

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 15 March 2021

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Mar 12	As of Mar 15	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	86,867	88,373	*1,506
Total active cases in BC	5,070	4,987	-83
Currently in intensive care	67	76	9
Currently hospitalized	255	269	14
Total hospitalized to date	4,683	4,768	85
Total deaths in BC	1,397	1,407	10
Total recovered in BC	80,325	81,890	1,565

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Mar 12	As of Mar 15	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	86,867	88,373	*460
Vancouver Coastal Health	20,282	20,664	382
Fraser Health	50,861	51,701	840
Island Health	2,686	2,761	75
Interior Health	7,777	7,857	80
Northern Health	5,101	5,230	129
Out of Canada	160	160	0
Total individuals tested in BC	2,032,227	2,059,338	*27,111

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Mar 12	As of Mar 15	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	6,737	6,751	14
Negative results	6,641	6,672	31
Pending results	24	7	17

*BCCDC has reported 555 new cases from Mar 12th to 13th, 491 new cases from Mar 13th to 14th, and 460 new cases from Mar 14th to Mar 15th for total of 1,506 cases over the weekend.

*BCCDC reported 7,198 new tests but this number does not align with the differences of total tests (27,111) between Mar 12th and Mar 15th.

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

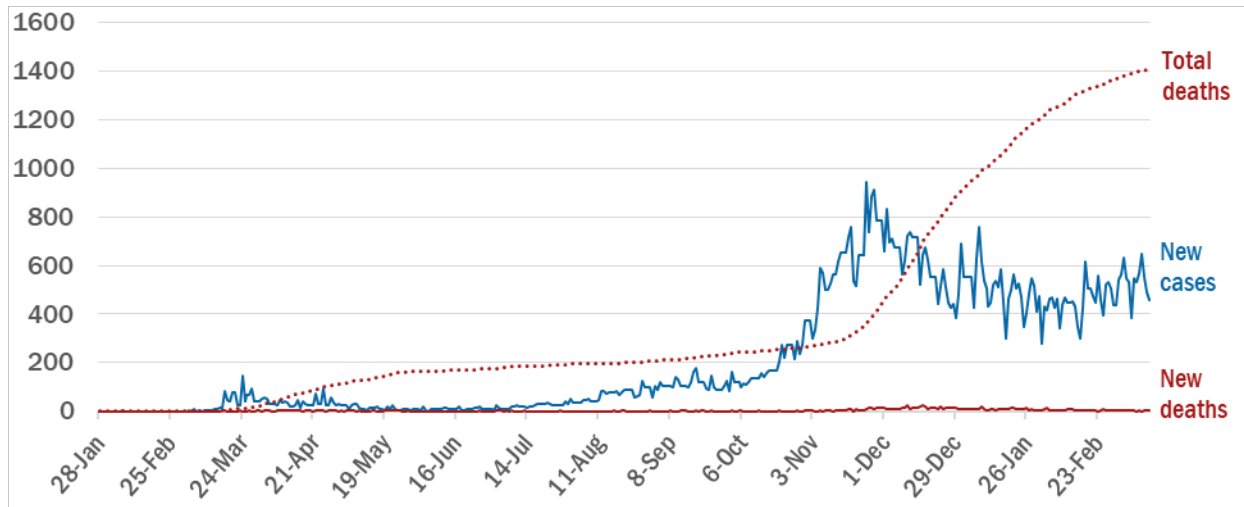
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA³

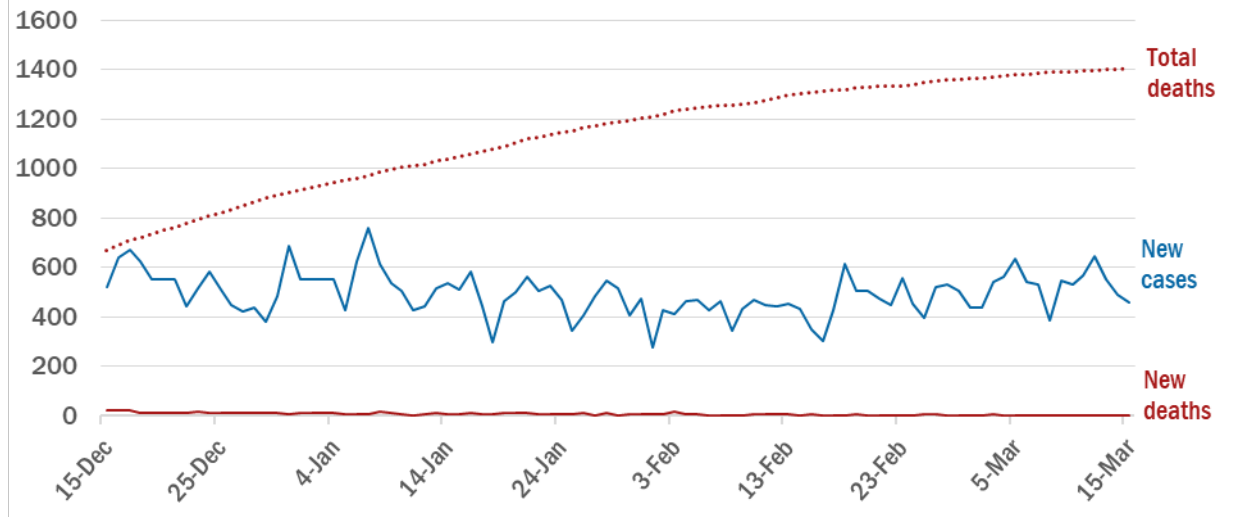
	As of Mar 11	As of Mar 12	Change
Total confirmed cases	22,731	22,889	158
Total active cases	1,213	1,169	-44
Currently hospitalized	1,037	1,038	1
Total deaths	250	252	2
Total recovered	21,268	21,468	200
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,470	2,491	21

