

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 11 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 10	As of Mar 11	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	85,650	86,219	569
Total active cases in BC	4,861	4,912	51
Currently in intensive care	66	68	2
Currently hospitalized	244	244	0
Total hospitalized to date	4,627	4,650	23
Total deaths in BC	1,394	1,397	3
Total recovered in BC	79,309	79,829	520

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Mar 10	As of Mar 11	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	85,650	86,219	569
Vancouver Coastal Health	19,993	20,133	140
Fraser Health	50,188	50,489	301
Island Health	2,613	2,654	41
Interior Health	7,712	7,738	26
Northern Health	4,985	5,045	60
Out of Canada	159	160	1
Total individuals tested in BC	2,013,972	2,022,956	*8,984

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Mar 10	As of Mar 11	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	6,724	6,735	11
Negative results	6,629	6,648	19
Pending results	23	15	-12

*BCDC reported 8,983 new tests but this number does not align with the differences of total tests (8,984) between March 10th and March 11th.

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

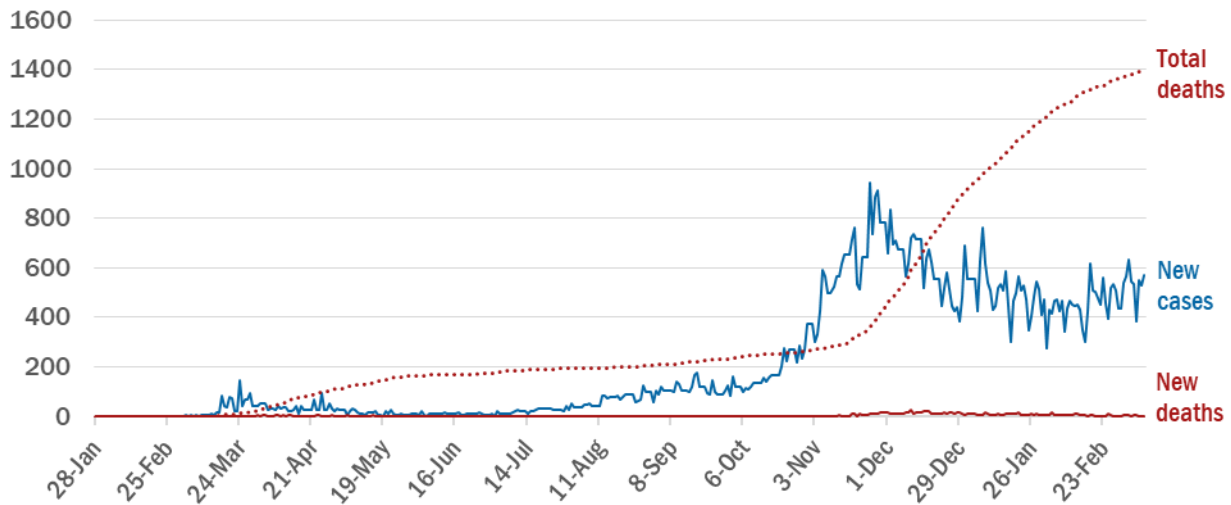
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA ³

