

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 01 April 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 31</b>	<b>As of Apr 01</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	100,048	100,880	<b>832</b>
Total active cases in BC	7,405	7,571	<b>166</b>
Currently in intensive care	80	79	<b>-1</b>
Currently hospitalized	301	296	<b>-5</b>
Total hospitalized to date	5,215	5,312	<b>97</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,458	1,463	<b>5</b>
Total recovered in BC	91,066	91,732	<b>666</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Mar 31</b>	<b>As of Apr 01</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	100,048	100,880	<b>832</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	24,230	24,540	<b>310</b>
Fraser Health	57,770	58,158	<b>388</b>
Island Health	3,324	3,377	<b>53</b>
Interior Health	8,545	8,587	<b>42</b>
Northern Health	6,004	6,043	<b>39</b>
Out of Canada	175	175	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	2,192,813	2,208,023	<b>*15,210</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Mar 31</b>	<b>As of Apr 01</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	74	74	<b>0</b>
Total active cases	2	2	<b>0</b>
Total deaths	1	1	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	71	71	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested	6,892	6,909	<b>12</b>
Negative results	6,798	6,816	<b>-1</b>
Pending results	20	19	<b>12</b>

\*The BCCDC has reported 9,880 new tests, but this number is not consistent with the difference in the number of tests reported between March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

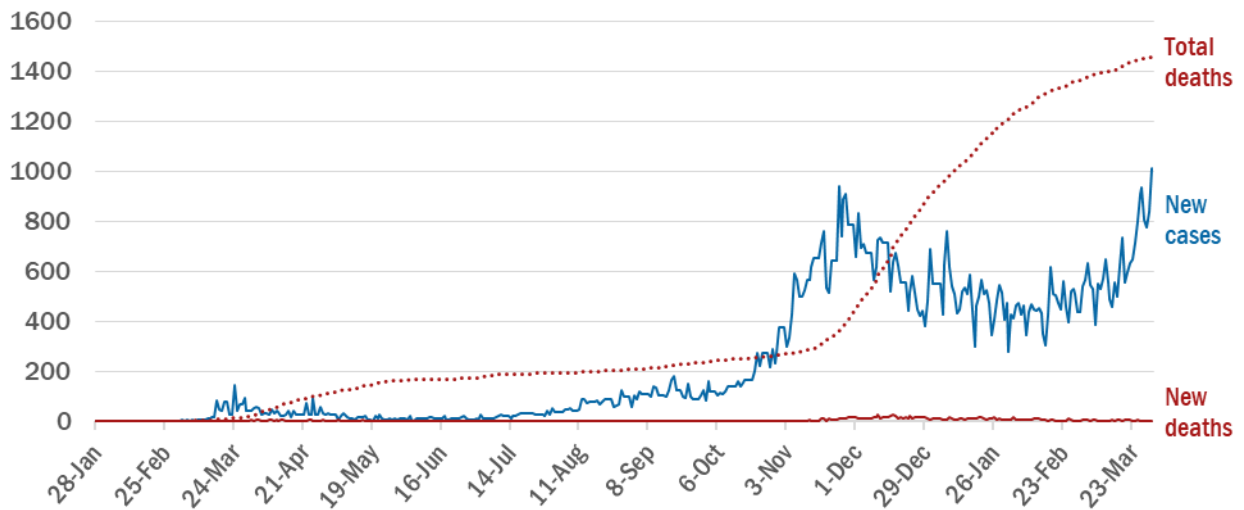
<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

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

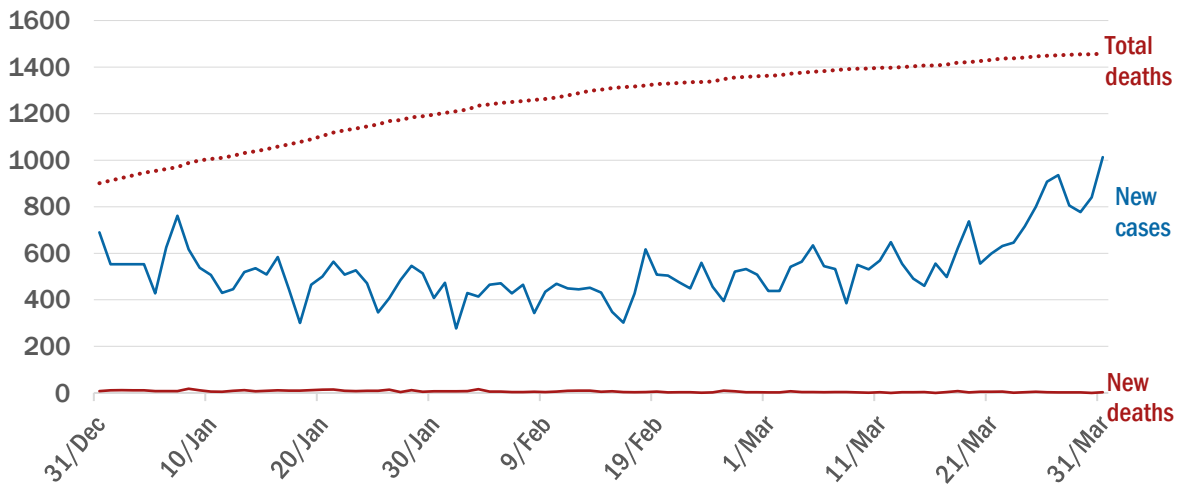
	As of Mar 30	As of Mar 31	Change
Total confirmed cases	24,768	24,843	75
Total active cases	860	817	-43
Currently hospitalized	1,115	1,123	8
Total deaths	283	283	0
Total recovered	23,625	23,745	120
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,774	2,779	5

