

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 08 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

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Apr 07	As of Apr 08	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	106,985	108,278	1,293
Total active cases in BC	8,728	9,184	456
Currently in intensive care	105	101	-4
Currently hospitalized	330	336	6
Total hospitalized to date	5,528	5,505	*-23
Total deaths in BC	1,491	1,493	2
Total recovered in BC	96,626	97,462	836

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Apr 07	As of Apr 08	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	106,985	108,278	1,293
Vancouver Coastal Health	26,497	26,945	448
Fraser Health	61,164	61,809	645
Island Health	3,749	3,818	69
Interior Health	9,083	9,163	80
Northern Health	6,312	6,363	51
Out of Canada	180	180	0
Total individuals tested in BC	2,267,352	2,279,811	**12,459

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Apr 07	As of Apr 08	Change
Total confirmed cases	74	74	0
Total active cases	0	0	0
Total deaths	1	1	0
Total recovered	73	73	0
Total individuals tested	6,943	6,949	6
Negative results	6,854	6,854	0
Pending results	15	21	6

* Difference due to change in data source, see note below.

**The BCCDC has reported 12,332 new tests, which does not align with the difference in total test numbers (12,459) between April 7th and 8th.

Note: Due to a delay in the Public Health Reporting Data Warehouse (PHRDW) lab system, the B.C. numbers are reported from the PLOVER system and may be adjusted once confirmed with PHRDW data, when available.

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

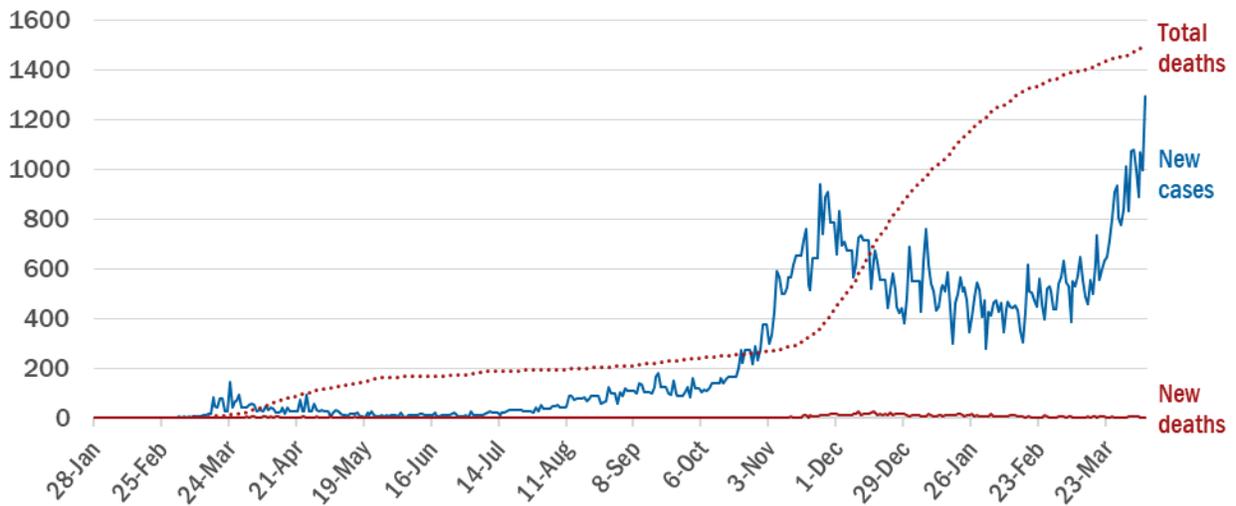
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA³