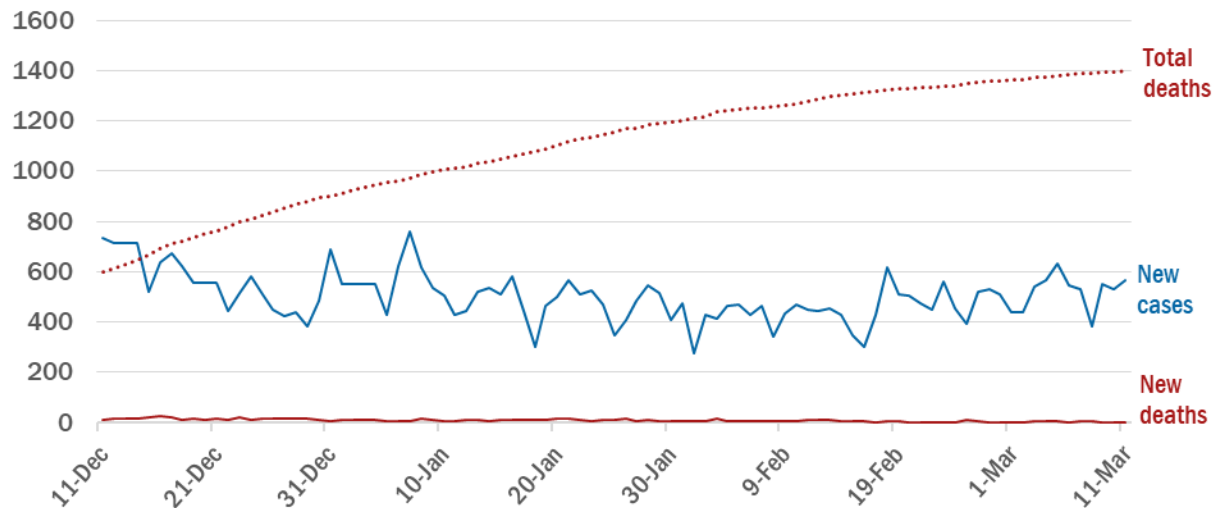
	As of Mar 09	As of Mar 10	Change
Total confirmed cases	22,451	22,581	130
Total active cases	1,168	1,123	-45
Currently hospitalized	1,027	1,033	6
Total deaths	248	250	2
Total recovered	21,035	21,208	173
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,436	2,455	19

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



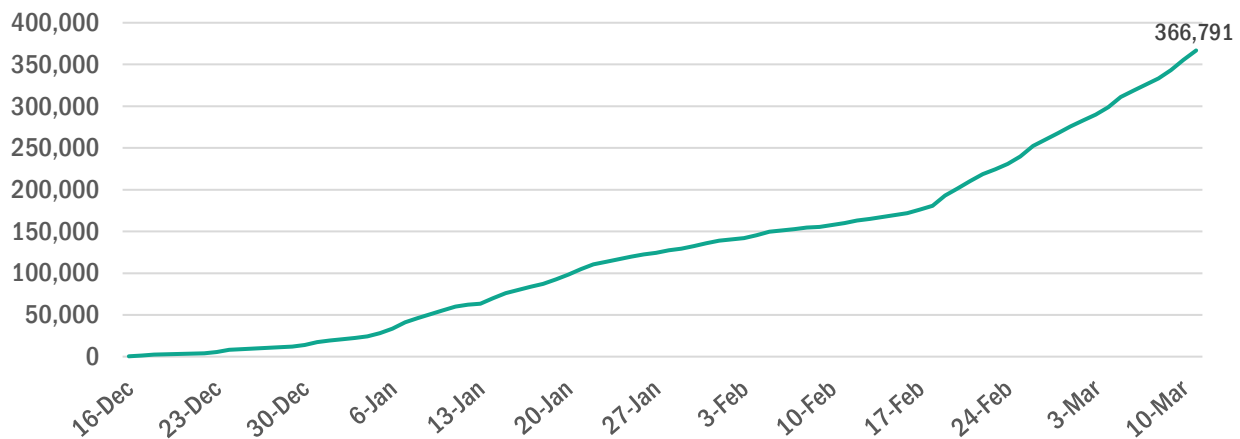
³ Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

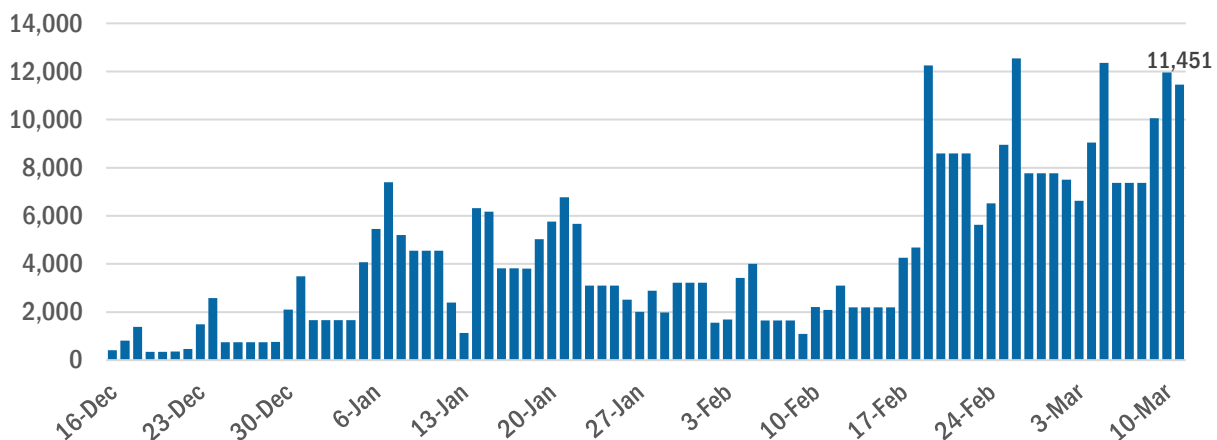
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	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	11,451	366,791	513,920	71.37%	7,127.89	87,009	1.69%
Yukon	800	26,374	35,000	75.35%	62,533.19	9,253	21.77%
Canada	98,028	2,719,317	3,885,270	70.00%	7,154.59	587,602	1.55%

