

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 26 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 25</b>	<b>As of Mar 26</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	94,769	95,677	<b>908</b>
Total active cases in BC	5,856	6,245	<b>389</b>
Currently in intensive care	79	81	<b>2</b>
Currently hospitalized	306	294	<b>-10</b>
Total hospitalized to date	5,039	5,057	<b>18</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,446	1,449	<b>3</b>
Total recovered in BC	87,351	87,866	<b>515</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Mar 25</b>	<b>As of Mar 26</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	94,769	95,677	<b>908</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	22,470	22,764	<b>294</b>
Fraser Health	55,173	55,611	<b>438</b>
Island Health	3,041	3,096	<b>55</b>
Interior Health	8,215	8,258	<b>43</b>
Northern Health	5,699	5,777	<b>78</b>
Out of Canada	171	171	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	2,140,088	2,149,153	<b>9,065*</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Mar 25</b>	<b>As of Mar 26</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	73	73	<b>1</b>
Total active cases	1	1	<b>0</b>
Total deaths	1	1	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	71	71	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested	6,847	6,854	<b>7</b>
Negative results	6,752	6,752	<b>0</b>
Pending results	22	29	<b>7</b>

\* The BCCDC has reported 9,017 new tests but this number does not align with the difference (9,065) in total tests between Mar 25<sup>th</sup> and Mar 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

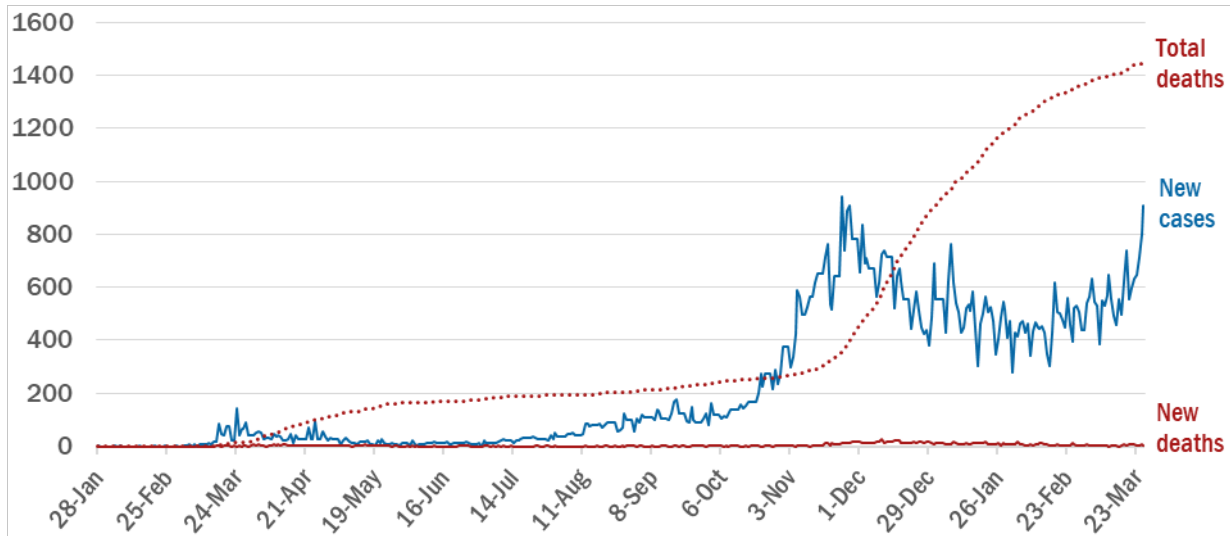
<sup>2</sup> Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE**

