

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 23 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

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Mar 22</b>	<b>As of Mar 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	92,571	*93,217	<b>646</b>
Total active cases in BC	5,290	5,409	<b>119</b>
Currently in intensive care	80	83	<b>3</b>
Currently hospitalized	303	314	<b>11</b>
Total hospitalized to date	4,981	4,993	<b>12</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,437	1,438	<b>1</b>
Total recovered in BC	85,746	86,307	<b>561</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Mar 22</b>	<b>As of Mar 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	92,571	*93,217	<b>646</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	21,747	21,976	<b>229</b>
Fraser Health	54,076	54,409	<b>333</b>
Island Health	2,956	2,975	<b>19</b>
Interior Health	8,051	*8,091	<b>40</b>
Northern Health	5,576	5,599	<b>23</b>
Out of Canada	165	167	<b>2</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	2,116,437	2,122,446	<b>**6,009</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Mar 22</b>	<b>As of Mar 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	72	72	<b>0</b>
Total active cases	0	0	<b>0</b>
Total deaths	1	1	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	71	71	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested	6,812	6,823	<b>11</b>
Negative results	6,733	6,737	<b>4</b>
Pending results	7	14	<b>7</b>

\*The BCCDC has reported 8,127 cases in the Interior Health region and 93,253 province-wide but this does not align with the new daily case count of 40 for Interior Health and 646 for the province on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

\*\* The BCCDC has reported 6,006 new tests but this number does not align with the difference in total tests between Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> and Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>.

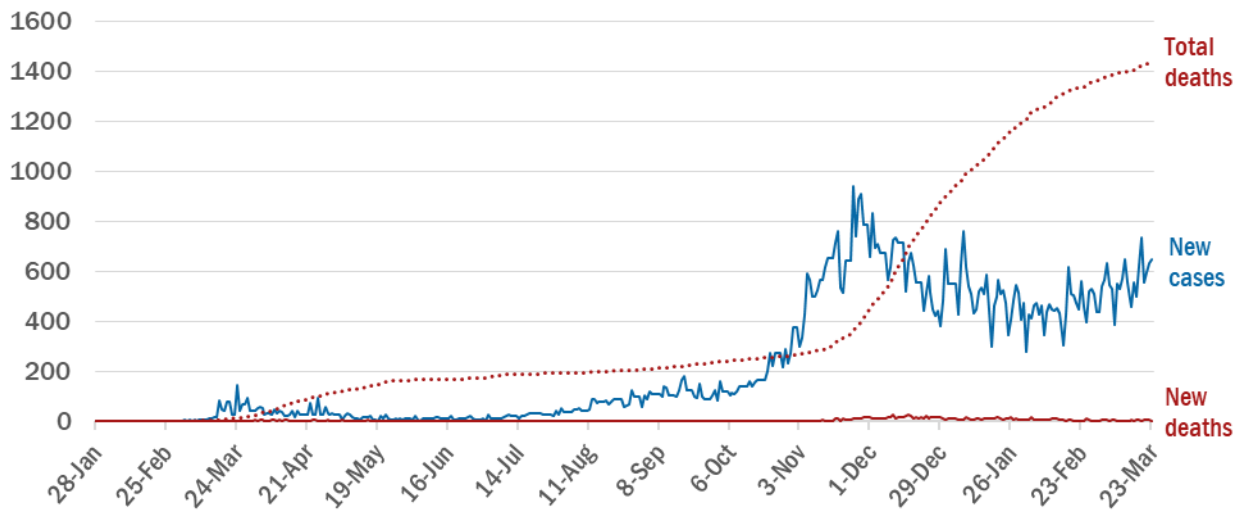
<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE  
CASES IN CANADA<sup>3</sup>**

