

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 24 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 23	As of Mar 24	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	93,217	93,969	716*
Total active cases in BC	5,409	5,573	164
Currently in intensive care	83	85	2
Currently hospitalized	314	303	-11
Total hospitalized to date	4,993	5,010	17
Total deaths in BC	1,438	1,441	3
Total recovered in BC	86,307	86,857	550

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Mar 23	As of Mar 24	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	93,217	93,939	716*
Vancouver Coastal Health	21,976	22,206	230
Fraser Health	54,409	54,792	383
Island Health	2,975	2,996	21
Interior Health	8,091	8,129	38
Northern Health	5,599	5,641	42
Out of Canada	167	169	2
Total individuals tested in BC	2,122,446	2,131,206	8,760**

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Mar 23	As of Mar 24	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	6,823	6,833	10
Negative results	6,737	6,735	-2
Pending results	14	26	12

*The BCCDC provided updated stats for Mar 23rd, and the change in numbers align with the newly provided stats. Reported cases as of Mar 23rd totalled 93,253.

**The BCCDC has reported 8,152 new tests but this number does not align with the difference in total tests between Mar 23rd and Mar 24th.

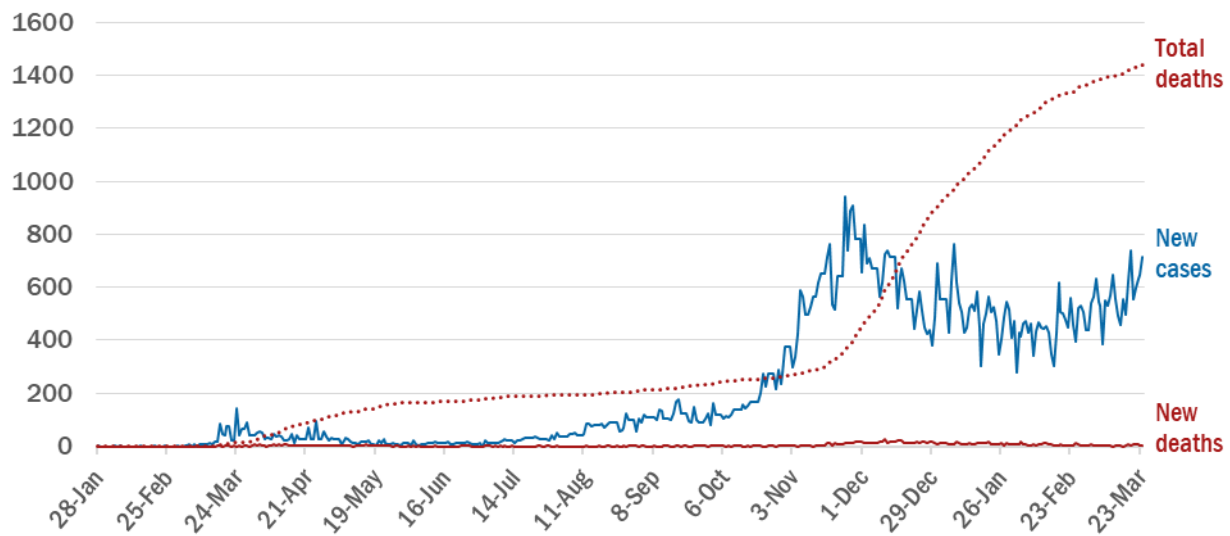
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

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

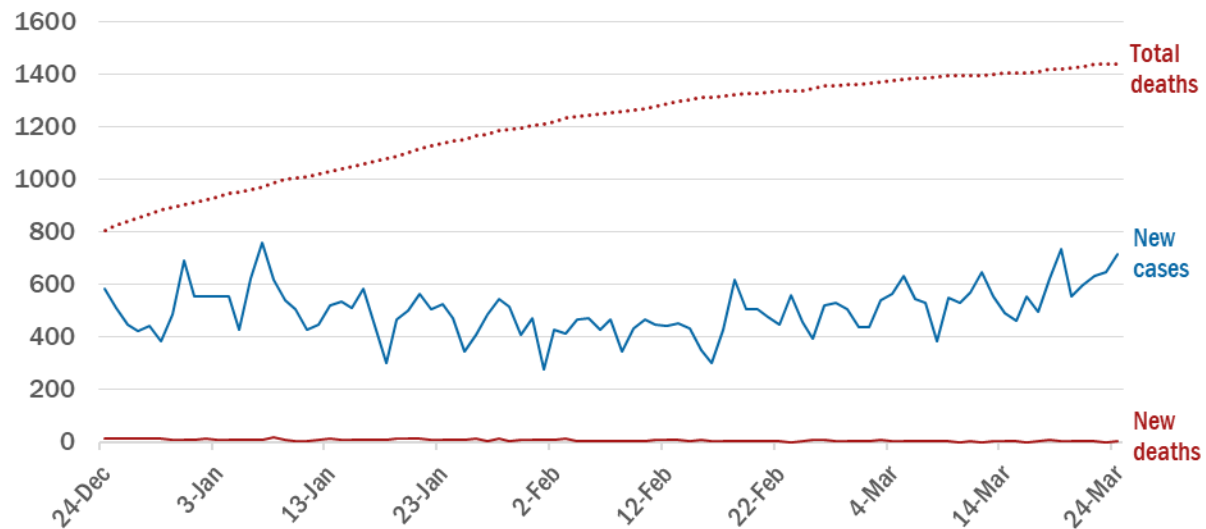
	As of Mar 22	As of Mar 23	Change
Total confirmed cases	24,084	24,161	77
Total active cases	1,136	1,083	-53
Currently hospitalized	1,076	1,080	4
Total deaths	273	274	1
Total recovered	22,675	22,804	129
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,670	2,677	7

