

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 19 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 18	As of Mar 19	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	90,049	90,786	737
Total active cases in BC	4,941	5,207	266
Currently in intensive care	85	85	0
Currently hospitalized	286	292	6
Total hospitalized to date	4,836	4,869	33
Total deaths in BC	1,419	1,421	2
Total recovered in BC	83,613	84,078	465

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Mar 18	As of Mar 19	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	90,049	90,786	737
Vancouver Coastal Health	21,115	21,278	163
Fraser Health	52,640	53,066	426
Island Health	2,835	2,867	32
Interior Health	7,934	7,967	33
Northern Health	5,361	5,443	82
Out of Canada	164	165	1
Total individuals tested in BC	2,083,522	2,093,312	9,790*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Mar 17	As of Mar 19	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	6,768	6,792	24
Negative results	6,681	6,700	19
Pending results	15	20	5

*BCCDC reported 9,789 new tests but this number does not align with the differences of total tests (9,790) between Mar 18th and Mar 19th.

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

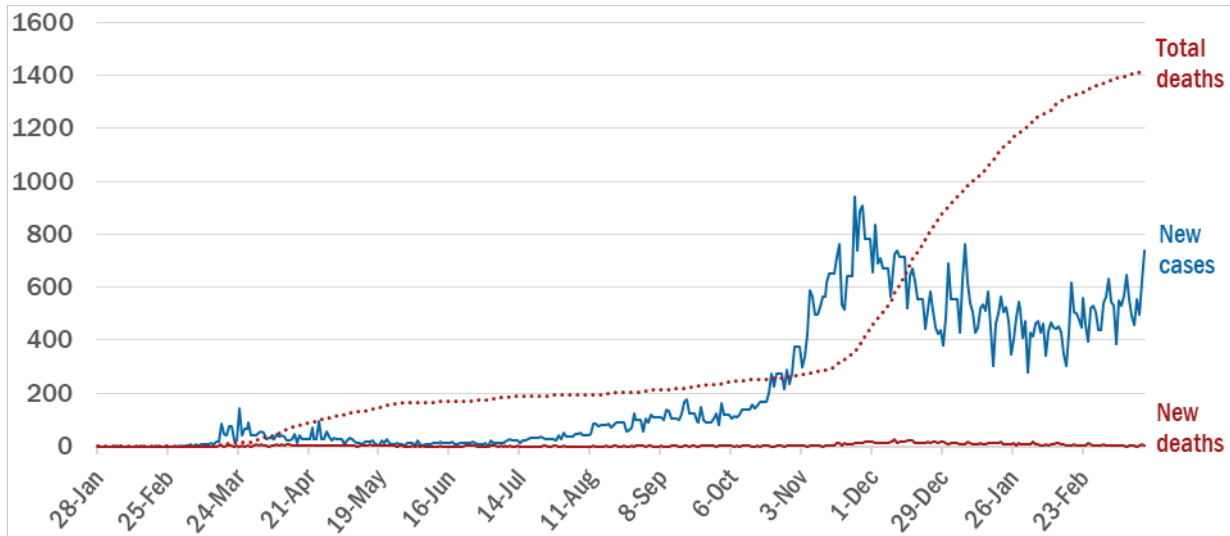
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA³

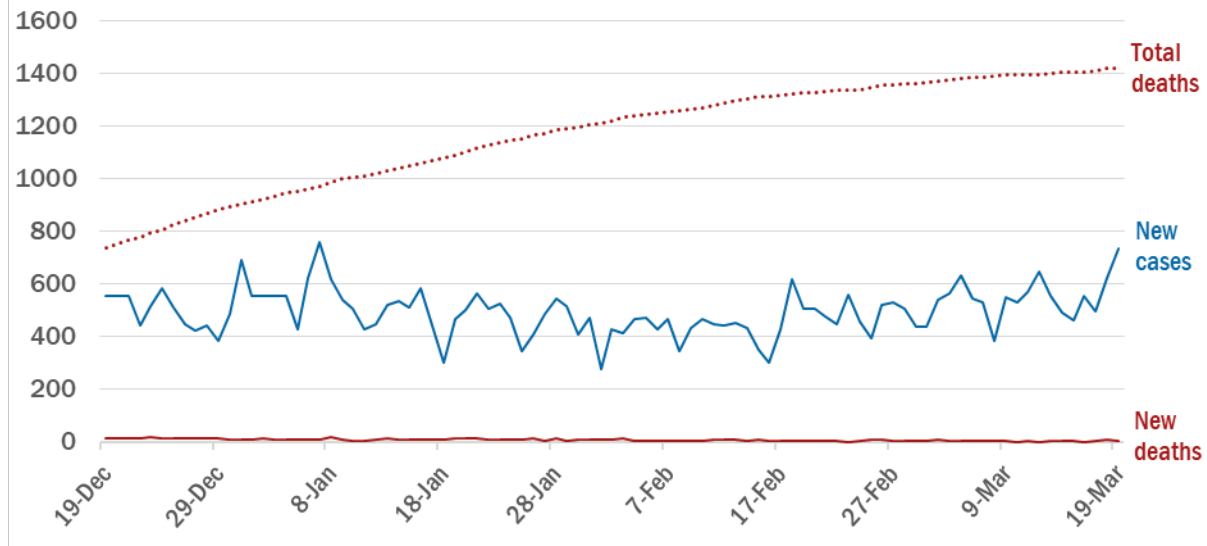
	As of Mar 17	As of Mar 18	Change
Total confirmed cases	23,514	23,589	75
Total active cases	1,174	1,151	-23
Currently hospitalized	1,054	1,069	15
Total deaths	266	266	0
Total recovered	22,074	22,172	98
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,575	2,592	17