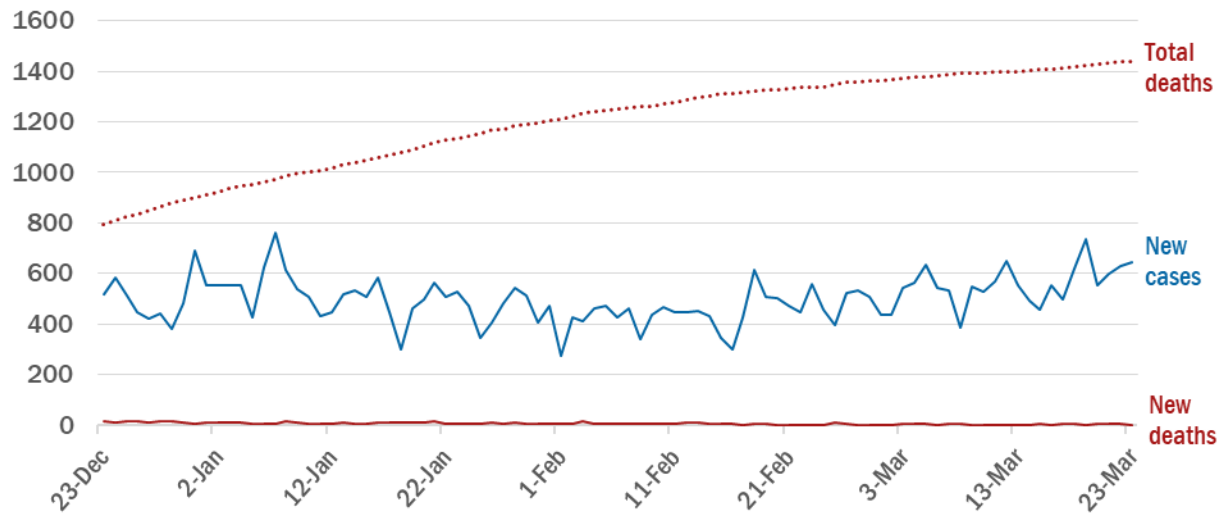
	As of Mar 19	As of Mar 22	Change
Total confirmed cases	23,752	24,084	332
Total active cases	1,153	1,136	-17
Currently hospitalized	1,072	1,076	4
Total deaths	269	273	4
Total recovered	22,330	22,675	345
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,609	2,670	61

**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**



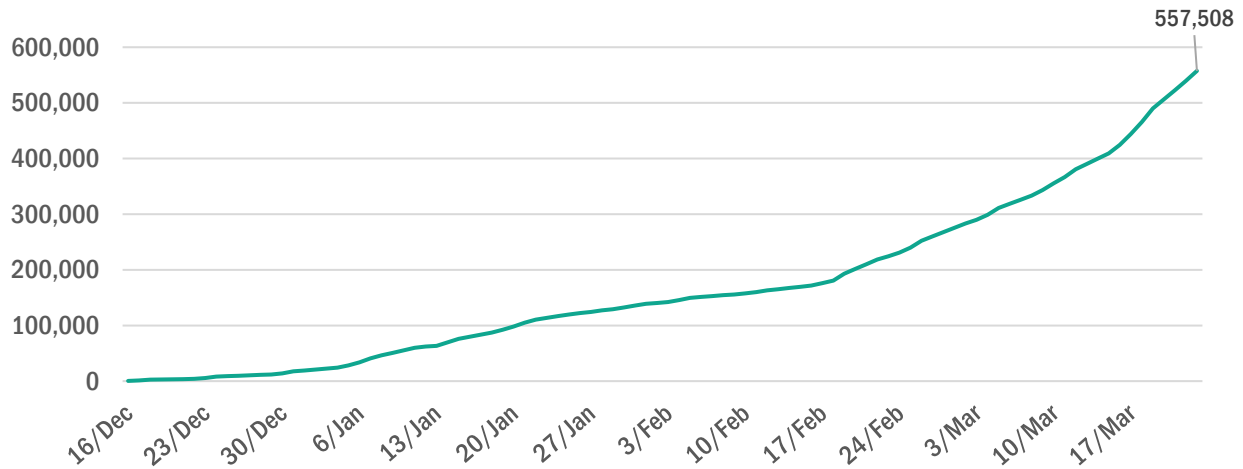
<sup>3</sup> Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

