

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 22 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 19	As of Mar 22	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	90,786	92,571	1,785*
Total active cases in BC	5,207	5,290	83
Currently in intensive care	85	80	-5
Currently hospitalized	292	303	11
Total hospitalized to date	4,869	4,981	112
Total deaths in BC	1,421	1,437	16
Total recovered in BC	84,078	85,746	1,668

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Mar 19	As of Mar 22	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	90,786	92,571	1,785*
Vancouver Coastal Health	21,278	21,747	469
Fraser Health	53,066	54,076	1,010
Island Health	2,867	2,956	89
Interior Health	7,967	8,051	84
Northern Health	5,443	5,576	133
Out of Canada	165	165	0
Total individuals tested in BC	2,093,312	2,116,437	23,125

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Mar 19	As of Mar 22	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	6,792	6,812	20
Negative results	6,700	6,733	33
Pending results	20	7	-13

*The B.C. Government reported 556 new COVID-19 cases March 20th, 598 March 21st, and 631 March 22nd (1,785 total).

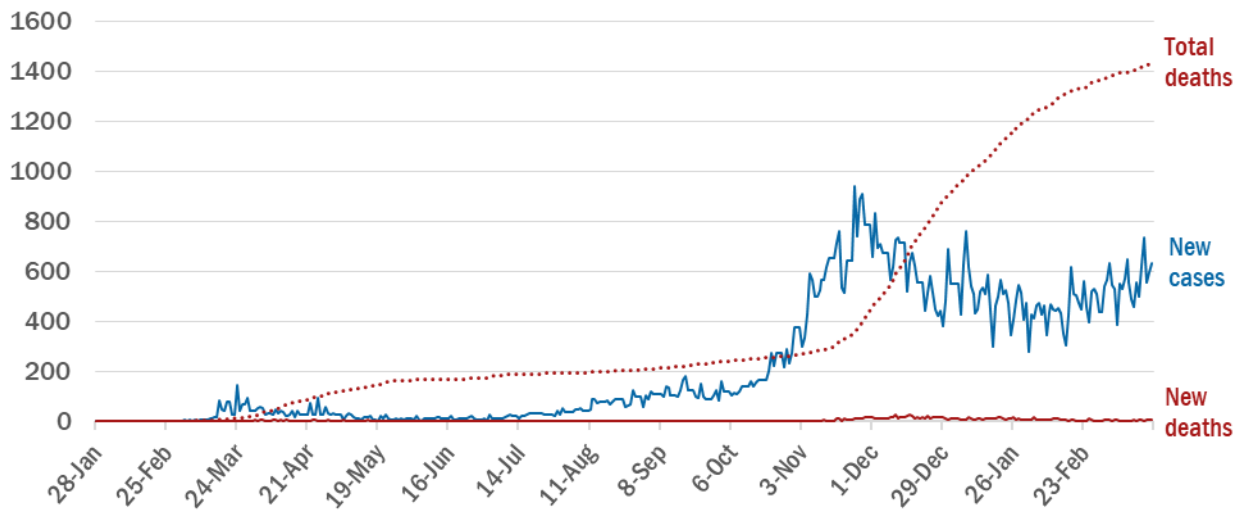
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE
CASES IN CANADA³**