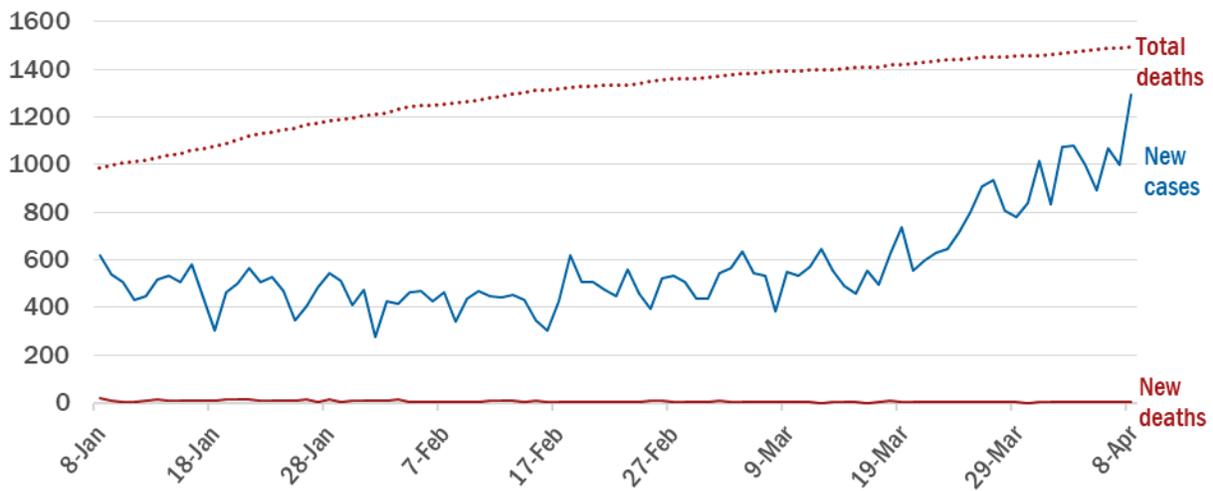
	As of Apr 06	As of Apr 07	Change
Total confirmed cases	25,174	25,285	111
Total active cases	635	631	-4
Currently hospitalized	1,134	1,146	12
Total deaths	290	292	2
Total recovered	24,249	24,362	113
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,864	2,865	1

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



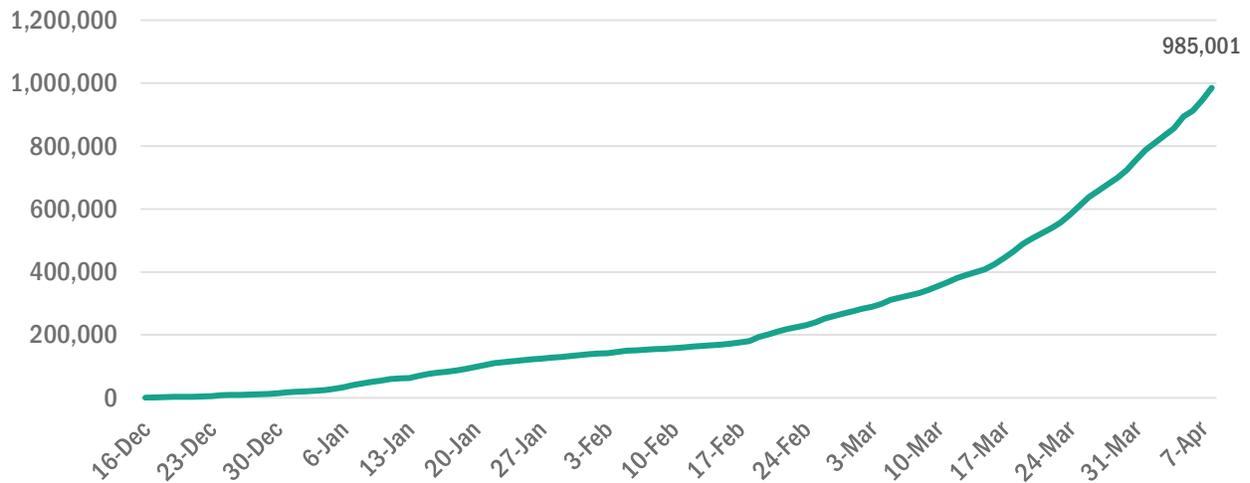
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