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

- On March 10, 2021, First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) released a summary of the March 9, 2021, meeting between Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C. First Nations chiefs, and FNHA doctors on the province's vaccine rollout:⁸
 - Dr. Henry acknowledged the communication challenge and sudden decision to extend the interval between first and second doses for 16 weeks caused uncertainty and trauma among Indigenous communities.
 - The decision to delay the second doses will free up 70,000 doses and is anticipated to help maximize the efficacy rate (shown to be up to 92 per cent effective after the first dose).
 - Dr. Henry also expressed regret that health authority phone lines were overwhelmed by up to three million callers on the start of the vaccination appointment date.
 - 15,000 of the 45,000 in the eligible category were successfully registered as of March 8, 2021.
 - "All Indigenous peoples in the province are welcome to sign up for the provincial clinics when they meet the age eligibility (individuals age 60 and older can start registering March 31, 2021)."
 - FNHA is also working with First Nations communities to continue community-based clinics, which are expected to open by March 31, 2021.
 - These special clinics will have a "whole of community" approach in which everyone aged 18 and over will be vaccinated if they wish. This approach was previously used to protect rural and remote communities.
 - Call centres will continue to be open in the weeks leading up to the clinics' opening.
- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s Provincial Health Officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, provided a joint update on the ongoing COVID-19 situation in the province:⁹
 - The provincial health order has been amended to allow for outdoor gatherings for up to ten (10) people with proper social distancing and mask wearing.
 - "Should you choose to meet with your family and friends, remember that safety needs to continue to be top of mind and the requirement to follow all COVID-19 safety plans remains in place – at work or school, when we are out for dinner or going to the grocery store."
 - Restrictions on indoor gatherings, bars, restaurants, and pubs with regards to social events will remain in place at this time.
 - St. Patrick's Day liquor sales restriction:
 - Liquor sales for on-site and off-site consumption must cease between 8pm on March 17, 2021, until 9am on March 18, 2021.
 - Variants of Concern:
 - 11 new cases, 638 cases in total, 89 are active.
 - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 588
 - B.1.351 (South African) – 36
 - P.1 (Brazil) – 14

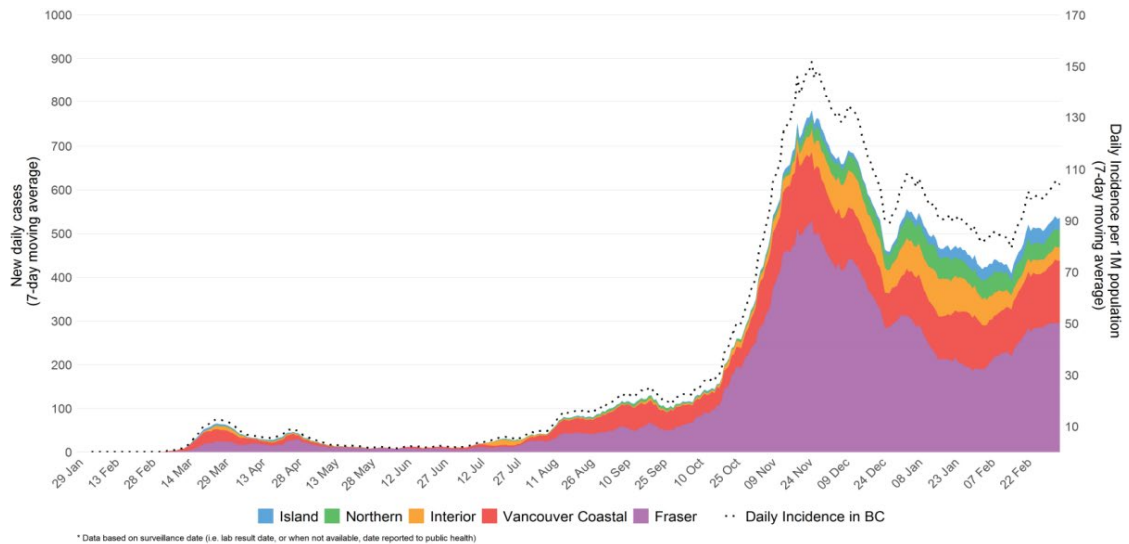
⁸ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/evolving-vaccination-plans-is-science-in-action-dr-bonnie-henry>

