

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 09 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 08	As of Apr 09	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	108,278	109,540	1,262
Total active cases in BC	9,184	9,574	390
Currently in intensive care	101	102	1
Currently hospitalized	336	332	-4
Total hospitalized to date	5,505	5,493	-12*
Total deaths in BC	1,493	1,495	2
Total recovered in BC	97,462	98,336	874

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Apr 08	As of Apr 09	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	108,278	109,540	1,262
Vancouver Coastal Health	26,945	27,303	358
Fraser Health	61,809	62,447	638
Island Health	3,818	3,872	54
Interior Health	9,163	9,295	132
Northern Health	6,363	6,442	79
Out of Canada	180	181	1
Total individuals tested in BC	2,279,811	2,293,054	13,243**

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Apr 08	As of Apr 09	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	6,949	6,954	5
Negative results	6,854	6,864	10
Pending results	21	16	-5

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

**The BCCDC has reported 12,887 new tests, which does not align with the difference in total test numbers (13,243) between April 8th and 9th.

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.

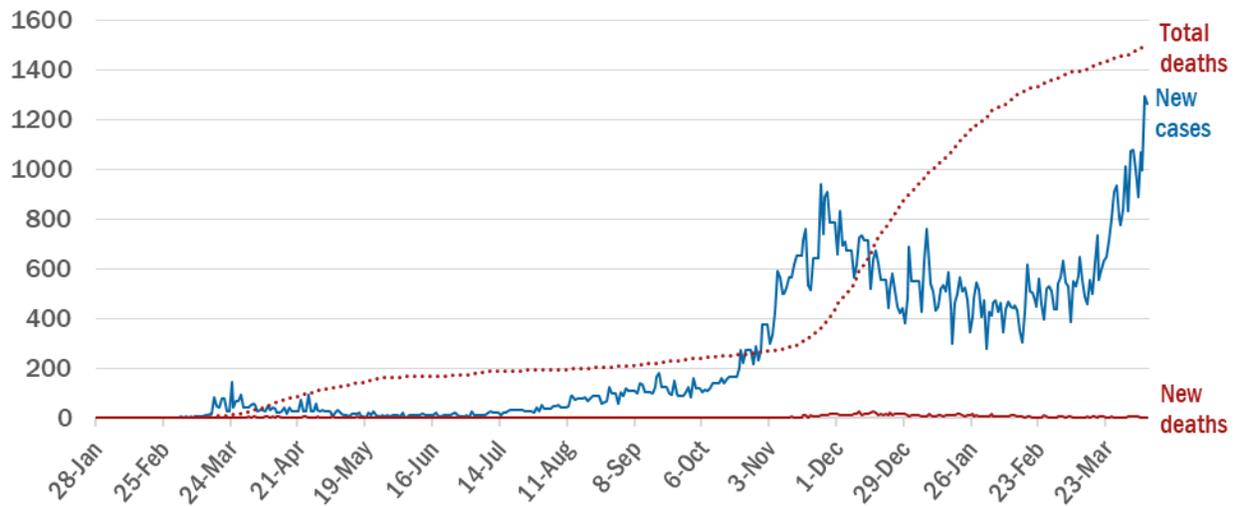
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

