

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 25 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 24</b>	<b>As of Mar 25</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	93,969	94,769	<b>800</b>
Total active cases in BC	5,573	5,856	<b>283</b>
Currently in intensive care	85	79	<b>-6</b>
Currently hospitalized	303	306	<b>3</b>
Total hospitalized to date	5,010	5,039	<b>29</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,441	1,446	<b>5</b>
Total recovered in BC	86,857	87,351	<b>494</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Mar 24</b>	<b>As of Mar 25</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	93,969	94,769	<b>800</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	22,206	22,470	<b>264</b>
Fraser Health	54,792	55,173	<b>381</b>
Island Health	2,996	3,041	<b>45</b>
Interior Health	8,165	8,215	<b>50</b>
Northern Health	5,641	5,699	<b>58</b>
Out of Canada	169	171	<b>2</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	2,131,206	2,140,088	<b>8,882</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Mar 24</b>	<b>As of Mar 25</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	72	73	<b>1</b>
Total active cases	0	1	<b>1</b>
Total deaths	1	1	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	71	71	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested	6,833	6,847	<b>14</b>
Negative results	6,735	6,752	<b>17</b>
Pending results	26	22	<b>-4</b>

\* The BCCDC has reported 8,869 new tests but this number does not align with the difference (8,882) in total tests between Mar 24<sup>th</sup> and Mar 25<sup>th</sup>.

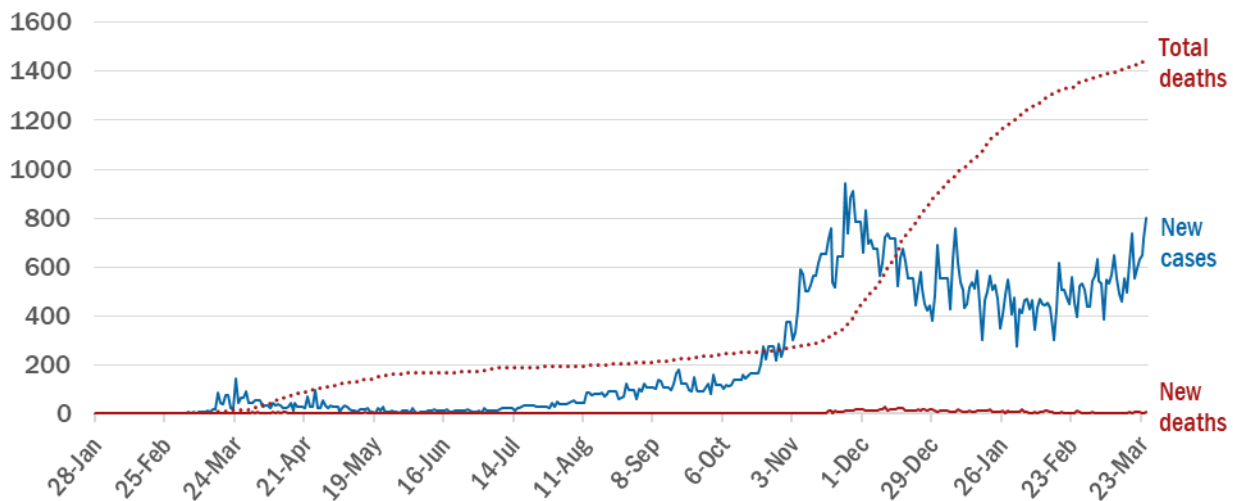
<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

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

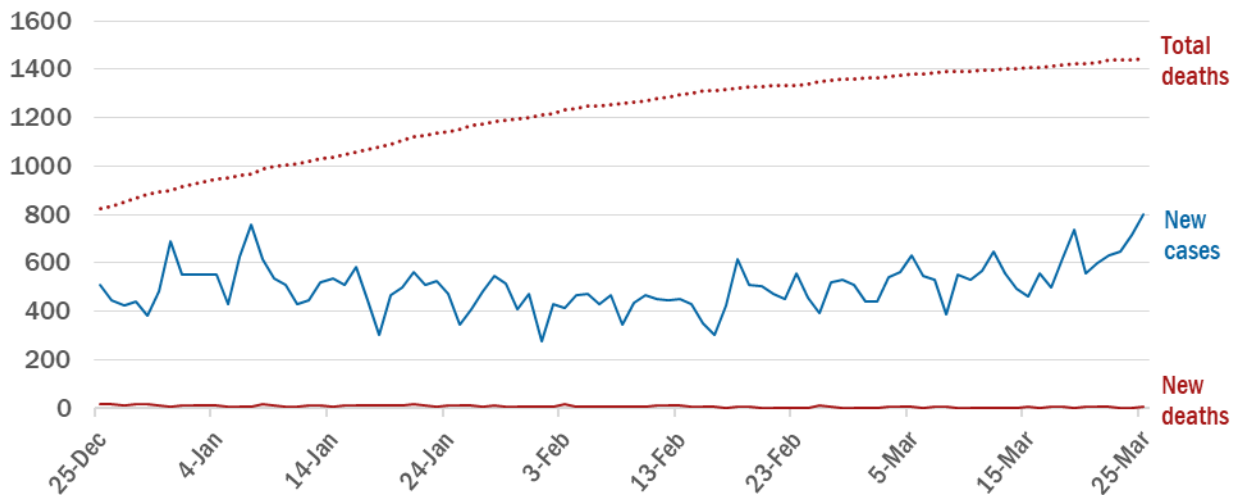
	As of Mar 23	As of Mar 24	Change
Total confirmed cases	24,161	24,259	98
Total active cases	1,083	1,051	-32
Currently hospitalized	1,080	1,087	7
Total deaths	274	277	3
Total recovered	22,804	22,931	127
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,677	2,693	16

