

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 12 March 2021

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Mar 11	As of Mar 12	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	86,219	86,867	648
Total active cases in BC	4,912	5,070	158
Currently in intensive care	68	67	-1
Currently hospitalized	244	255	11
Total hospitalized to date	4,650	4,683	33
Total deaths in BC	1,397	1,397	0
Total recovered in BC	79,829	80,325	496

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Mar 11	As of Mar 12	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	86,219	86,867	648
Vancouver Coastal Health	20,133	20,282	149
Fraser Health	50,489	50,861	372
Island Health	2,654	2,686	32
Interior Health	7,738	7,777	39
Northern Health	5,045	5,101	56
Out of Canada	160	160	0
Total individuals tested in BC	2,022,956	2,032,227	9,271*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Mar 11	As of Mar 12	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	6,735	6,737	2
Negative results	6,648	6,641	-7
Pending results	15	24	9

*BCCDC reported 9,270 new tests but this number does not align with the differences of total tests (9,271) between March 11th and March 12th.

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

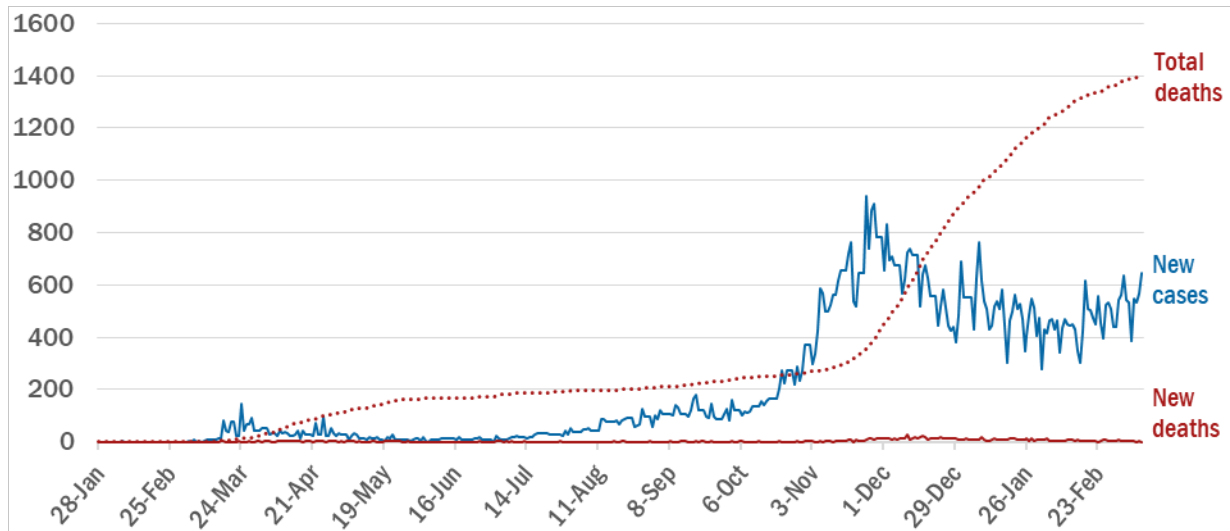
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA ³

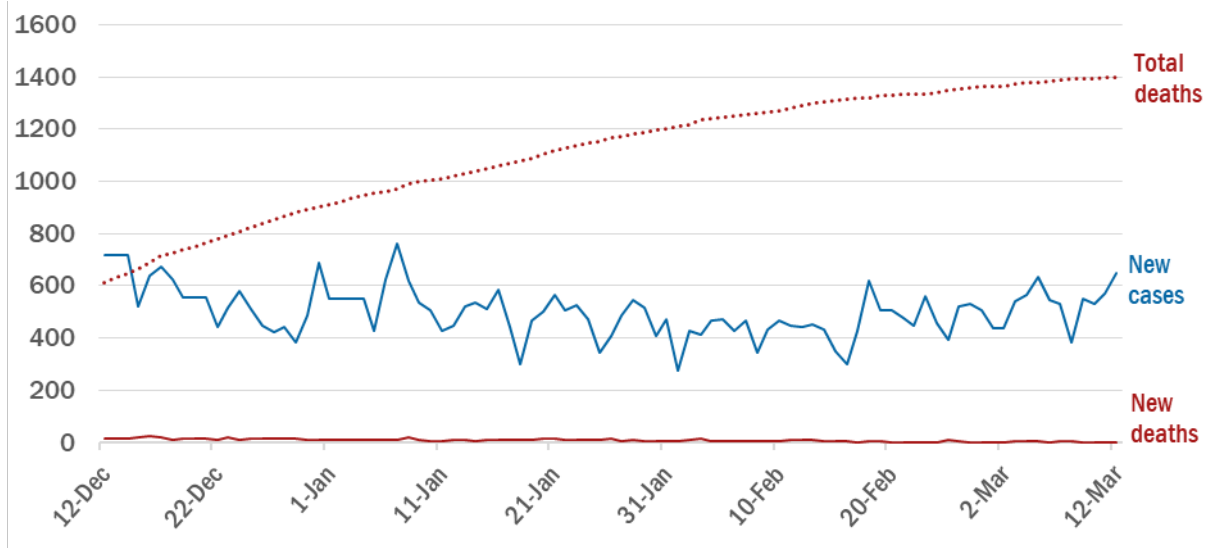
	As of Mar 10	As of Mar 11	Change
Total confirmed cases	22,581	22,731	150
Total active cases	1,123	1,213	90
Currently hospitalized	1,033	1,037	4
Total deaths	250	250	0
Total recovered	21,208	21,268	60
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,455	2,470	15

