	1

*The BCCDC has reported 6,560 new tests but this does not correspond with the differences (4,558) between March 8th and March 9th.

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

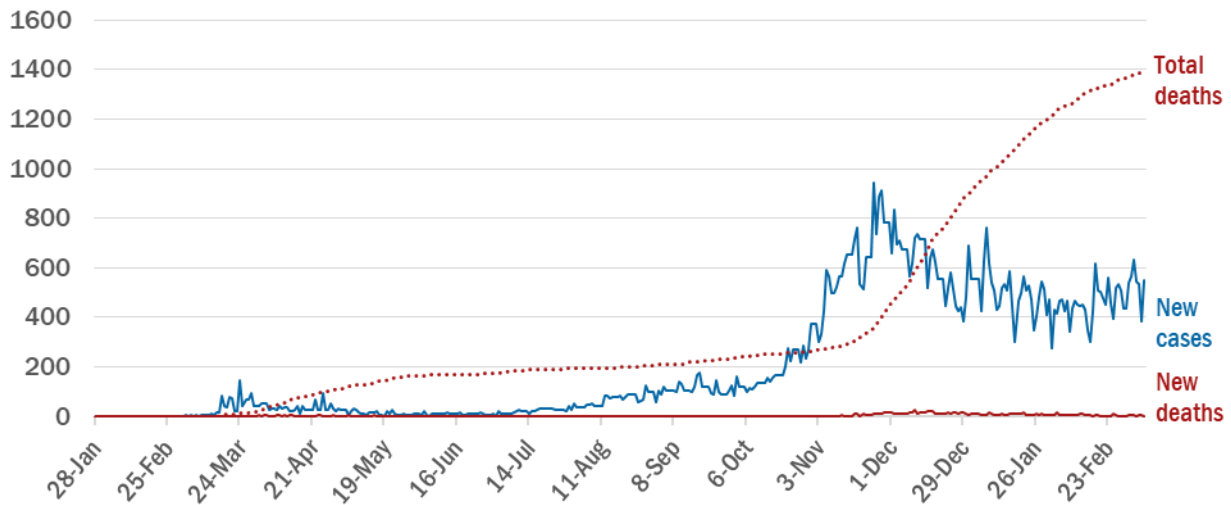
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA ³

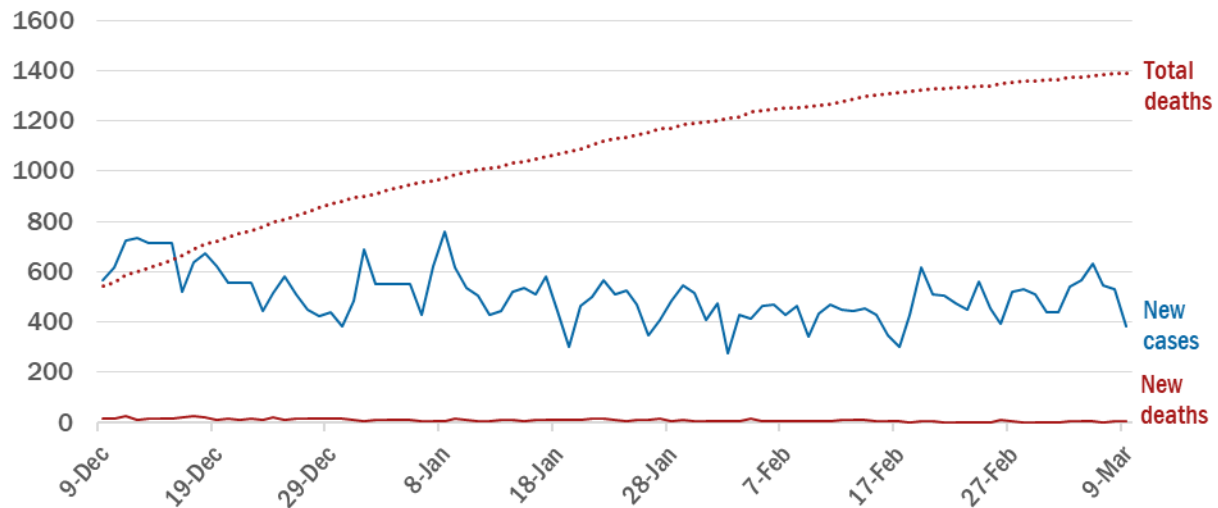
	As of Mar 05	As of Mar 08	Change
Total confirmed cases	22,000	22,368	368
Total active cases	1,316	1,223	-93
Currently hospitalized	1,012	1,021	9
Total deaths	247	248	1
Total recovered	20,437	20,897	460
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,384	2,435	51

