

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 31 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 30	As of Mar 31	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	99,035	100,048	1,013
Total active cases in BC	7,062	7,405	343
Currently in intensive care	78	80	2
Currently hospitalized	312	301	-11
Total hospitalized to date	5,183	5,215	32
Total deaths in BC	1,455	1,458	3
Total recovered in BC	90,401	91,066	665

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Mar 30	As of Mar 31	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	99,035	100,048	1,013
Vancouver Coastal Health	23,845	24,230	385
Fraser Health	57,312	57,770	458
Island Health	3,277	3,324	47
Interior Health	8,481	8,545	64
Northern Health	5,944	6,004	60
Out of Canada	176	*175	0
Total individuals tested in BC	2,182,821	2,192,813	*9,992

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Mar 30	As of Mar 31	Change
Total confirmed cases	73	74	1
Total active cases	1	2	1
Total deaths	1	1	0
Total recovered	71	71	0
Total individuals tested	6,880	6,892	12
Negative results	6,799	6,798	-1
Pending results	8	20	12

*BCCDC has reported 9,984 new tests, this number is not consistent with the difference in the number of people tested between Mar. 30th to Mar. 31st.

*BCCDC has updated the number of cases outside of Canada to 175.

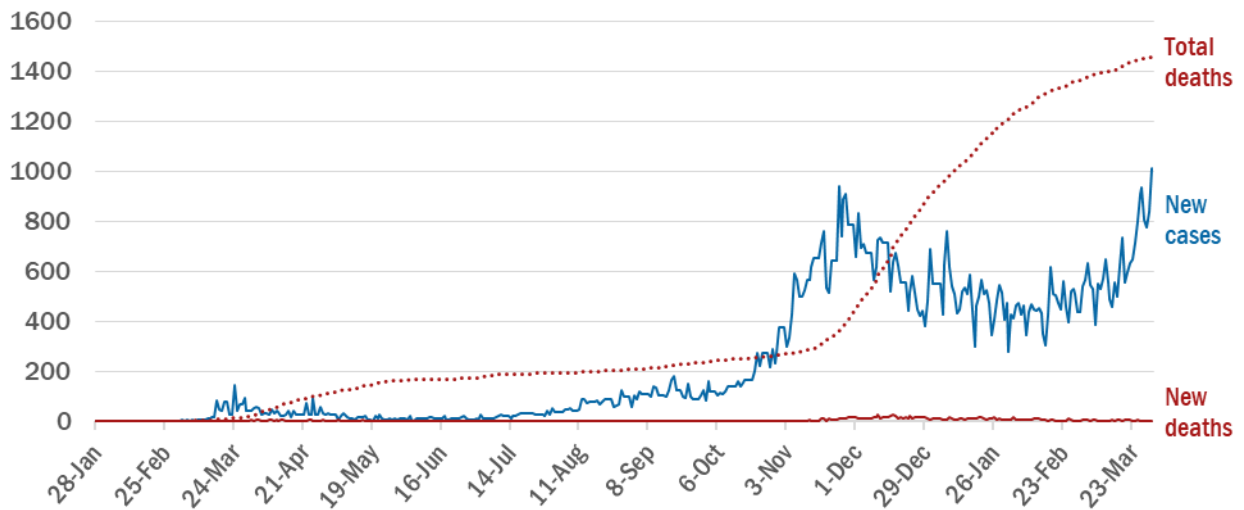
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

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

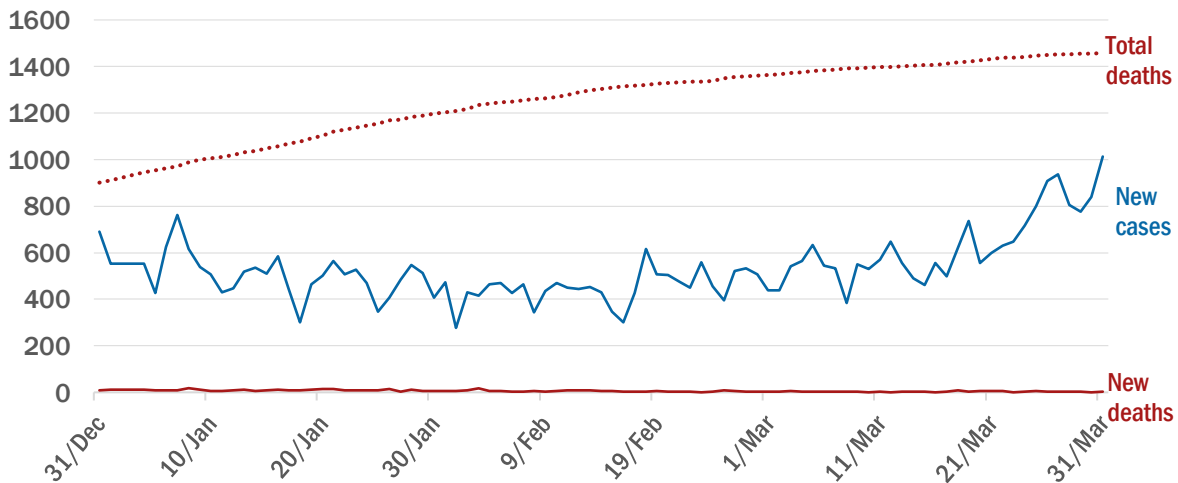
	As of Mar 29	As of Mar 30	Change
Total confirmed cases	24,719	24,768	49
Total active cases	931	860	-71
Currently hospitalized	1,113	1,115	2
Total deaths	280	283	3
Total recovered	23,507	23,625	118
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,764	2,774	10