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



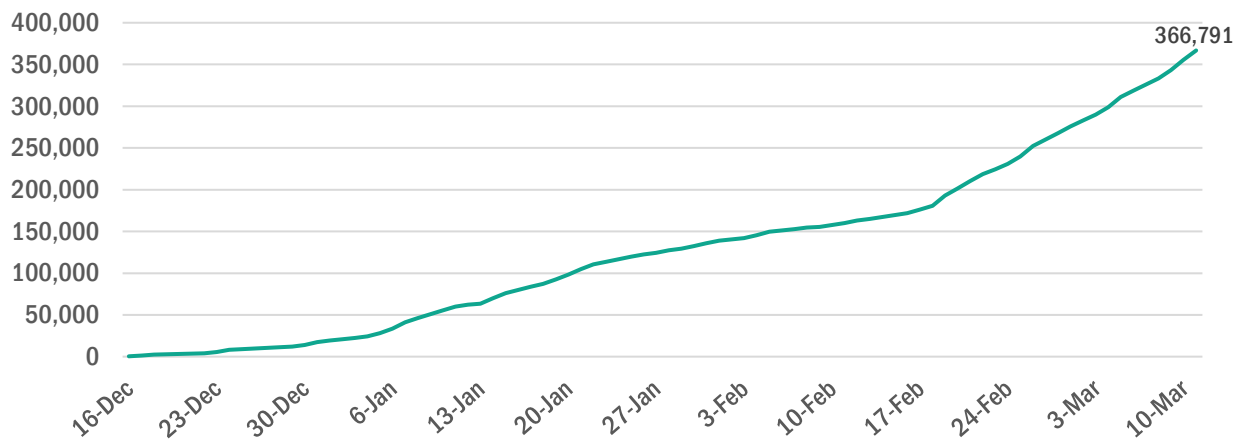
³ Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

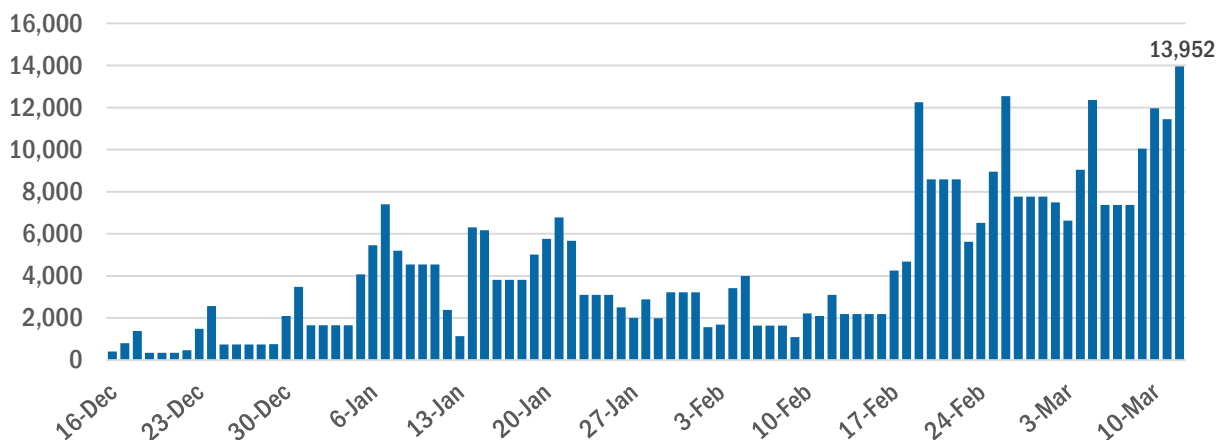
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	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	13,952	380,773	513,920	74.08%	7,399.02	87,024	1.69%
Yukon	1,364	27,738	35,000	79.25%	65,767.26	9,805	23.07%
Canada	110,847	2,830,164	3,885,270	72.80%	7,446.23	590,674	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