⁹ Via live press conference on March 11th, 2021 at 2:00pm PST.

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.’s Provincial Health Officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, provided a joint update on updated modelling data to mark the one-year anniversary since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic:¹⁰

- Of interest:

- The majority of COVID-19 cases have been reported in the Fraser Health and Vancouver Coastal Health regions (seen in the image below).
- The greatest source of transmission remains in small gatherings, social events, and workplaces.
- Currently, there remains a slow and steady increase of cases; however, the hospitalization rate has levelled, and the number of deaths has decreased dramatically.
- In 2020, COVID-19 was the 8th top cause of death in B.C., while drug overdose was ranked the 5th.



- “Today’s modelling shows us how the COVID-19 pandemic has progressed in the province over the past year. What we have seen very clearly is no one is immune to the virus or the impacts that come with it. The pandemic is still very much with us.”
- For more details, visit: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/CovidBriefing_20210311.pdf

¹⁰ Via live press conference on March 11th, 2021 at 2:00pm PST.

- Today, Northern Health has released the following information bulletin regarding Prince Rupert vaccination details:¹¹
 - Beginning Friday March 12, 2021, residents of Prince Rupert and Port Edward can:
 - Call 1-866-481-2175 to book a vaccination appoint at Jim Ciccone Civic Centre starting March 15, 2021.
 - The call centre will operate from 7am to 7pm, 7 days a week.
 - Appointments will be staggered by age group:
 - 65 to 90+, March 12 – 13, 2021
 - 50 to 64, March 14 – 15, 2021
 - 40 to 49, March 16 – 17, 2021
 - 18 to 39, March 18, 2021 and on
 - For more details, visit: <https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/covid-19-vaccine-plan#nh-resources>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Dr. Brendan Hanley, Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health issued the following statement advising Yukoners against all non-essential travel:¹²
 - “With March break quickly approaching, I am reminding Yukoners that non-essential travel out of territory is not recommended. Out of an abundance of caution, I continue to recommend against all non-essential travel at this time.”
 - “Due to the uncertainty and the quick-moving nature of COVID-19, we need to reduce the risk of bringing COVID-19 back into the territory. We must work together over these coming months to limit the introduction of COVID-19 and variants within Yukon, and this means following strict self-isolation requirements upon arrival into the territory.”
 - Those who travel will be required to self-isolate for 14 days upon return to Yukon under the *Civil Emergency Measures Act*.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) issued the following COVID-19 update for Indigenous Peoples and communities:¹³
 - Overall, active case counts continue to decline:
 - 1,123 active cases reported as of March 10, 2021.
 - As of March 9, 2021, 162,155 doses have been administered in 536 communities.
 - 53 per cent dose administration rate amongst adults in First Nations and Inuit communities in provinces and territories
 - ISC is cautioning Indigenous Peoples and communities to be aware of unsolicited and suspicious offers of COVID-19 vaccine for sale.

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

¹¹ <https://stories.northernhealth.ca/news/prince-rupert-covid-19-vaccinations-call-centre-details>

¹² <https://yukon.ca/en/news/statement-yukons-chief-medical-officer-health-advising-yukoners-against-all-non-essential>

¹³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/03/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities0.html>