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

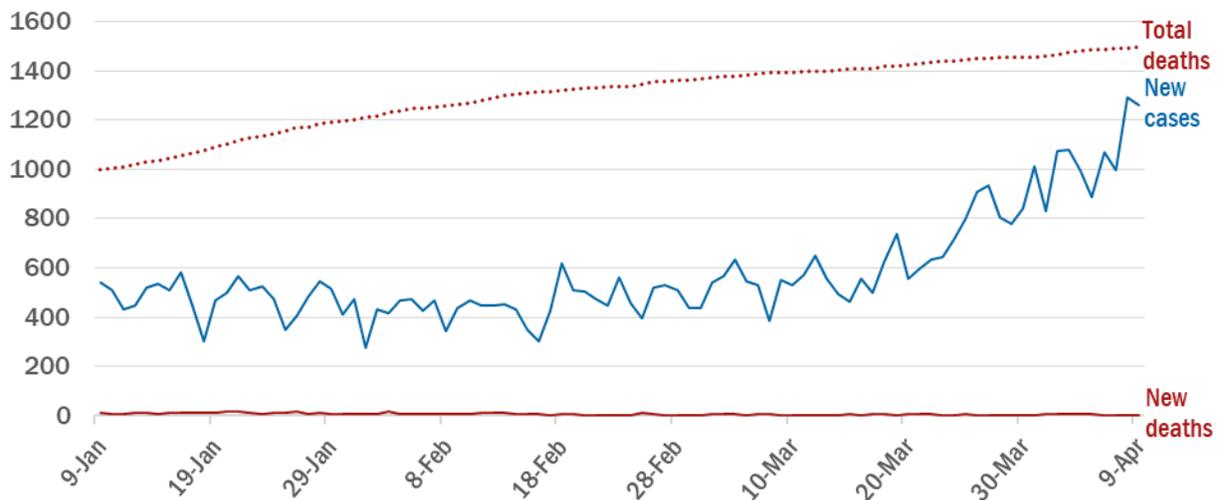
	As of Apr 07	As of Apr 08	Change
Total confirmed cases	25,285	25,393	108
Total active cases	631	629	-2
Currently hospitalized	1,146	1,146	0
Total deaths	292	296	4
Total recovered	24,362	24,468	106
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,865	2,870	5

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



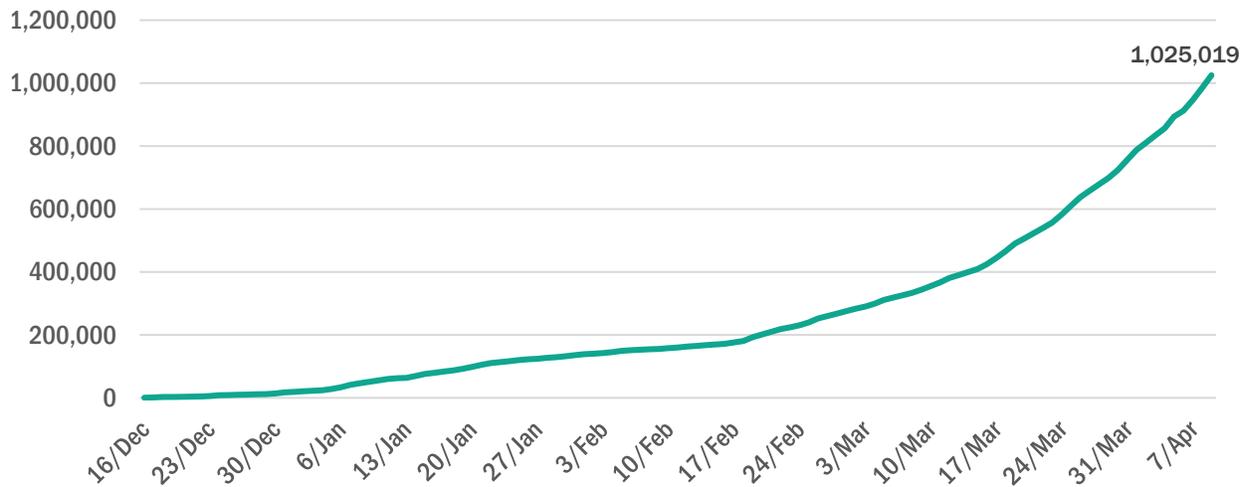
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

