

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 29 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 26</b>	<b>As of Mar 29</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	95,677	98,195	<b>2,518*</b>
Total active cases in BC	6,245	6,902	<b>657</b>
Currently in intensive care	81	79	<b>-2</b>
Currently hospitalized	294	299	<b>5</b>
Total hospitalized to date	5,057	5,167	<b>110</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,449	1,455	<b>6</b>
Total recovered in BC	87,866	89,722	<b>1,856</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Mar 26</b>	<b>As of Mar 29</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	95,677	98,195	<b>2,518*</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	22,764	23,580	<b>816</b>
Fraser Health	55,611	56,891	<b>1,280</b>
Island Health	3,096	3,238	<b>142</b>
Interior Health	8,258	8,414	<b>156</b>
Northern Health	5,777	5,898	<b>121</b>
Out of Canada	171	174	<b>3</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	2,149,153	2,175,242	<b>26,089</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Mar 26</b>	<b>As of Mar 29</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	73	73	<b>0</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	6,854	6,875	<b>21</b>
Negative results	6,752	6,797	<b>45</b>
Pending results	29	5	<b>-24</b>

\*The B.C. Government reported 936 new COVID-19 cases March 27<sup>th</sup>, 805 March 28<sup>th</sup>, and 777 March 29<sup>th</sup> (2,518 total).

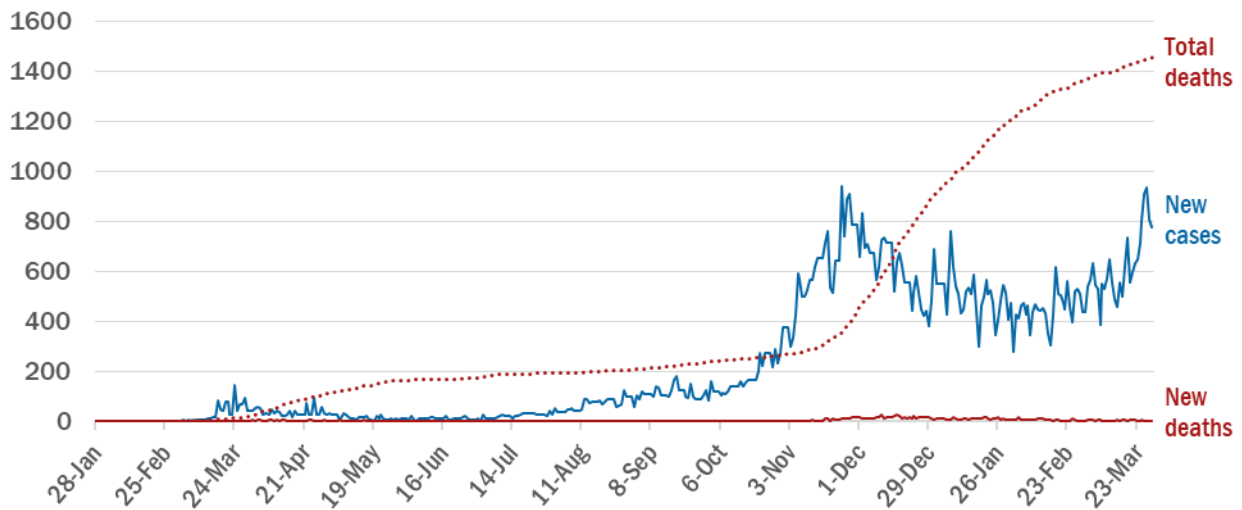
<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

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

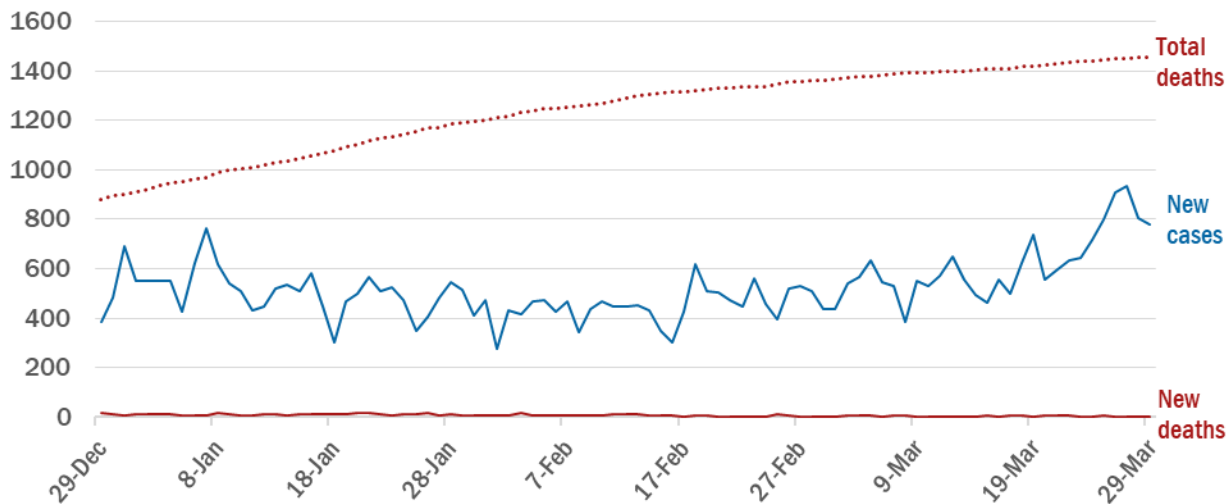
	As of Mar 25	As of Mar 26	Change
Total confirmed cases	24,380	24,489	109
Total active cases	1,028	1,009	19
Currently hospitalized	1,090	1,096	-6
Total deaths	279	279	0
Total recovered	23,073	23,201	128
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,707	2,723	16