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



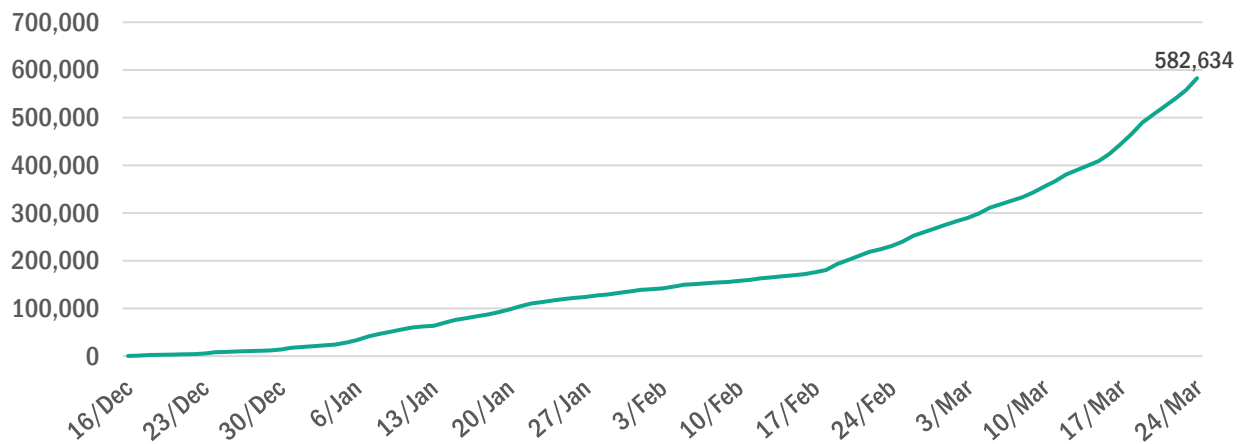
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

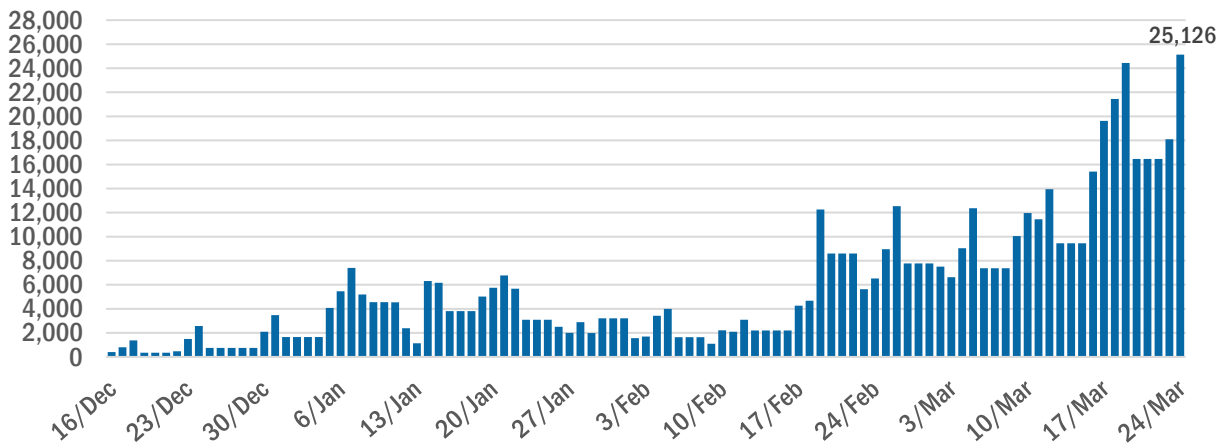
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered ⁵	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated ⁶	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁷
	Today	Total					
BC	25,126	582,634	736,460	79.11%	9.63%	87,180	1.69%
Yukon	160	33,603	51,400	65.37%	54.33%	10,689	25.15%
Canada	170,604	4,393,876	5,689,580	77.20%	9.87%	642,371	1.69%