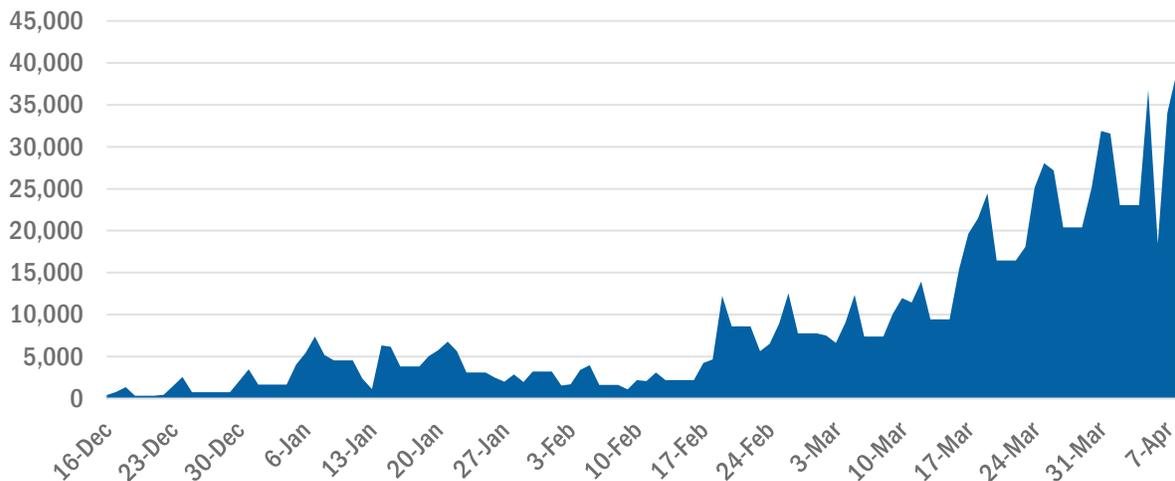
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁵
	Today	Total					
BC	38,905	985,001	1,403,510	70.18%	17.44%	87,564	1.70%
Yukon	813	38,782	51,400	75.45%	57.56%	14,507	34.13%
Canada	262,416	7,252,560	10,549,140	68.80%	17.07%	763,727	2.01%

TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED



DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC EACH DAY



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

⁵ 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, Minister of Health, provided a joint update on the COVID-19 response in the province:^{6,7}
 - Regarding variants of concern in the province:
 - Currently there are 3,776 confirmed variants of concern cases in the province:
 - B.1.1.7 (UK) – 2,842 cases
 - P.1 (Brazil) – 883 cases
 - B.1.351 (South African) – 51 cases
 - 104 are active cases and remaining have recovered.
 - Variants of concerns, such as the B.1.1.7 (UK) and P.1 (Brazil) are likely to overtake and replace the current circulating strain.
 - P.1 variant cases are overrepresented in the 20-29 and 30-39 age group.
 - There is a concerning increase in the number of younger people with COVID-19, much of which has been tied to social gatherings and related clusters.
 - In the 80+ group, there has been a dramatic decrease in hospitalization and death rate thanks to the immunization program.
 - Workplaces continue to be sustained areas of transmission, clusters and outbreaks. A new provincial health officer Expedited Workplace Closure order is being put in place to allow WorkSafeBC inspectors to support the work of public health and to support businesses when a COVID-19 outbreak occurs at the worksite.
 - Starting Monday, when the public health investigation determines that transmission has occurred at the workplace, an order may be issued closing the workplace for 10 days or longer to stop the transmission. In the case of complex workplaces (e.g., large construction sites), the closure may be restricted to those parts of the workplace where transmission has occurred.
 - When a closure is ordered, WorkSafeBC will serve the closure notice and will then support the workplace to review and enhance safety plans, as needed.
 - Public health will also assess whether there is an overriding public interest to keep the workplace open. This would apply to such locations as police stations, fire halls, health-care facilities, schools, shelters, the ferry system, public transportation and distribution hubs of necessary goods such as food and medicine, pharmacies and grocery stores.
- Today, Dr. Nel Wieman, Acting Deputy Chief Medical Officer for First Nations Health Authority released the following message regarding mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic:⁸
 - “First Nations people in BC have been contending with the extra challenges brought on by the pandemic for over a year...From a mental, emotional and spiritual perspective, it has been challenging for each and every one of us for different reasons.”
 - “Two pandemic-related stressors are living with uncertainty and stress about so many things – including the vaccine rollout – and being unable to gather for the social and cultural activities we usually rely on as First Nations people to keep ourselves strong and grounded.”