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



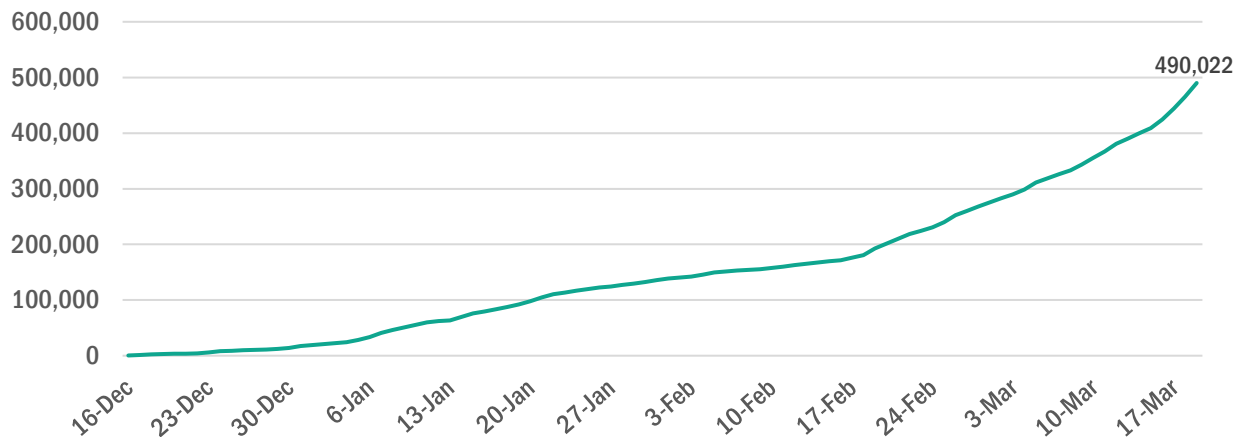
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

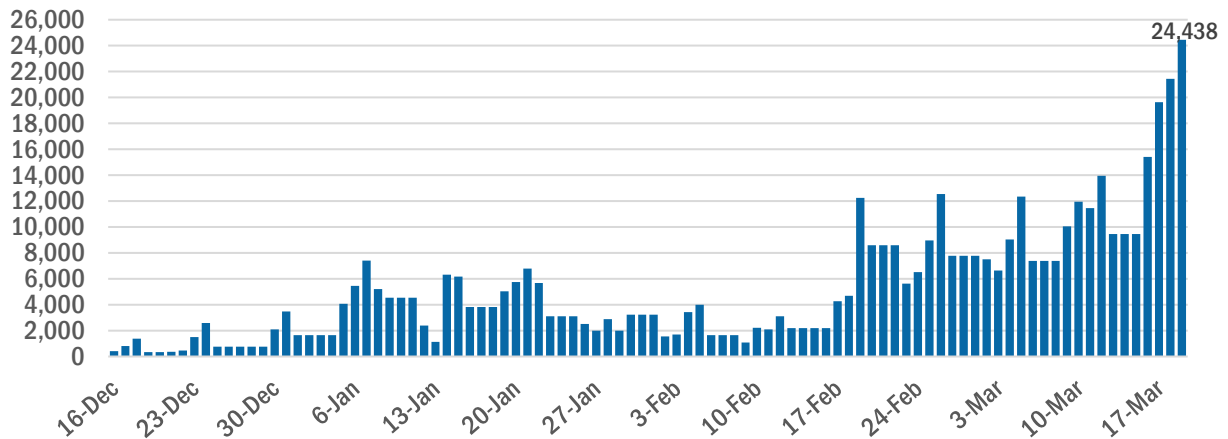
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	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	24,438	490,022	631,160	77.63%	9,522.66	87,137	1.69%
Yukon	1,176	32,350	51,400	62.93%	76,702.38	10,598	24.93%
Canada	162,984	3,729,312	4,773,470	78.10%	9,811.91	621,202	1.63%