**CASES IN CANADA<sup>3</sup>**

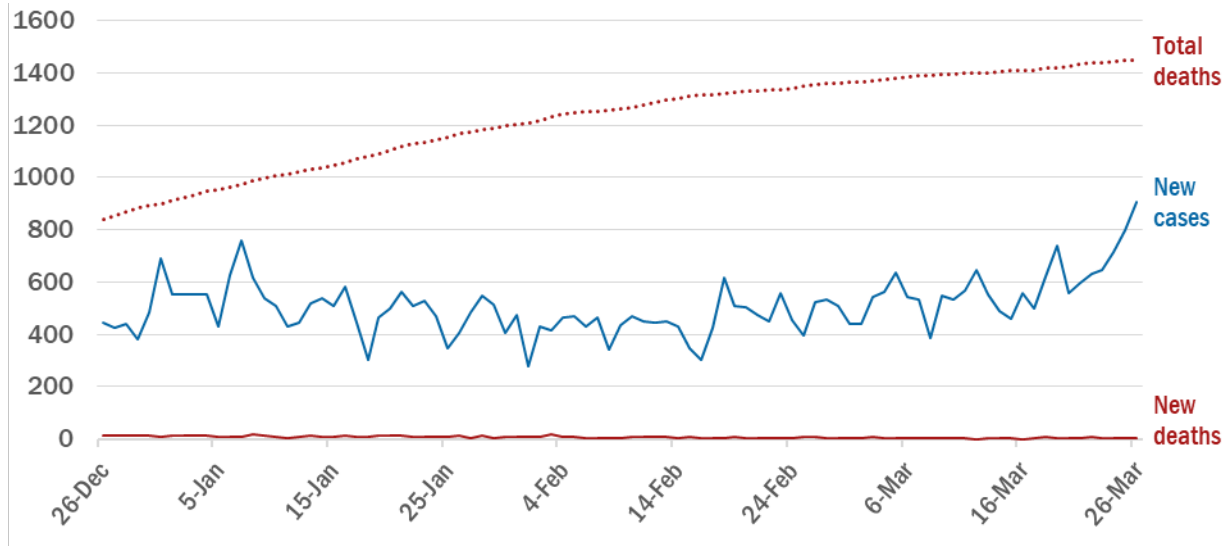
	As of Mar 24	As of Mar 25	Change
Total confirmed cases	24,259	24,380	121
Total active cases	1,051	1,028	-23
Currently hospitalized	1,087	1,090	3
Total deaths	277	279	2
Total recovered	22,931	23,073	142
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,693	2,707	14

**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**



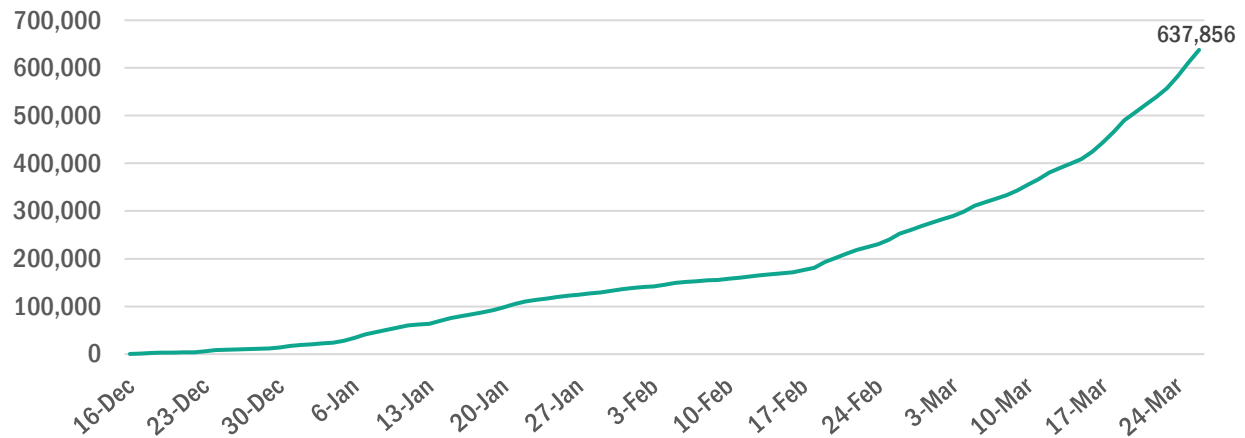
<sup>3</sup> Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