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
 - “Just as our COVID-19 pandemic response has required a ‘whole-of-province’ effort, so too does our COVID-19 immunization program.”
 - “Together, hundreds of public health experts, physicians, nurses and other health-care professionals are leading the efforts to safely get vaccine into as many arms as possible, as quickly as we can.”
 - “We have seen much progress in recent weeks. The timing for our age-based program has been accelerated, front-line workers will soon be immunized and now, people who are clinically extremely vulnerable with complex and challenging health conditions will also be able to get immunized.”
 - “There may be more hurdles or challenges ahead, but we can be assured knowing that our greatest strength throughout this pandemic has been working together, united in our focus to get through this storm. Let’s all be a part of the team that is helping to make a difference through our individual and collective efforts.”
 - There are 71 new variants of concern cases, for a total of 1,581:
 - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 1,397
 - B.1.351 (South African) – 44
 - P.1 (Brazil) – 140
 - 148 cases are currently active.
- Today, Premier John Horgan and Dr. Penny Ballem, executive lead of the BC immunization rollout team, held a live press conference to announce a partnership with various industries, helping to support and staff B.C.'s mass vaccination program.⁹
 - “When we think of the hardest-hit industries, right at the top of that list is our tourism sector, and our hospitality industries.”
 - The initiative will employ more than 1,400 tourism and hospitality workers in mass vaccination clinics — creating hundreds of jobs for B.C.'s hard-hit tourism, hospitality and sport sectors.
 - Workers from these industries will provide their expertise and logistical support as non-clinical staff at immunization clinics to help move people through the clinics efficiently and safely.
 - Community partners in this program include:
 - Air Canada
 - Canadian Red Cross
 - Pacific National Exhibition
 - Tourism Whistler
 - Vancouver Canucks
 - Vancouver International Airport
 - WestJet

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0022-000543>

⁹ Via live press conference on March 24th, 2021 at 12:30pm PST

- Today, the BC Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport announced funding to support arts and culture organizations recover from the pandemic, through BC's Economic Recovery Plan:¹⁰
 - The B.C. Government is providing:
 - \$14 million in new one-time supplements to 588 arts and culture organizations; and
 - \$2 million to help 47 organizations improve their existing spaces.
 - Arts and culture groups will be able to use their supplement to pay for operating costs, such as rent and utilities, and maintaining jobs.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon provided an update regarding the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in the territory:¹¹
 - The Whitehorse clinic is open for residents age 18 and older to receive first and second doses of the vaccine, either by appointment or by walk-in.
 - Mobile vaccination teams continue to visit Yukon communities.
 - Residents age 18 and older will have the opportunity receive their first shot during this visit and are still guaranteed to receive their second dose at the appropriate time.
 - As of end of day Monday, March 22, there were 33,443 doses of the Moderna vaccine administered in Yukon.
 - This number includes 22,795 first doses and 10,648 second doses.

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:¹²
 - "While vaccine programs accelerate, it will be important to maintain a high degree of caution. Any easing of public health measures must be done slowly with enhanced testing, screening, and genomic analysis to detect variants of concern."
 - "In particular, there must be sufficient contact tracing capacity and supports for effective isolation, given increased transmissibility of variants of concern."
 - "Canadians are urged to remain vigilant, continue following local public health advice, and consistently maintain individual practices that keep us and our families safer."
- Today, the Government of Canada and Community Foundations of Canada announced the first project approved under the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative, *Hi! Tech*, which aims to help combat isolation caused by COVID-19:¹³
 - The Canada Healthy Communities Initiative was created to help communities adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic and create safe ways for residents to access services and enjoy the outdoors.

¹⁰ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021TACS0023-000526>

¹¹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/march-24-2021-covid-19-update>

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/03/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-march-24-2021.html>

¹³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2021/03/government-of-canada-and-community-foundations-of-canada-announce-first-project-approved-under-the-canada-healthy-communities-initiative.html>

- The Initiative, with a total funding amount of \$31-million, is designed to fund eligible projects that fall under three main themes: creating safe and vibrant public spaces, improving mobility options, and digital solutions.
- The Hi, Tech! program helps people with disabilities learn how to use virtual platforms by removing technological barriers and empowering them with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to use virtual tools, enabling access to online services like healthcare and citizen engagement activities, and connections to family and friends.
- “As Canadians continue to adapt to the realities of COVID-19, local governments and community partners across the country are adapting their spaces and services to keep residents safe and healthy, support economic recovery, create jobs, and build vibrant, resilient communities.”

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