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 and Adrian Dix released the following joint statement regarding COVID-19 in B.C.⁸
 - “To date, 490,022 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and AstraZeneca-SII COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in B.C., 87,139 of which are second doses. Today, vaccine appointment bookings are open for people over 80. Starting tomorrow, people 79 and older and Indigenous peoples over 55 will also be able to book an appointment.”
 - “We are working with all of the supply we have available to maximize our protection and we are using every last drop. We also must focus on the individual actions that we need now more than ever to keep each other and our families and communities safe.”
- Today, the First Nations Health Authority provided an update regarding vaccine appointments for Indigenous peoples across the province:⁹
 - As of noon on Saturday, March 20, 2021, all Indigenous people in BC age 55 and older will be able to register for a COVID-19 first-dose vaccination appointment as part of the province’s mass vaccination clinics.
 - Starting April 6, 2021, registrations will be open to Indigenous people age 18 and older. A provincial online booking system will open that day.
 - Call centres are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., every day, with reduced hours on statutory holidays.
 - Fraser Health Authority: 1-855-755-2455
 - Interior Health Authority: 1-877-740-7747
 - Northern Health Authority: 1-844-255-7555
 - Vancouver Coastal Health Authority: 1-877-587-5767
 - Vancouver Island Health Authority: 1-833-348-4787
 - If you’re unsure what Health Authority region you live in, visit this website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/partners/health-authorities/regional-health-authorities>
 - The regional call centres will shut down April 18, 2021, to be replaced by a single provincial call centre.
- Today, Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, provided an update regarding non-urgent surgeries:¹⁰
 - “A year after non-urgent surgeries were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the latest progress reports show further transformation of the surgical system in British Columbia to get more patients the surgeries they need faster.”
 - As of Feb. 4, 2021, health authorities had completed 95% of the 15,373 surgeries that were re-scheduled.
 - In 2020-21, government allocated up to \$187.5 million in the first year to support efforts for surgical renewal, such as:
 - 70 initiatives across all health authorities to increase operating room time and capacity.
 - Numerous new hires have taken place, including anesthesiologists, registered nurses, and speciality nurses.

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0022-000517>

⁹ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/covid-19-vaccine-clinics-opening-to-indigenous-people-age-55-and-older>

¹⁰ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0055-000513>

- “We said that within 15 to 22 months [from the start of the pandemic], we would catch up on both postponed surgeries and those that were not yet scheduled and, despite the second wave [of COVID-19 cases], we remain on target.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- There are no significant updates in the Yukon Territory today.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) provided the following COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities:¹¹
 - “ISC is closely monitoring the number of COVID-19 cases reported in First Nations communities across the country. Overall, active case counts continue to decline.”
 - “With the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic behind us, we look ahead with optimism and hope as vaccine roll-outs ramp up across the country.”
 - “As of March 18, 2021, ISC is aware of 200,560 doses administered, and 586 communities with vaccinations underway... in First Nations and Inuit communities in provinces and in territories.”
 - “This represents 54 doses administered per 100 adults in First Nations and Inuit communities in provinces, and adult residents in the territories.”
 - “This is over five times that of the overall Canadian adult population.”
 - “Indigenous adults and communities are being prioritized for access to vaccines because they face higher risks for infection and serious illness, rooted in the history of colonialization and resulting systemic barriers, such as higher rates of chronic disease, reduced access to health care, and a lack of infrastructure (housing, water infrastructure, and medical services).”
- On March 18th, Health Canada released a statement regarding the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, and confirmed the benefits and safety of its use in Canada:¹²
 - “There have been recent reports in Europe of blood clots following vaccination with the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine. Health Canada communicated on March 11, 2021 that it was assessing these events, in collaboration with international regulatory partners, including the European Medicines Agency and the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency.”
 - “Health Canada has assessed the available data on the reported events and has determined that the AstraZeneca vaccine has not been associated with an increase in the overall risk of blood clots.”
 - “To date in Canada, there has been one report of a stroke that occurred in an individual following vaccination with COVISHIELD (the version of the AstraZeneca vaccine currently being distributed in Canada).”
 - “This case has been assessed by Health Canada and determined not to be related to the vaccine.”

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/03/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities1.html>

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/03/health-canada-confirms-that-the-benefits-of-the-astrazeneca-covid-19-vaccine-continue-to-outweigh-the-risks-for-use-in-canada.html>

- “As the vaccine roll out continues in Canada, Health Canada will continue to monitor the use of all COVID-19 vaccines closely. Health Canada will examine and assess any new safety concerns, and should a safety signal be confirmed, the Department will take appropriate action.”
- For further information on COVID-19 vaccines authorized by Health Canada, visit: <https://covid-vaccine.canada.ca/>

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