**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**



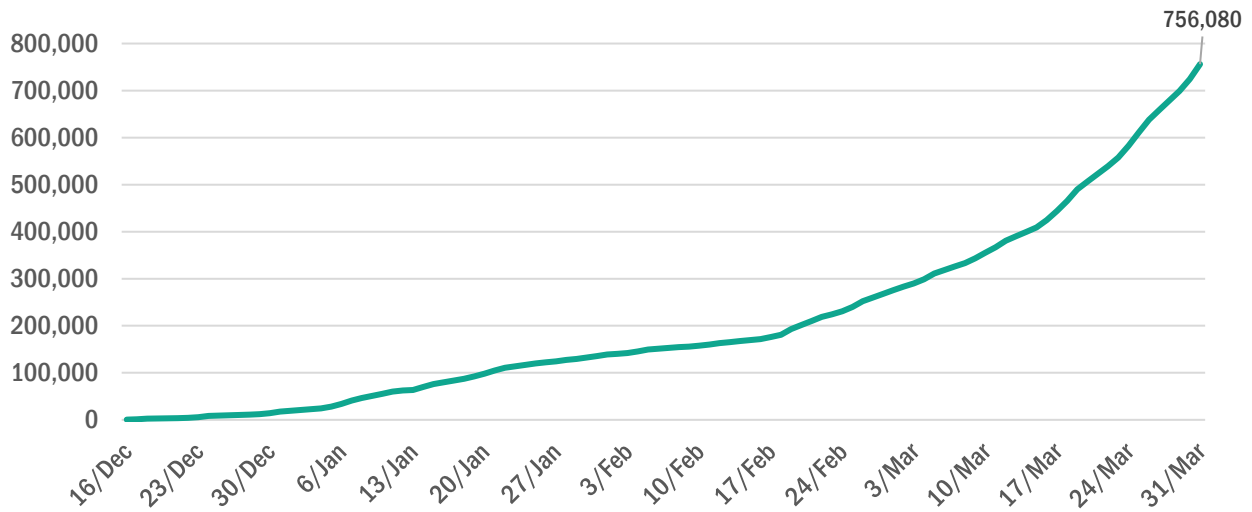
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## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

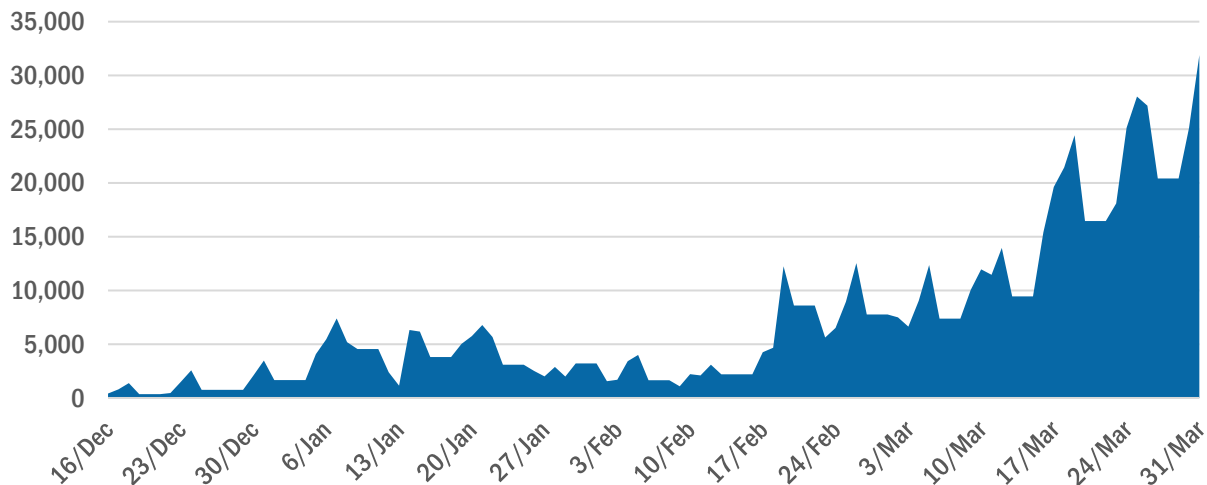
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated <sup>5</sup>
	Today	Total					
<b>BC</b>	31,569	787,649	989,250	79.60%	13.61%	87,394	1.70%
<b>Yukon</b>	356	35,470	51,400	69.00%	56.62%	11,592	27.48%
<b>Canada</b>	206,465	5,896,845	7,445,670	79.20%	13.68%	696,128	1.83%

### TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED



### DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC EACH DAY



<sup>4</sup> Source: N. Little. COVID-19 Tracker Canada (2020), COVID19Tracker.ca

<sup>5</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., which included the following:
  - “Today, people 72 and older, Indigenous peoples 18 and over, and individuals who are clinically extremely vulnerable and have received a letter identifying them as such, can book their (vaccine) appointments.”
  - “Starting today, long-term care and assisted-living residents across the province can see their family and friends and can leave their home without needing to self-isolate on their return. We recognize and thank you for the sacrifices you and your families have made over the past year.”
  - “We all need to ensure we are socializing safely. If you choose to spend time with anyone other than your immediate household, it must be outside. You also need to ensure you are giving enough space to others, staying away if you are feeling at all unwell, and staying with the same group of people.”
  - “Travel between communities – beyond what you would do for a day trip – remains high risk for all of us. This is not the time for leisure or vacation travel, or a vacation rental in another community. Rather, this weekend, explore your local region instead.”
  - “We all have the same ability to spread the COVID-19 virus and we all have the same ability to slow the spread. Staying small, staying outside and local will help us to bend our curve down and stay safe.”
- Today, the Ministry of Labour announced job-protected leave for workers when they get their COVID-19 vaccine, as part of B.C.'s COVID-19 Immunization Plan.<sup>6</sup>
  - “We need to get British Columbians vaccinated if we want to put this pandemic behind us. This safeguard ensures no one will lose their job if they need time away from work to get vaccinated for COVID-19.”
  - The regulatory improvements have been made under the Employment Standards Act to ensure part-time and full-time workers will be able to take the time needed to travel and receive the COVID-19 vaccine or to take a dependent family member to receive the vaccine.
  - This regulatory change also includes expanding the job-protected leave for reasons related to COVID-19, brought in last March, to fully align with the federal Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit and the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit.
  - In addition to these regulatory improvements, the government will explore options to provide workers with paid leave while getting their vaccine.
- Today, the Ministry of Health announced that the EquipCare BC program, which provides support for seniors living in long-term care and assisted-living residences, is now accepting applications for its Period 3 funding allocations.<sup>7</sup>
  - “We know that seniors and residents of long-term care and assisted-living homes need more supports as they are most vulnerable to complications associated with COVID-19. Through the EquipCare program, we are making sure residents and health-care workers remain protected with enhanced infection prevention and control measures.”
  - More information on the EquipCare BC program can be found here:  
<https://bccare.ca/programs/equipcarebc/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021LBR0016-000615>

<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0064-000621>

- Today, the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation announced the Accelerating Manufacturing Scale-Up Grant program which will see a \$10-million investment in small and medium-sized businesses to support growth and innovation in B.C.'s manufacturing sector.<sup>8</sup>
  - The program, which is part of *Stronger BC: BC's Economic Recovery Plan*, provides funding to eligible businesses to help them adjust to the economic changes created by the COVID-19 pandemic and better prepare for the future.
  - The program will provide 75% of project costs to a maximum of \$250,000 for individual business projects, or up to \$500,000 for projects by a group of businesses.
  - More information on the program, ~~delivered by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Canada,~~ and how to apply can be found here: <https://bcmanufacturinggrant.ca/>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- On March 31<sup>st</sup>, Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley confirmed one new case of COVID-19 in a Yukon resident who is currently outside of the territory.<sup>9</sup>
  - This new case is in a Yukon resident who acquired the infection out of territory, was tested out of the territory and will remain out of territory until they are non-infectious.
  - While this increases Yukon's case count, it does not increase the number of cases active in the territory.

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- 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>10</sup>
  - As of March 31, there a total of 10,780 variant of concern cases in Canada
    - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 9,998
    - P.1 (Brazil) – 469
    - B.1.351 (South African) – 313
  - “During the holidays, feelings of stress can be common and may be amplified during COVID-19. You may be feeling sadness about breaking important family traditions and being away from loved ones, or experiencing family conflict due to differences in risk comfort level.”
  - “It’s okay to not feel okay and it’s okay to need support to take care of your mental health. Be kind and compassionate with yourself. Everyone’s situation is different, so choose the strategies that work best for you.”
  - “Through Wellness Together Canada, you can access free supports 24/7, including information and practical tools to feeling better, self-guided programs, peer-to-peer support and confidential sessions with social workers, psychologists and other professionals.”
    - <https://wellnesstogether.ca>

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

<sup>8</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021JERI0024-000609>

<sup>9</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/covid-19-update>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/04/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-april-1-2021.html>