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



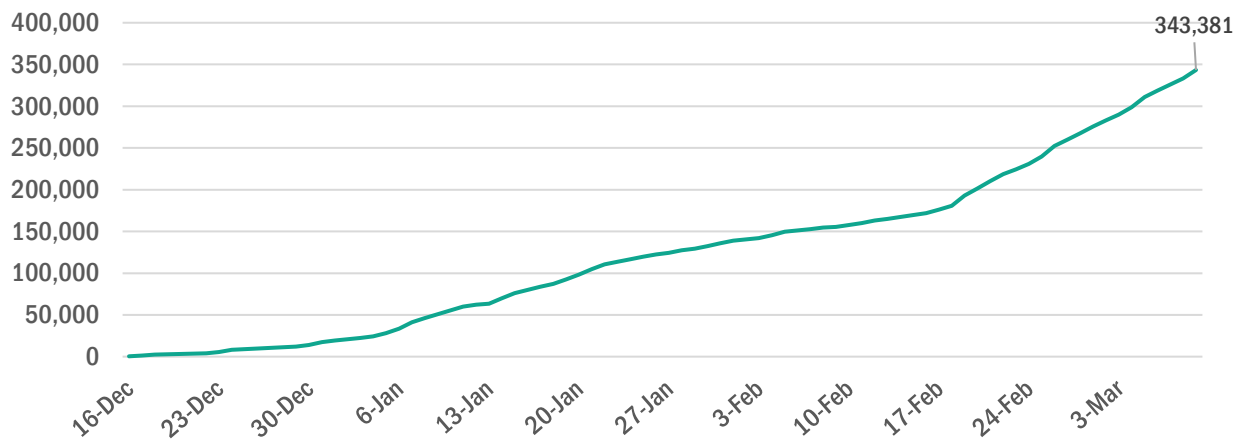
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

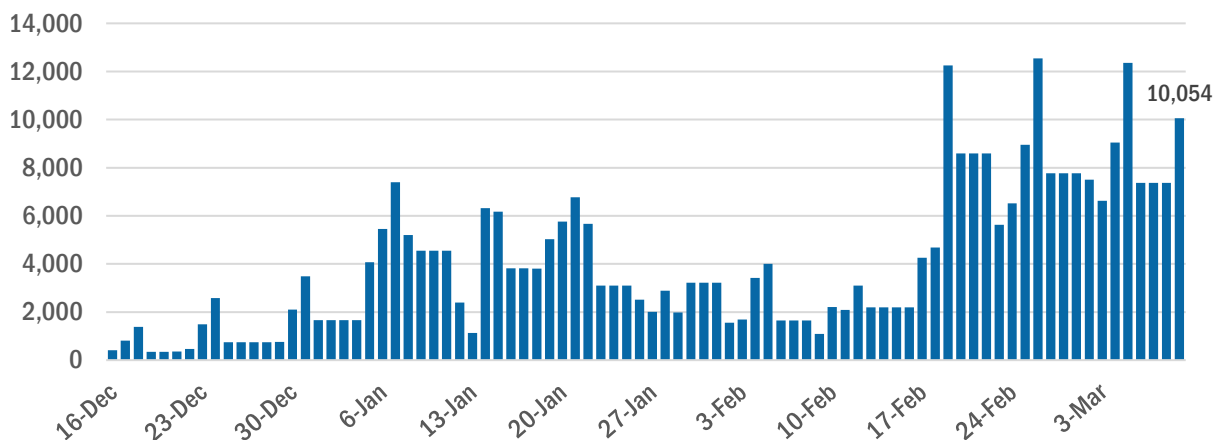
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	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	10,054	343,381	385,080	89.17%	6,672.96	86,938	1.69%
Yukon	891	24,412	35,000	69.74%	57,881.25	8,840	20.80%
Canada	69,385	2,543,253	3,054,690	83.30%	6,691.36	579,032	1.52%