**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**



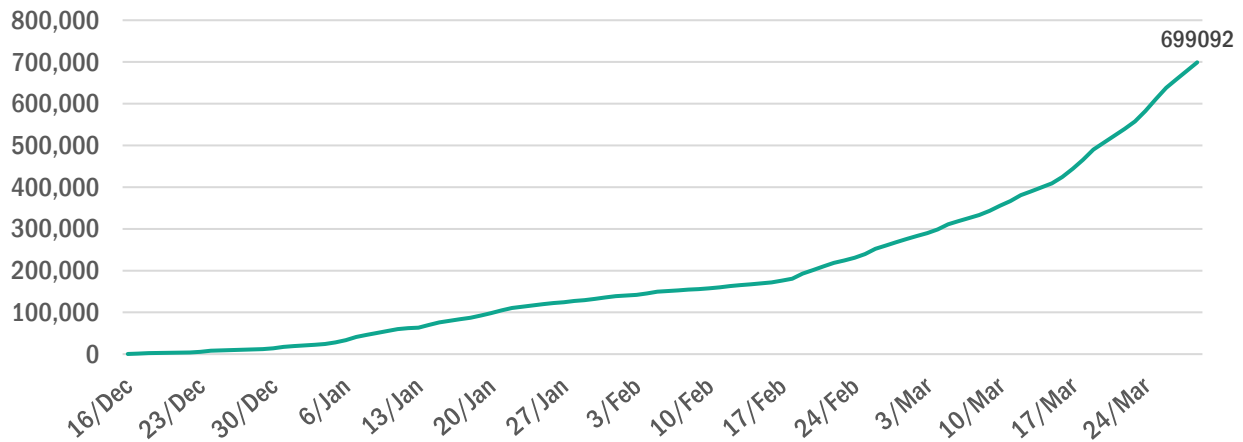
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## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

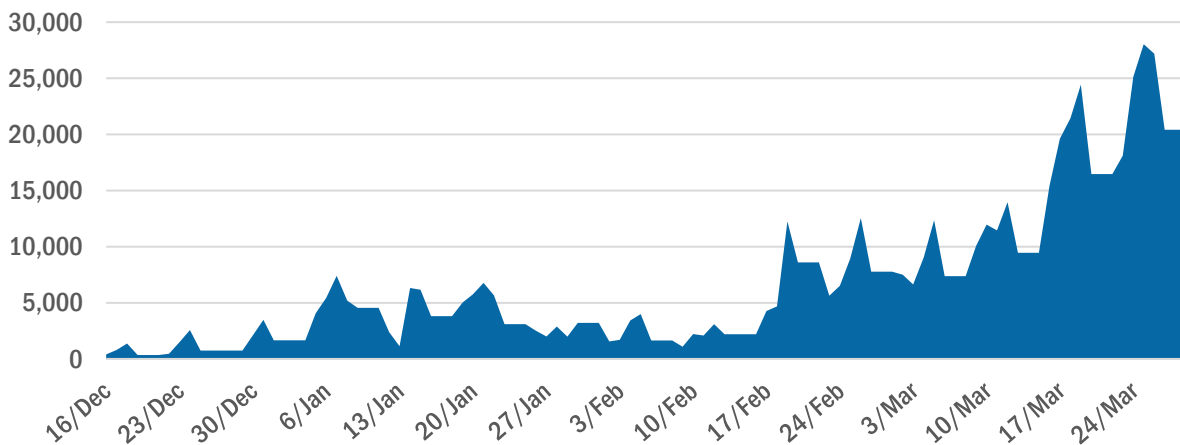
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	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>	20,412	699,092	826,620	84.57%	11.89%	87,289	1.70%
<b>Yukon</b>	378	34,381	51,400	66.88%	55.62%	10,924	25.70%
<b>Canada</b>	187,299	5,301,234	6,223,930	85.20%	12.18%	672,214	1.77%