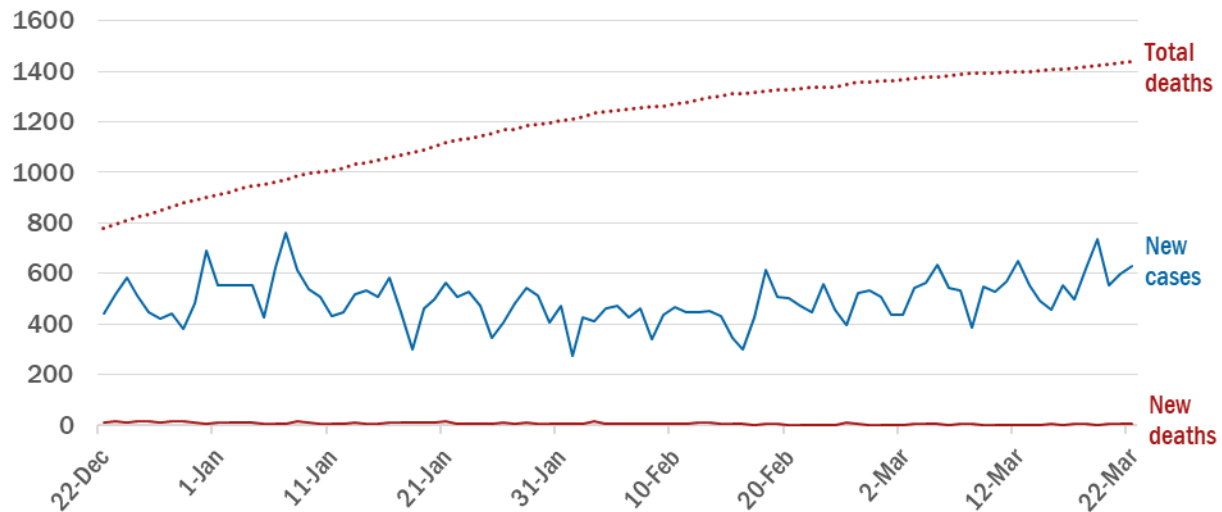
	As of Mar 18	As of Mar 19	Change
Total confirmed cases	23,589	23,752	163
Total active cases	1,151	1,153	2
Currently hospitalized	1,069	1,072	3
Total deaths	266	269	3
Total recovered	22,172	22,330	158
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,592	2,609	17

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



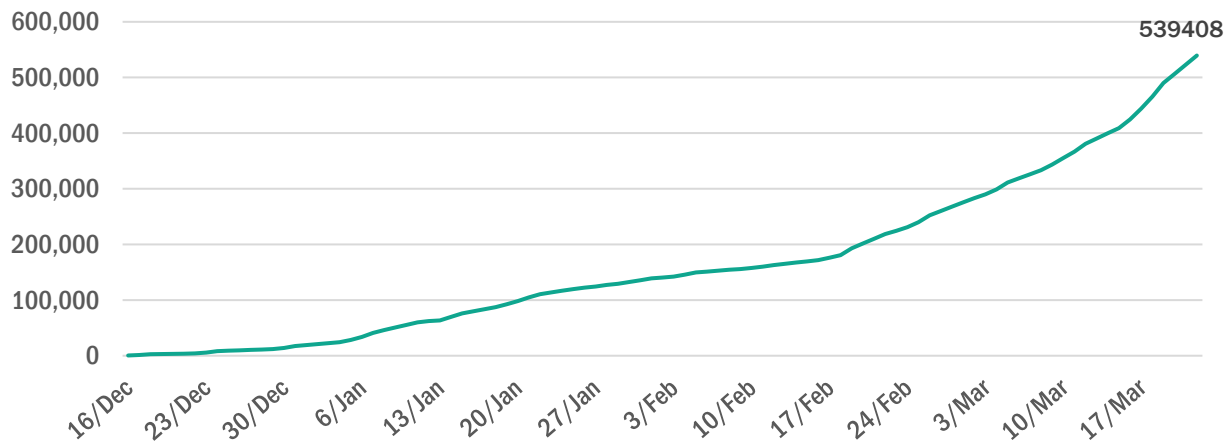
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