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.:⁸
 - There are 182 new variants of concern cases, for a total of 576 cases:
 - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 530
 - B.1.351 (South African) – 33
 - P.1 (Brazil) – 13
 - 113 cases are currently active
 - “Today marks a sombre milestone: one year since the first person in British Columbia died as a result of COVID-19. Today, we pause and remember everyone who has died from this virus and offer our condolences to those who have lost their loved ones.”
 - “Through the loss and uncertainty that has come with this pandemic, we have seen incredible resilience, as people throughout our province have adapted to the challenges COVID-19 has brought.”
 - “Now, with every new person who is vaccinated, we can take comfort in knowing with each immunization, we all benefit – Elders, seniors, families and communities. Let’s keep moving forward and doing our part to put COVID-19 behind us.”
- Today, the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training issued a release on the expansion of local learning centres for post-secondary students in remote locations:⁹
 - Contact North BC is a collaboration between Coast Mountain College and Indigenous communities in northwestern B.C.
 - It was created with the goal of expanding post-secondary access for students living in remote and rural communities.
 - Since its launch in January 2021, students have registered in more than 400 courses across post-secondary institutions in the province.
 - The province is providing approximately \$1.5 million that will expand service to the traditional territories of the Haida, Nisga'a, Gitksan, Wet'suwet'en, Tsimshian, Haisla and Tahltan Nations. Other participants include School District 92 (Nass), School District 54 (Bulkley Valley), and the Métis Nation in Terrace.
 - “First Nations education leaders in our region have requested that we provide more academic options to their students, while allowing them to remain in their home communities.”
 - “This program gives every student in one of these communities the opportunity to take any online offering in the province while knowing they will have quality technology and local staff to support them.”

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0020-000430>

⁹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021AEST0017-000416>

- On March 8, 2021, Anna Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training, issued the following statement regarding post-secondary education in fall 2021:¹⁰
 - “Dr. Bonnie Henry, provincial health officer, advised the presidents of all public colleges and universities to prepare for a full return to on-campus education this September.”
 - In the coming weeks, the ministry will be working closely with Ministry of Health to provide post-secondary COVID-19 Go-Forward Guidelines for a safe return to in-person learning this fall.
- Today, Rod Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure announced funding for inter-city bus services and regional airports:¹¹
 - The province is providing one-time funding of up to \$10.7 million for inter-city bus operators and up to \$16.5 million for regional airports to support operations between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022.
 - “Inter-city bus operators help people, especially those living in rural communities, travel safely, affordably and efficiently for essential purposes. In the past year, the industry has experienced a significant decrease in ridership, affecting revenues. This funding will help companies maintain service over the next year and build back stronger as ridership returns.”

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, Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, and Dr. Howard Njoo, Deputy Chief Public Health Officer provided an update on the federal government’s response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic:^{12,13}
 - This week marks the one-year anniversary of World Health Organization’s declaration of the COVID-19 global pandemic.
 - “In remembrance, the Government of Canada has designated March 11th, 2021 as a national day of observance to commemorate those who have lost their lives and the significant impacts we have all endured because of COVID-19.”
 - On U.S. CDC’s recent guidelines:
 - The Public Health Agency of Canada will be constantly assessing the situation along with other provincial chief medical officers and experts on easing restrictive measures. At the moment, there is still considerable community level transmission, and it is unknown how the variants of concern will spread given the recent start of the immunization efforts.

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

¹⁰ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021AEST0015-000406>

¹¹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PREM0019-000422>

¹² Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Minister LeBlanc, and Drs. Tam and Njoo via press conference at 9:00 am on March 9, 2021.

¹³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/03/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-covid-19-march-9-2021.html>