### 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, B.C. Premier, John Horgan, 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.<sup>8</sup>
  - **Variants of concern**
    - There are 329 new confirmed cases of variants of concern, for a total of 2,233.
      - B.1.1.7 (U.K) – 1,915
      - B.1.351 (South African) – 48
      - P.1 (Brazil) – 270
      - 413 cases are active.
  - **The AstraZeneca vaccine**
    - In response to adverse events detected in Europe, the B.C. Government, in collaboration with the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has agreed to suspend the use of the AstraZeneca vaccine for all individuals under the age of 55 until further investigation is completed.
    - For individuals who have received the AstraZeneca vaccine and develop symptoms within 20 days, please seek medical attention and visit <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/adverse-events-following-immunization>.
    - Further information will be released in the coming days as more information is attained by B.C. Public Health.
  - **New and amended restrictions that will be in effect at Midnight until April 19<sup>th</sup>**
    - All restaurants, bars, and pubs, are prohibited from dine-in service and are limited to patio seating, delivery, and takeout.
    - Indoor adult group fitness studios will be paused, and only individual activities and one-on-one activities may resume.
    - The Order permitting Religious Ceremonies indoors up to 50 people will be paused and only Religious Ceremonies outdoors may resume.
    - Whistler Blackcomb ski resort will be closed.
    - Students down to grade 4 are now encouraged to wear masks while at school.
    - Inter-city travel remains limited to essential travel only.
    - All workers are encouraged to work from home, where possible.
- Dr. Bonnie Henry and Adrian Dix also released the following statement:<sup>9</sup>
  - “In the last few days, we have seen the start of exponential growth in new cases, hospitalizations and more people requiring critical care support.”
  - “Putting new restrictions and orders in place is always a difficult decision, and at this time, it is a step back from where we wanted and need to be. But, when spikes and surges become a sustained trend, we will take the necessary steps to protect our province.”
  - “Let’s all stay outside, stay apart and stay with our same group of close contacts – always using our layers of protection no matter where we may be. This is what will allow us to get through this storm together.”

<sup>8</sup> John Horgan, Adrian Dix and Dr. Bonnie Henry via live press conference 13:00 29/03/2021

<sup>9</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0023-000581>

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- Today, the B.C. Government announced funding of \$2.4 million to four communities in the Cariboo and North Coast regions to support the tourism sector with recovery from COVID-19.<sup>10</sup>
  - This funding will support 46 new tourism infrastructure development projects, including updates to trails for e-bikes and the establishment of electric vehicle charging stations.

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY**

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

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

- Today, Public Health Agency of Canada announced that action is being taken to assess the risks of the AstraZeneca vaccine for use in Canada.<sup>11</sup> Details include the following:
  - Health Canada will be issuing additional terms and conditions on the authorizations of the AstraZeneca and Verity Pharmaceuticals/Serum Institute of India vaccines.
    - This will include a requirement that the manufacturers conduct a detailed assessment of the benefits and risks of the vaccine by age and sex in the Canadian context.
    - Health Canada will assess this information when it is received and will determine if additional regulatory actions are necessary.
  - In the interim, the NACI is recommending an immediate pause of the use of the AstraZeneca vaccine in all individuals less than 55 years of age in Canada.
  - For details on how adverse events following immunization are monitored in Canada, please visit the following link to view Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam's March 28<sup>th</sup> statement: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/03/cpho-sunday-edition-vaccine-safety-in-canada-what-you-should-know.html>
- Today, Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, released a statement regarding the ongoing response to COVID-19 in Canada, which included the following:<sup>12</sup>
  - "While COVID-19 continues to impact people of all ages in Canada, infection rates are highest among those aged 20-39 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 and evidence indicates that the B.1.1.7 variant of concern is associated with more severe illness outcomes in adults."
  - "In addition, circulation of COVID-19 in younger, more mobile and socially connected adults presents an ongoing risk for spread into high-risk populations and settings."
  - "Amid the trends of increasing disease activity, shifting severity trends, and a rising proportion of cases involving variants of concern, a high degree of caution must be maintained, while vaccination programs continue to accelerate."
  - "Canadians are urged to remain vigilant, continue following local public health advice, and consistently maintain individual practices that keep us and our families safer."

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

<sup>10</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021TACS0022-000557>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/03/use-of-astrazeneca-covid-19-vaccine.html>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/03/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-march-29-2021.html>