**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**



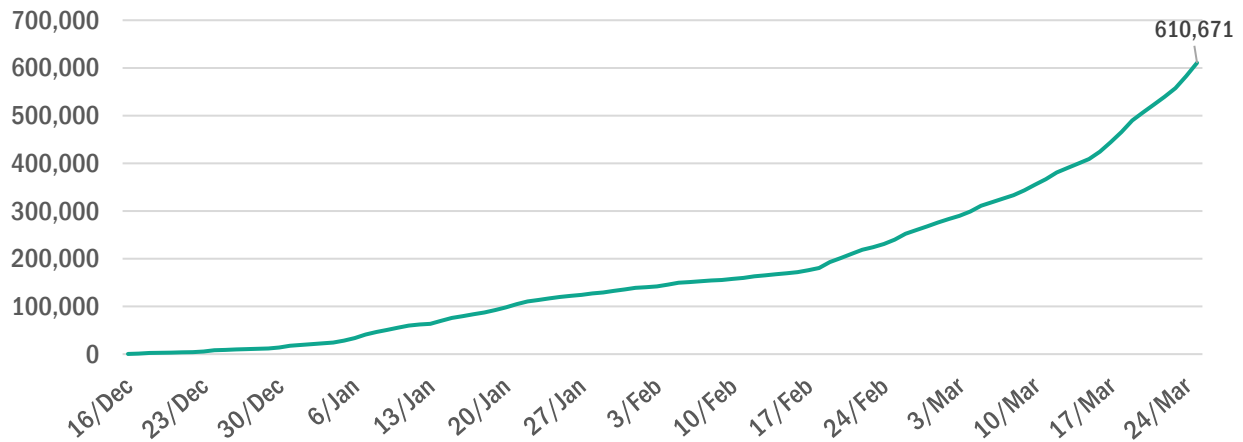
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## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

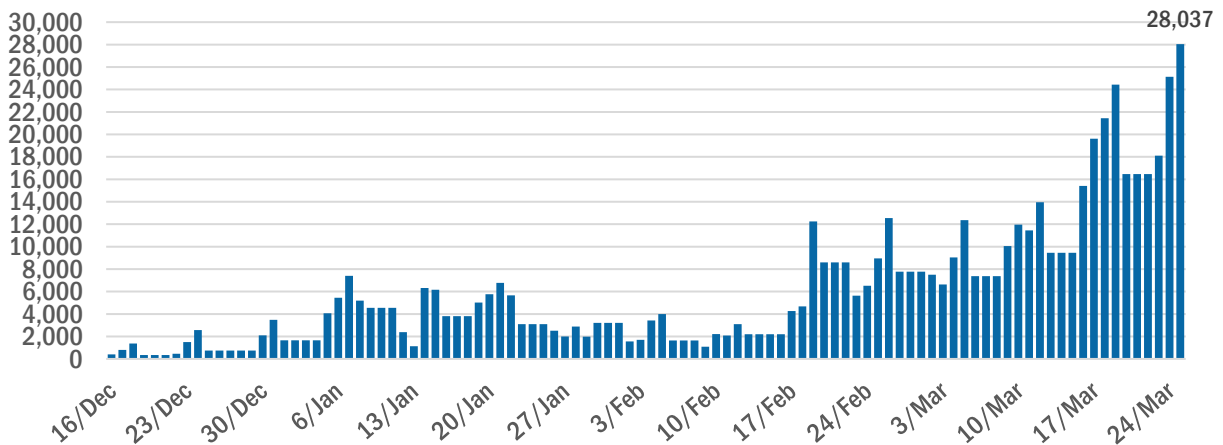
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	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>	28,037	610,671	792,620	77.04%	10.17%	87,212	1.69%
<b>Yukon</b>	222	33,825	51,400	65.81%	54.33%	10,791	25.39%
<b>Canada</b>	189,852	4,583,728	6,174,408	74.20%	10.35%	648,889	1.71%