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



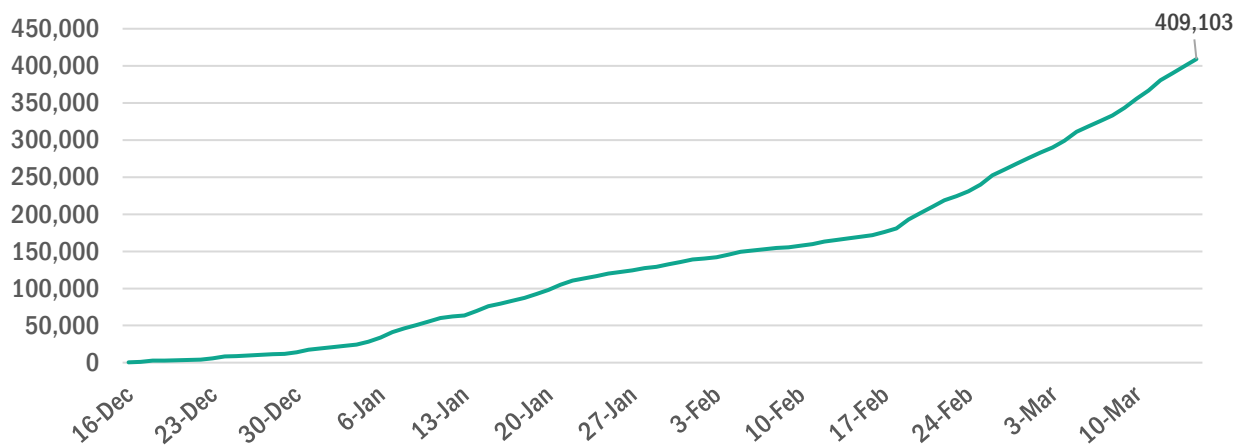
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

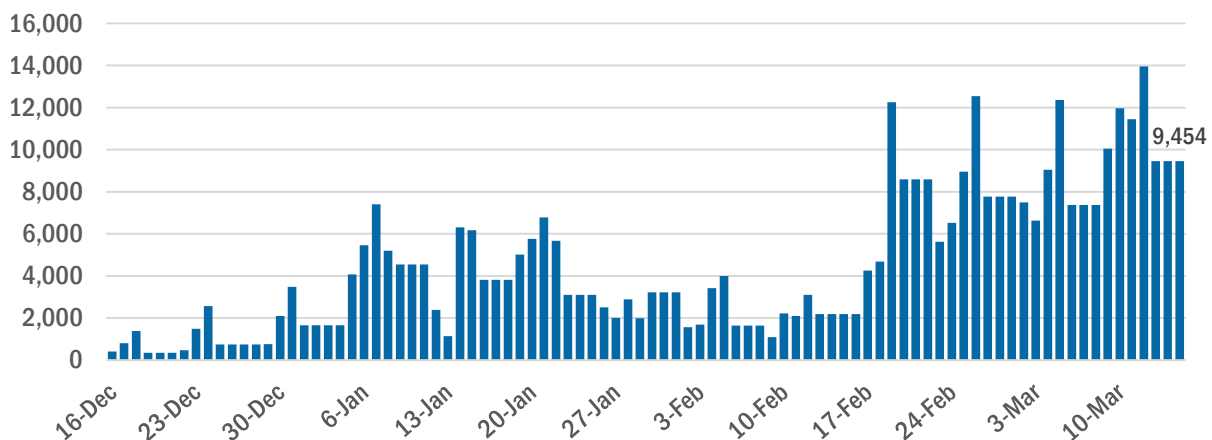
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	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	28,360	409,103	513,920	79.60%	7,950.15	87,059	1.69%
Yukon	2,232	29,970	35,000	85.62%	71,059.37	10,515	24.74%
Canada	124,640	3,151,305	3,982,220	79.10%	8,291.16	600,918	1.58%