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



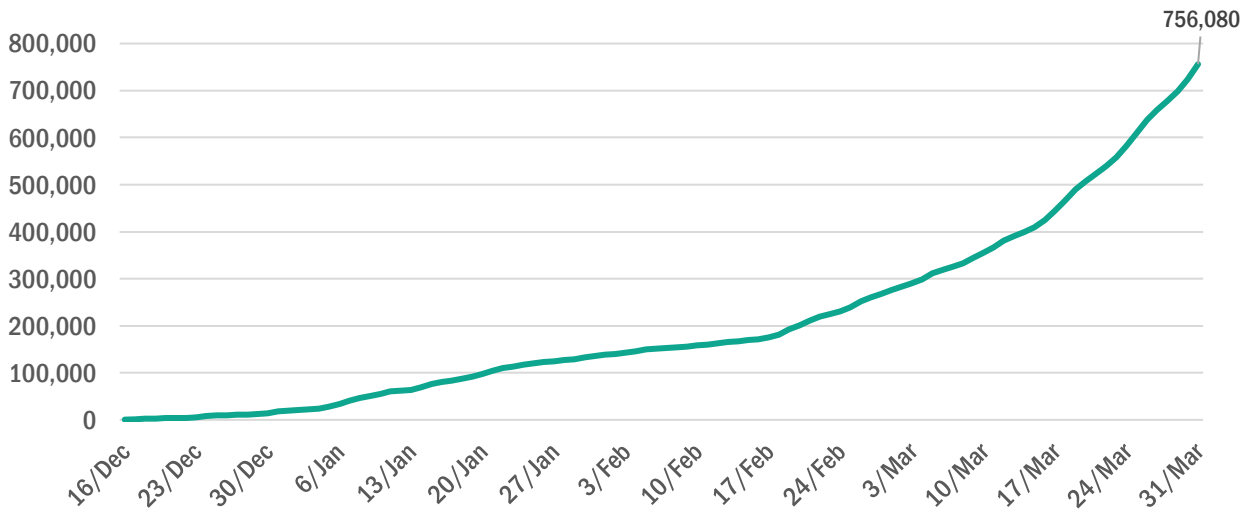
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

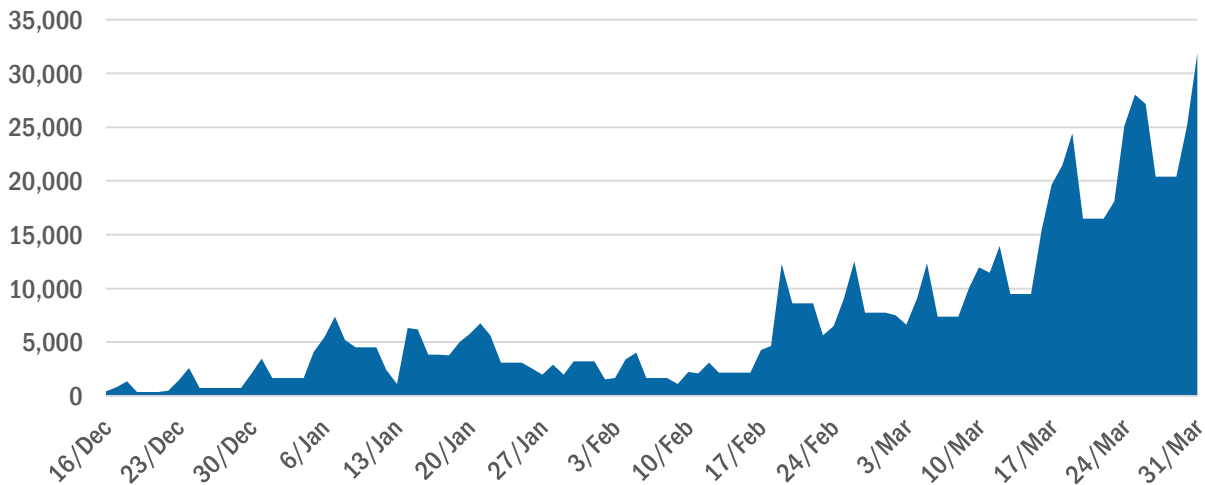
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	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	31,887	756,080	934,260	80.92%	12.99%	87,351	1.70%
Yukon	286	35,114	51,400	68.31%	56.43%	11,316	26.24%
Canada	219,496	5,690,380	7,155,769	79.50%	13.17%	685,974	1.80%

TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED



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, First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) announced COVID-19 vaccine clinics are now open to all Indigenous peoples 18 years and older.⁸
 - All Indigenous peoples in B.C. ages 18 or older are now able to register for a COVID-19 first-dose vaccination appointment.
 - Call centres are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. everyday, with reduced hours on statutory holidays. All Indigenous (status or non-status), Metis, and Inuit can register; there is no requirement for proof of ancestry.
 - Fraser Health Authority: 1-855-755-2455
 - (FNHA) Fraser Salish Region Supports*: 1-604-743-0635
 - Interior Health Authority: 1-877-740-7747
 - Northern Health Authority: 1-844-255-7555
 - Vancouver Coastal Health Authority: 1-877-587-5767
 - Vancouver Island Health Authority: 1-833-348-4787**If you are having difficulty with the process, or are having a culturally unsafe experience, you may call the FNHA support number provided.*
 - The regional call centres will shut down April 18, 2021, to be replaced with a single phone number for all British Columbians to reach out to.
- 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., which included the following:⁹
 - Today, individuals 73 and older, Indigenous peoples 18 and older, and individuals who are clinically extremely vulnerable and have received an invitation letter can begin booking their appointments.
 - The current AstraZeneca/COVIDSHIELD vaccine is being made available to individuals between the ages of 55 and 65 on the Lower Mainland.
 - The province is waiting on Health Canada's recommendation to determine what adjustments are needed to provide safe immunization for frontline workers under 55.
 - "Tomorrow, as we go into the Easter weekend, expanded visitation in all long-term care facilities throughout the province will get underway. If you are planning to visit your family member or friend, please remember that COVID-19 safety plans must continue to be followed, including wearing masks and staying away if you feel unwell."
 - "We don't yet have enough people protected through the vaccines to be able to put aside any of our safety precautions, so we need to continue to follow all the public health orders and guidelines we have in place."
 - "Right now, no one should be travelling for leisure or vacation outside of your local communities or regions. The risk for all of us is too great, which means any of our usual travel and holiday weekend gatherings need to be put on hold this year."

⁸ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/covid-19-vaccine-clinics-now-open-to-all-indigenous-people-18-and-over>

⁹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0024-000618>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon has announced grade 10-12 students at F.H. Collins, Vanier Catholic, and Porter Creek secondary schools will be able to return to full-time, in-person classes on April 19, 2021.¹⁰
 - The Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health has provided the following health and safety guidelines:
 - Keeping cohorts/groups of students together and avoiding mixing with other groups as much as possible throughout the school day.
 - Minimizing prolonged face-to-face interactions.
 - Avoiding physical contact and maximizing physical distancing as much as possible.
 - Limiting congregation of students and staff during transitions between classes and in common areas.
 - Non-medical mask use in common areas.
 - School and administration staff are working together to determine how operations should be adjusted to reflect these guidelines and will provide more information on the school's website. Any changes will be shared with students, families, school councils, and school staff ahead of April 19, 2021.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Marc Miller, Indigenous Services Minister provided an update on the federal government's COVID-19 response in Indigenous communities:^{11, 12}
 - As of March 30, 2021:
 - 246,675 vaccine doses have been administered in 612 First Nations, Inuit, and territorial communities.
 - An average of over 50 percent of adults living on First Nation reserves, in Inuit Nunangat, and the territories have received at least one dose of the vaccine.
 - Over 70 per cent of the adult population have been vaccinated in the territories.
 - "In B.C., by the end of this week, we expect that all First Nations 18+ living on reserve will have been offered at least one dose of the vaccine. A number of second doses have also been administered."

¹⁰ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/grades-10-12-students-whitehorse-return-full-time-person-classes>

¹¹ Minister Miller via live press conference at 1:00 p.m. on March 31, 2021.

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/03/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities3.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:¹³
 - As of March 30, a total of 10,233 variant of concern cases in Canada
 - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 9,461
 - P.1 (Brazil) – 467
 - B.1.351 (South African) – 305
 - “As the Easter long weekend quickly approaches, I encourage everyone to plan ahead, think about the risks, and decide together on how to celebrate safely during the holidays, as we have done for many other occasions during COVID-19. Limiting in-person gatherings to your immediate household and avoiding non-essential travel are still the safest way to celebrate.”

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

¹³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/03/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-march-31-2021.html>