### 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, 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>8</sup>
  - **Regarding variants of concern:**
    - There are 191 new cases, for a total of 1,772. Of those 215 remain active:
      - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 1,549
      - B.1.351 (South African) – 47
      - P.1 (Brazil) – 176
    - “Through the ongoing dialogue with a wide range of faith leaders, we have also developed a limited variance to the gathering and events order allow for indoor services on four days between Sunday, March 28 and Thursday, May 13, 2021.”
    - “Each faith can identify the days most appropriate for their faith – whether for Easter, Passover, Ramadan or Vaisakhi.”
      - Maximum capacity is 50 people, or 10% of the worship space capacity – whatever is less.
      - The full details and requirements for service organizers and attendees are available on the provincial health officer’s website:  
<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>
- Today, Adrian Dix, BC Minister of Health, announced that visitation restrictions will be eased for the majority of seniors and elders in long-term care, starting April 1, 2021.<sup>9</sup>
  - Most seniors and elders in long-term care have now been vaccinated.
  - Expanding the number of visitors so up to two visitors, plus a child, will be allowed to visit at a time, allowing people to connect in small groups.
  - Changing the allowable location of visits so family and friends can visit in residents’ rooms without staff present.
  - Allowing physical touch between visitors and residents, provided appropriate infection prevention and control measures, like masks and hand hygiene, are in place.
  - Social visitation will continue to be suspended during outbreaks and will continue to require advanced booking, visitor health screening, use of medical masks and frequent hand hygiene.
- Today, Mike Farnworth, BC Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General announced the province is increasing fines to further enforce COVID-19 public safety:<sup>10</sup>
  - Effective immediately, the fines for promoting and attending a non-compliant gathering or event will go up from \$230 to \$575.
  - Fines for organizing or hosting a prohibited event will remain at \$2,300.
  - The \$230 fine will continue for failing to wear a mask and failing to abide by patron conditions.

<sup>8</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0022-000555>

<sup>9</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0022-000551>

<sup>10</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0031-000540>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Dr. Brendan Hanley, Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health has confirmed two new COVID-19 cases, including Yukon’s first confirmed variant of concern case.<sup>11</sup>
  - One case is a Yukon resident residing in Whitehorse, linked to international travel.
    - This is a presumptive positive for a variant of concern.
    - The individual is doing well and has been in self-isolation since arriving in Yukon.
  - The second case is a non-Yukon resident who arrived on March 21<sup>st</sup>. This case is not considered a Yukon case and is therefore not counted in statistics for the Territory.
    - Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) was contacted by another jurisdiction and this case has tested positive for B.1.1.7 (UK) and is linked to an outbreak in another jurisdiction.
    - The individual is doing well and has been in self-isolation since arriving in Yukon.
  - As a result of these cases the following Exposure Notice has been issued:
    - Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
    - Air North Flight 4N574 from Vancouver to Whitehorse
    - 6:40 p.m. PST to 8:41 p.m. PST

## 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:<sup>12</sup>
  - Currently, there are 37,100 active cases across the country.
  - Infection rates are highest among those aged 20 to 39 years of age.
    - “Although severe illness is less common among young adults, it is important to remember that serious illness can occur at any age.”
  - There have been a total of 6,325 variants of concern cases to date, including:
    - B.1.1.7 (UK) - 5,882
    - B.1.351 (South African) – 251
    - P.1 (Brazil) – 192
- Today, Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance, announced the government will be providing an additional \$7.2 billion support for vaccines, health care, and municipalities, and includes:<sup>13,14</sup>
  - \$4 billion through Canada Health Transfer to provinces and territories address immediate health care system pressures, backlogs in access to care.
  - \$1 billion one-time payment to ensure the vaccine roll-out continues to accelerate and keeps pace with growing supply.
  - \$2.2 billion to address short-term infrastructure priorities in municipalities and First Nations communities through the federal Gas Tax Fund.<sup>15</sup>

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

<sup>11</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/first-cases-covid-19-variants-concern-identified-yukon>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/03/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-march-25-2021.html>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/03/government-announces-additional-pandemic-support-for-vaccines-health-care-and-municipalities.html>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/03/support-for-health-care-and-vaccinations-across-canada.html>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/03/support-for-municipalities.html>