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 a joint update on the ongoing COVID-19 situation in the province and on the arrival of the AstraZeneca vaccine:⁸
 - There are 163 new variants of concern cases, for a total of 880 cases:
 - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 818
 - B.1.351 (South African) – 41
 - P.1 (Brazil) – 21
 - 195 cases are currently active
 - Across the province today, public vaccination clinics have started for seniors and elders in the community.
 - Vaccinee appointments are now open for those aged 85 and over and for Indigenous peoples aged 65 years and older.
 - **Beware of scams:** health authority officials will **never** ask for credit card information or any forms of payment information.
 - To date, there have been 469 adverse events after immunization that were considered serious and looked into; 46 were anaphylaxis/allergic reactions.
 - On the AstraZeneca vaccine:⁹
 - The first doses of the AstraZeneca/SII (AZ/SII) arrived in B.C. last week.
 - “Initial shipment of the AZ/SII vaccine will be used to protect workers in industries where full use of personal protective equipment and barriers can be challenging, outbreaks and clusters have occurred or are ongoing, and workers must live or work in congregate settings.”
 - “Public health and WorkSafeBC have identified the highest risk categories of worksites through the COVID-19 Workplace Task Group established by the PHO in November 2020. These include:
 - Food processing plants, including poultry, fruit and fish processing;
 - Agricultural operations with congregate worker accommodations, including farms, nurseries, and greenhouses;
 - Large industrial camps under the PHO Industrial Camps order with congregate accommodations for workers; and
 - Other large congregate living settings for workers where isolation and quarantine are difficult, and outbreaks are ongoing.”
 - The province is aware of reports in Europe on the suspension of certain batches of the AstraZeneca vaccine:¹⁰
 - There have been suspected links to about 37 cases of blood clot in several countries.
 - However, these conditions can happen naturally in a general population and are sometimes associated with the coronavirus itself.
 - Over 17 million doses of the vaccine have been administered worldwide.
 - Health Canada will continue to monitor the situation with other international partners.

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

⁹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0051-000475>

¹⁰ Dr. Henry and Minister Dix via live press conference at 3:00 pm on March 15, 2021.

- “Remember, the best vaccine for you is the one available now. The BC Immunization Committee is reviewing the latest data and recommendations from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization to determine additional workplaces that will be prioritized for immunization using the AZ/SII vaccine.”
- The provincial health office will be providing a class variance to allow for outdoor religious services in small numbers in the coming days before Pass Over and Easter.
 - It is working with expert groups and community faith leaders on the gradual and safe reopening of ongoing indoor services.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- On March 13, 2021, Yukon Public Health issued a potential COVID-19 exposure alert for the Silvertip mine in Northern B.C.:¹¹
 - “All Yukon and Lower Post workers who were at the mine are being individually notified either by the company, their employer, or by Yukon Communicable Disease Control.”
 - Anyone working at the mine who has left the mine site within the previous two weeks should self-isolate until 14 days following their departure from the mine.
 - Specifically, anyone who have been to the mine site from February 17 to the present should carefully self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Anyone from Watson Lake and surrounding area, including Lower Post, who has symptoms should contact the Watson Lake Community Hospital at 867-536-4444 for testing.
 - Anyone in Whitehorse should contact 867-393-3083, Monday to Sunday, 8:30am to 6:00pm, for a testing appointment.

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:¹²
 - As of March 15, almost 3 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in Canada.
 - To date, there have been no unexpected vaccine safety issues.
 - There have been 1,923 reports of adverse events following immunization.
 - 214 cases were considered serious, such as a severe allergic reaction.
 - On the safety of the AstraZeneca vaccine:
 - “Health Canada is aware of reports of adverse events in Europe following immunization with the AstraZeneca vaccine and would like to reassure Canadians that the benefits of the vaccine continue to outweigh its risks. At this time, there is no indication that the vaccine caused these events.”
 - None of the batches of the vaccine under investigation in Europe were shipped to Canada.
 - The government continues to work with international regulators, including the European Medicines Agency, to determine whether there is any need to take action in Canada.

¹¹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/potential-covid-19-exposure-silvertip-mine-northern-bc>

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/03/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-march-15-2021.html>

- COVID-19 situation:
 - Currently there are 31,674 active cases.
 - Infection rates are now highest among the 20 to 39 year age group.
 - As of March 14, there are 3,302 variants of concern cases:
 - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 3,031
 - B.1.351 (South African) – 220
 - P.1 (Brazil) – 51

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