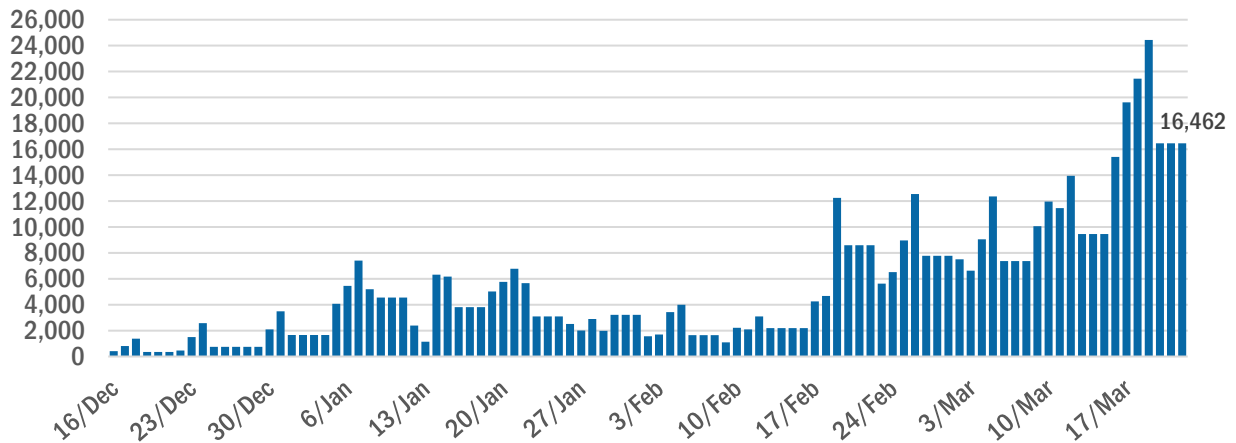
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	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	16,462	539,408	631,160	85.46%	10,482.38	87,139	1.69%
Yukon	790	33,140	51,400	64.47%	78,575.49	10,630	25.01%
Canada	140,326	4,094,611	4,773,470	85.80%	10,773.02	632,543	1.66%

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, B.C. Minister of Health, provided an update on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in B.C. Highlights include the following:⁸
 - **Regarding Covid-19 variants of concern in the province**
 - There are 166 new cases, for a total of 1,366:
 - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 1,240
 - B.1.351 (South African) – 41
 - P.1 (Brazil) – 85
 - 237 cases are currently active.
 - The variants of concern have not resulted in an increase in the hospitalization or death rates in B.C.
 - **Regarding the new COVISHIELD vaccine**
 - A trial on this vaccine was recently completed in the United States, and the data indicates that this vaccine is 79% effective.
 - The effective rate of this vaccine against severe illness has trended around 100%.
 - **Regarding new reports from Europe on adverse reactions to vaccines**
 - Public Health continues to monitor and investigate reports of adverse reactions from vaccines in B.C.
 - Public Health has not detected any adverse reactions in B.C. similar to what has been seen in Europe.
 - Public Health remains confident that blood clotting following a vaccine is extremely rare and the benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine outweigh any risk of blood clot.
 - “It is very important for everyone to understand that the risk for all of us remains high. COVID-19 did not go away with the time change or start of spring. While the number of people who are vaccinated has substantially increased, we do not yet have enough protection to keep all of us safe.”⁹
 - “We have seen an uptick in new cases and clusters of COVID-19 in the Lower Mainland. This is a concern for all of us because, as we have seen before, this increase can quickly escalate to other regions of our province.”
 - “These escalating new cases reflect the transmission is in workplaces and indoor gatherings that contravene public health orders.”
 - “Indoor gatherings – of any size – continue to be high risk. The only safe place for us to gather with our small groups of friends or family right now – with no more than 10 people – is outside.”
 - “Grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and friends are still at risk of severe illness. This means spring weddings, birthday parties or other occasions need to be pushed to summertime, when it will once again be far safer for us to spend time with others.”
 - “The variants of concern are increasing and they transmit more easily, making it increasingly difficult to stop the spread. This means we all need to be slow and steady in our efforts.”
 - “Let’s make spring the time to be outside and only in our small groups, taking the steps we need to keep each other and ourselves safe. Let’s push back on COVID-19, so we can continue on our path to the brighter days ahead.”