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s Provincial Health Officer, provided an update on the ongoing COVID-19 situation in the province:⁸
 - There are 79 new variants of concern cases, for a total of 717 cases:
 - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 667
 - B.1.351 (South African) – 36
 - P.1 (Brazil) – 14
 - 99 cases are currently active
 - “With the amended public health order on gatherings and events, we can now go outside, but we need to balance that with keeping up our precautions when indoors.”
 - “If you are going to spend time with friends and family, socialize safely.”
 - “This means if you or a family member is higher risk, you may choose to delay your visit or ensure you are wearing your masks and maintaining a safe distance. It also means continuing to clean your hands and staying away if you are feeling unwell.”
 - “The order now allows for gatherings of up to 10 people outside, but does not apply to any indoor locations. The orders for restaurants and bars continue, as does the need to follow all COVID-19 safety plans – at work or school, when we are out for dinner or going to the grocery store.”
 - “The COVID-19 pandemic is still here, and we are still facing headwinds, which means continuing with ‘few faces, open spaces, and safety layers’ in place.
- Today, Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economy Recovery and Innovation, issued the following statement on the release of Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey for February 2021:⁹
 - “One year into this pandemic, British Columbia has returned to 99.4% of pre-pandemic employment levels. B.C.'s economy remains one of the strongest in Canada, having created jobs in each of the past 10 months.”
 - “The Labour Force Survey for February shows B.C. added 26,600 jobs, with the majority of those jobs going to women. This dropped B.C.'s unemployment rate to 6.9% from 8.0% in January, the month before.”
 - “While this does not mean all sectors are back to full strength, it does mean that even as our tourism and hospitality sectors continue to struggle, our economy is growing.”
 - “It also means our approach is working to support businesses to operate safely, and it means that businesses have stepped up to this challenge with hard work and ingenuity.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory.

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0020-000468>

⁹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021JERI0020-000461>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, provided an update on the federal government’s response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic:¹⁰
 - “As vaccine programs continue to escalate, more than 2.7 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered across Canada.”
 - “Over the past week, provinces and territories have administered close to 600,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines, which is the highest number of vaccines administered in a single week since vaccination began in mid-December.”
 - “We are making progress everyday and...I know we are all anxious for the finish line on this long marathon. But right now, racing towards the finish could cost us the success we’ve worked so long and hard for. Right now, we need to run the mile we are in, and keep to a steady, cautious pace.”
 - “Let’s all continue to support *team vaccine*, by not providing any opportunities for *team variant* to gain more ground.”
- Today, Patty Hajdu, Canada’s Minister of Health, announced an investment of approximately \$25.2 million in 52 research projects to further improve our understanding of COVID-19 and tackle persistent evidence gaps linked to this disease:¹¹
 - “We have seen progress on many fronts including the rollout of the first vaccines, but the pandemic continues to rapidly evolve and negatively affect people, communities, and health systems.”
 - “Additional research is needed to understand and address persistent issues related to COVID-19 and the threat of future coronavirus and other infectious disease outbreaks.”
 - Research project highlights:
 - Funding will be provided through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the projects will be led by researchers across the country.
 - Will focus on topics such as: variants of the virus, vaccine development and uptake, testing, mental health, and the ways in which the COVID-19 pandemic is having specific impacts on women, racialized populations, and Métis, Inuit, and First Nations peoples.
 - Research teams will be able to target priority areas to advance our knowledge and management of COVID-19 related issues.
 - The findings will serve to provide decision-makers with guidance to improve the health of our populations.
 - This funding is in addition to the approximately \$200 million that CIHR has invested to date in 400 other COVID-19 research projects, as well as the competition to invest up to \$119 million more in COVID-19 research to bridge gaps in our understanding of the virus and its impact on communities and help us build back better.

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

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/03/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-friday-march-12-2021.html>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2021/03/government-of-canada-invests-in-new-covid-19-research-projects-across-the-country.html>