⁶ Dr. Henry and Minister Dix via live press conference at 3:00 p.m. on Apr. 8, 2021.

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0024-000675>

⁸ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/the-mental-health-pandemic-within-the-covid-19-pandemic>

- “Because of the pandemic, many things have been more out of our control or more unpredictable than usual. If you've been feeling anxious, please know that this is normal. It's very important for our mental health to not suffer in silence but to reach out for help if necessary, and it's our responsibility as community members to check in with others to see how they're doing – even if they're not saying they're having mental health issues. I also want to remind you of the various mental health resources and supports* available to Indigenous people in BC”
- “Like so many other events before it, this pandemic has disrupted our way of life but will not keep us from continuing to rise and thrive. Meanwhile, until we can all physically gather again, please stay connected by phone or computer.”
- “I want to raise my hands to everyone who has put in so much effort this past year and done their best to keep themselves, their families, and their communities safe and strong despite everything.”
- “We are almost there. Although many things may still be out of our control, what we are in control of is following the public health orders and guidance – and thus keeping ourselves and others safe while waiting this out. This can be empowering! Soon, we will be able to gather again and hug all of our loved ones. Keep up the good work!”
- *<https://www.fnha.ca/Documents/FNHA-COVID-19-Mental-Health-and-Cultural-Supports.pdf>
- Today, the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation announced relief funding for hard-hit businesses in the province:⁹
 - The government will provide more than \$50 million to help restaurants, bars, breweries, wineries, gyms, and fitness centres affected by the March 30, 2021 provincial health orders.
 - The new Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant will provide affected businesses with up to \$10,000 one-time funding to help with rent, insurance, employee wages, maintenance, and utilities. The grant can also help cover unexpected costs that resulted from the restrictions, such as purchase of perishable goods.
 - The grant is open to eligible businesses of any size that have been in operation since Feb.1, 2021. To ensure quick accessibility, the grant has a streamlined application and is expected to open the week of April 12, 2021.
 - To learn more, including the application process and eligibility, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/business-relief
 - For information on the Small and Medium Sized Business Recovery Grant program: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/economic-recovery/business-recovery-grant>
- Today, the Ministry of Finance announced the opening of applications for a PST rebate for capital investments to support business recovery:¹⁰
 - The provincial sales tax (PST) rebate is intended to encourage businesses to make investments that allow them to grow or adapt and seize the opportunities of a post COVID-19 economy.
 - The rebate allows incorporated businesses to recover 100% of PST on most machinery and equipment purchased between Sept. 17, 2020 and Sept. 30, 2021.
 - An estimated 110,000 incorporated B.C. businesses are eligible for the rebate.

⁹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021JERI0027-000667>

¹⁰ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021FIN0022-000654>

- Online applications are now open. The first window is open until Sept. 20, 2021, followed by a second window after the eligible rebate period (Oct. 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022). Rebate eligibility is based on the Canada Revenue Agency's Capital Cost Allowance classes.
- To apply for the PST rebate on select machinery and equipment, visit:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/sales-taxes/pst/rebate-machinery-equipment>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

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

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Government of Canada officials provided an update on COVID-19 vaccine distribution:¹¹
 - To date, more than 7 million vaccines have been administered in Canada.
 - Among the population 80 years of age or over, 81 percent have received their first dose and 10 percent have received their second.
 - Among those 70-79 years of age, 53 percent have received their first dose and two percent have received their second.
 - Based on the extended vaccine dose interval recommendation from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization, once all eligible populations have been offered their first doses, second doses should be offered as soon as possible.
 - Throughout April and May 2021, approximately one million doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech will be delivered to Canada each week, with a slight increase in June.
 - In the next three months, the government expects over 17 million doses.
 - 590,000 Moderna doses were delivered over the past weekend. The next shipment of 855,000 doses is expected to arrive early next week. The last week of April will see 1.2 million doses arrive in the country.
 - 1.4 million AstraZeneca doses were delivered last Saturday from the U.S. An addition of 317,000 doses arrived this morning in Canada via the COVAX program.

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

¹¹ Dr. Njoo, MGen Fortin, Ms. Paquette via virtual news conference at 9:00 a.m. on Apr. 8th, 2021.