⁸ Dr. Bonnie Henry via live press conference 15:00 22/03/2021

⁹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0022-000525>

- Today, Northern Health Authority released the following update regarding distribution of COVID-19 vaccines:¹⁰
 - Vaccine appointment eligibility is currently open to individuals 80 years of age and over, and Indigenous people 65 and older.
 - Eligibility will soon expand to individuals 70 years of age and older, and 18 years of age and older in select communities in Northern Health.
 - These communities will be determined based on population size, remoteness, and/or accessibility.
 - A “whole community approach” for vaccinating residents all at once will be taken.
 - The Northern Health call centre continues to operate from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., seven days a week, and clinic dates and locations will be confirmed at the time of the booking.
 - Information regarding eligibility schedules can be found on the Northern Health website at: <https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/covid-19-vaccine-plan#nh-resources>
- Today, the B.C. Government announced funding of \$10 million to Regional Districts in B.C. to support the delivery of regional and local services that have been impacted by COVID-19.¹¹
 - This funding is being delivered through the COVID-19 Safe Restart Agreement and will be shared among 27 regional districts in the province by the end of March.
- On March 21st, Premier John Horgan and Rachna Singh, Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives, issued a statement regarding the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, which included the following:¹²
 - “On the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, we reaffirm our commitment to stand together against racism and continue our work to make British Columbia more welcoming, just and equitable for everyone.”
 - “The last year has shown we must do more to address systemic discrimination and hatred in this province. Through COVID-19, we’ve seen a rise in anti-Asian and anti-Indigenous racism, and a worldwide focus on anti-Black racism through the Black Lives Matter movement.”
 - “The COVID-19 pandemic has further exposed deeply troubling and long-standing inequalities in British Columbia and around the world. We are starting engagement on race-based data collection in the coming months to identify where gaps and barriers exist, so we can provide better services for people and communities.”
 - “Our recovery plan expands Resilience BC, a provincial anti-racism network supporting community projects focused on addressing racism and hate throughout the province. We are also taking action to address systemic racism in the health-care system.”
 - “We know there’s more to do and the issue of racism will not be solved by these actions alone. Today, and every day, we must stand firm in our commitment for equality and justice.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

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

¹⁰ <https://stories.northernhealth.ca/news/northern-health-covid-19-vaccine-distribution-update>

¹¹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021MUNI0021-000514>

¹² <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PREM0022-000501>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- On March 21st, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, provided an update on Health Canada’s response to reports from Europe of adverse blood clotting reactions resulting from vaccination with the AstraZeneca vaccine.¹³
 - “Internationally, Health Canada has been working closely with other regulators to assess available information on the recent reports of rare blood clotting incidents following vaccination with the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine in Europe.”
 - “Although it is expected that rare events will be detected when vaccines are given to millions of people, they must always be taken seriously and investigated thoroughly. Based on the assessment of the evidence to date, it has been determined that vaccine is not associated with an increase in the overall risk of blood clots.”
 - “However, it is possible that the vaccine may be associated with very rare but serious cases of blood clots associated with thrombocytopenia, i.e. low levels of blood platelets, including cases involving of clots in the vessels draining blood from the brain (CVST) and/or blood clots in multiple blood vessels (disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC).”
 - “This merits further analysis and Health Canada is continuing to work with international regulators to review new data and evidence as it becomes available, including as it pertains to these rare events.”
 - “Based on the information to date, Health Canada confirms that the benefits of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, in protecting Canadians from the severe outcomes of COVID-19, continue to outweigh any risks, despite a possible link to a rare type of blood clots associated with low blood platelets.”
 - “As the international body of evidence is evolving rapidly on this issue, I will continue to update Canadians with the latest information to assist in making informed decisions on COVID-19 vaccination.”
- Today, Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade, announced the deadline extension for new Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) applications to June 30, 2021.¹⁴
 - This deadline extension applies to new applications for loans of \$60,000 and to businesses that have already received a \$40,00 loan and intend to apply for the additional \$20,000.

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

¹³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/03/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-march-21-2021.html>

¹⁴ <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/03/government-announces-extension-of-canada-emergency-business-account-to-help-small-businesses.html>