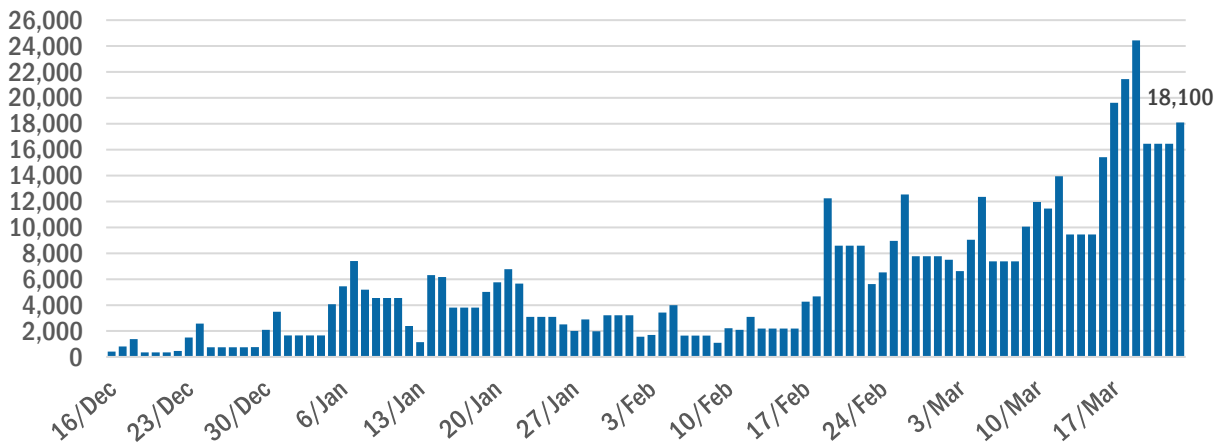
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered <sup>5</sup>	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated <sup>6</sup>	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated <sup>7</sup>
	Today	Total					
<b>BC</b>	18,100	557,508	631,160	88.33%	9.14%	87,168	1.69%
<b>Yukon</b>	392	33,443	51,400	65.06%	54.04%	10,648	25.05%
<b>Canada</b>	112,927	4,213,485	5,486,000	76.80%	9.41%	637,160	1.68%

### TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC



### DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC EACH DAY



<sup>4</sup> Source: N. Little. COVID-19 Tracker Canada (2020), COVID19Tracker.ca

<sup>5</sup> % of Doses Administered: Percentage of doses supplied to the provinces that have been reported as administered.

<sup>6</sup> People Fully Vaccinated: The number of people reported as having received both required doses.

<sup>7</sup> Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/track-vaccinations-across-canada-1.5870573>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, the BC Ministry of Health announced starting Monday, March 29, 2021, people with existing medical conditions, such as various forms of cancer, transplant recipients and severe respiratory conditions will be able to register for their COVID-19 vaccine:<sup>8</sup>
  - People who are clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) will receive a letter in the mail in the coming days with information on how to book an appointment:
    - They must bring this invitation letter to the vaccination appointment.
    - If individuals believe they are in the CEV group and have not received a letter by April 15, 2021, they can contact the provincial call centre or visit the provincial online registration and booking system to confirm they are on the CEV list.
    - If individual is not on the CEV list, they can reach out to their physician or nurse practitioner.
    - For more information about the CEV list and criteria, visit: <http://gov.bc.ca/cevCOVID>
  - The accelerated immunization timeline means approximately 200,000 people who are CEV would be eligible to receive their first does in the coming weeks.
  - Current vaccination appointment call-in schedule is as follow:
    - Age 76 (born in 1945) – Wednesday, March 24 at noon
    - Age 75 (born in 1946) – Thursday, March 25 at noon
    - Age 74 (born in 1947) – Friday, March 26 at noon
    - Age 74+, and CEV population (must have invitation letter to book) – Monday, March 29 noon
- 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:<sup>9</sup>
  - **Regarding Covid-19 variants of concern in the province**
    - There are 144 new cases, for a total of 1,510:
      - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 1,357
      - B.1.351 (South African) – 43
      - P.1 (Brazil) – 110
      - 171 cases are currently active.
  - **Regarding outdoor religious services**
    - The provincial health officer's order on gatherings and events has been amended today to provide a variance for outdoor worship services.
    - The full details are available at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

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

<sup>8</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0022-000532>

<sup>9</sup> Dr. Bonnie Henry via live press conference 15:00 22/03/2021

## **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 which included the following information:<sup>10</sup>
  - Increasing case counts, a rising proportion of new variant cases and shifting severity trends are cause for concerns.
    - In the past week, there has been a further 15 percent increase in daily cases.
      - An average of over 3,600 new cases a day
    - To date, there are close to 5,500 variant of concern cases.
      - Over 90 percent are associated with B.1.1.7 (UK) variant.
  - “Just as they have paved the way for the life we have in Canada through hard work and sacrifice, seniors are once again showing us their leadership and determination by rolling up their sleeves for COVID-19 vaccines.”
  - “Though it may not be your turn yet, there are many ways younger adults can pay it forward and help family, friends and neighbours get vaccinated. Many may have already helped a parent or grandparent book their vaccination appointment.”
  - “Like so many areas of health, no one is protected until we are all protected. Be a vaccination champion, by providing credible information on COVID-19 vaccines or practical assistance to help others.”
  - “As we look with increasing optimism toward our future, following public health advice and maintaining individual protective practices remains important, for keeping us all safer and clearing the runway for vaccines to do their part!”

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

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/03/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-tuesday-march-23-2021.html>