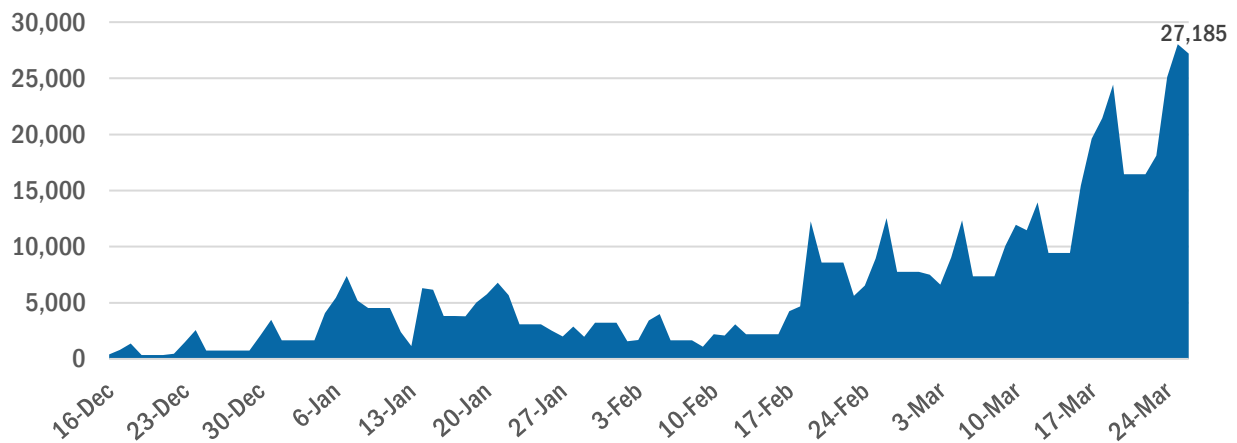
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	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>	27,185	637,856	792,620	80.47%	10.70%	87,233	1.70%
<b>Yukon</b>	178	34,003	51,400	66.15%	54.85%	10,870	25.57%
<b>Canada</b>	216,981	4,800,931	6,189,930	77.60%	10.91%	654,557	1.72%

### 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 140 new cases, for a total of 1,912. Of those 258 remain active:
      - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 1,666
      - B.1.351 (South African) – 47
      - P.1 (Brazil) – 199
  - **Regarding vaccine appointments:**
    - Vaccine appointment bookings are now open for people 74 or older and Indigenous peoples over 55.
    - Starting on Monday, individuals who are clinically extreme vulnerability and have received a letter identifying them as such can also book their vaccine appointments.
  - “While we are in a different stage of our COVID-19 pandemic than where we have been before – safe and effective vaccines that are increasing the protection for all of us – we are facing a sustained increase in clusters of new cases and outbreaks, including increasing cases caused by variants of concern.”
  - “This requires all of us to continue to put our safety layers at the forefront of all we do.”
  - “We can be outside with the same small group of people, but gathering inside is high risk for all of us. We can soon see our Elders and seniors in care, but we must follow the safety protocols that remain in place.”
  - “Seeing different friends on different days – even if we are outside – is unsafe. So is gathering in our homes where the layers of protection, like physical barriers and masks, are not used.”
  - “This weekend, choose to be safe, choose to stay small and choose to continue to do your part to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our province.”

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

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

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, announced an investment of \$14.3 million from the Government of Canada to support new research on the COVID-19 virus variants, in order to better understand and respond to them.<sup>9</sup>
  - \$5.3 million in supplementary funding is to be allocated for 90 ongoing COVID-19 projects.
  - \$9 million is to be allocated for a new national network that will coordinate and align variants research throughout the country.
    - The Coronavirus Variants Rapid Response Network led by Dr. Marc-André Langlois, will enable the rapid assessment of both the immune response to the virus variants and whether these variants are resistant to existing vaccines.

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<sup>8</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0023-000572>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2021/03/government-of-canada-invests-in-new-research-to-address-covid-19-variants.html>

- Findings will provide decision-makers with guidance regarding drug therapy, vaccine effectiveness, and other public health strategies.
- The team will collaborate with the Public Health Agency of Canada's National Microbiology Lab (NML), the Canadian COVID-19 Genomics Network, provincial and territorial public health labs, and other national and international bodies.
- This initiative, through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, is part of the Government of Canada's \$53 million investment in an integrated Variants of Concern Strategy to rapidly scale up surveillance, sequencing, and research efforts.

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