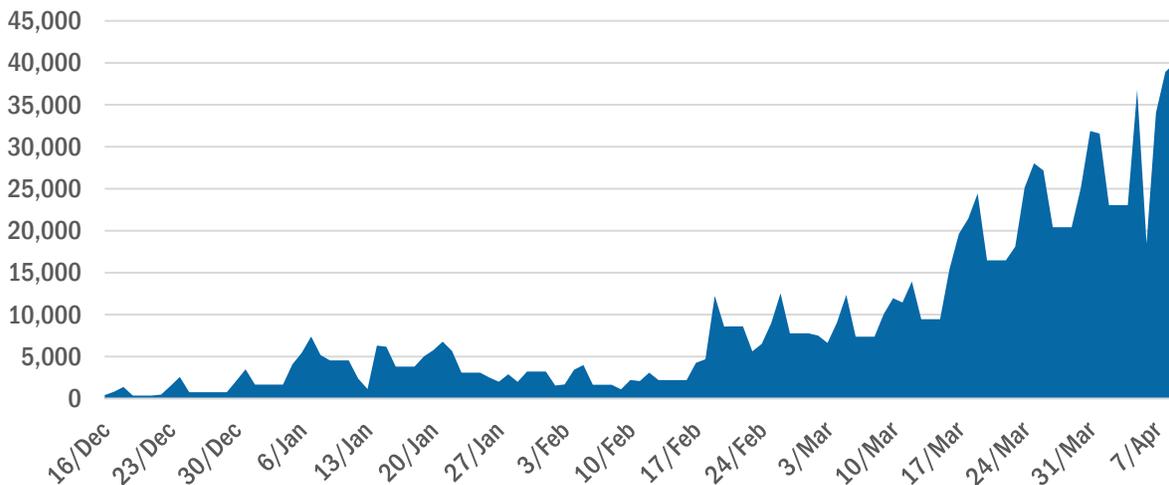
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁵
	Today	Total					
BC	40,018	1,025,019	1,403,510	73.03%	18.22%	87,606	1.70%
Yukon	905	39,687	51,400	77.21%	57.72%	15,343	36.10%
Canada	316,761	7,569,321	10,387,732	72.90%	17.86%	780,400	2.05%

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, released a joint statement on the COVID-19 response in the province.⁶
 - “Over one million doses (1,025,019) of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca-SII COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in B.C., 87,606 of which are second doses. This is a significant milestone for all of us, and we will continue to get vaccines into arms as soon as we can.”
 - “Today, people 65 and older, Indigenous peoples 18 and over, and individuals who have received their ‘clinically extremely vulnerable’ letter may register for their vaccine.”
 - “There are currently 4,111 cases of COVID-19 that are confirmed variants of concern in our province. Of the total cases, 105 are active and the remaining people have recovered. This includes 3,082 cases of the B.1.1.7 (U.K.) variant, 55 cases of the B.1.351 (South Africa) variant and 974 cases of the P.1 (Brazil) variant.”
 - “No matter what our age, or where we may be, our province is not yet protected from COVID-19. This is why we all need to follow all of the public health orders.”
- Today, the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) released the following information in response to questions that have been raised about First Nations being identified as a high priority to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in B.C.:⁷
 - Canada’s National Advisory Committee (NACI) makes recommendations for the use of vaccines currently or newly approved for use in humans in Canada, including the identification of those groups at increased risk for vaccine-preventable diseases for whom vaccination should be targeted.
 - The following factors formed the basis of the NACI recommendations:
 - Racialized and marginalized populations in Canada have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19; Systemic barriers to accessing necessary supportive care for COVID-19 also exist in urban settings related to factors such as poverty, systemic racism and homelessness.
 - The risk of transmission is especially high in remote or isolated First Nations communities where physical distancing and other infection prevention and control measures are challenging and individuals may not be able to exercise sufficient personal actions to adequately protect themselves from infection.
 - Remote or isolated communities may not have ready access to sufficient health care infrastructure; Indigenous people have been identified as a high-risk group and therefore, are a high priority to receive an initial dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Dr. Shannon McDonald, FNHA Acting Chief Medical Officer stated:
 - “It is an unfortunate truth that First Nations communities and Indigenous people are disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 virus.”
 - “This, and other data, is at the core of the need to quickly and efficiently deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to First Nations both in-community, and urban and away from home settings, as quickly as possible.”

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0025-000686>

⁷ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/bc-first-nations-are-a-high-priority-to-receive-covid-19-vaccine>

- Today, the B.C. Government announced emergency assistance funding for students attending post-secondary institutions in northern British Columbia.⁸
 - This non-repayable emergency assistance can be used to help students returning to campuses in 2021 and 2022 with a variety of costs, including living expenses, food, travel, portable computers.
 - Eligible students include those that are enrolled at one of B.C.'s 25 public post-secondary institutions, the Native Education College, or Indigenous institutes.
 - This funding can be accessed through each institute's financial aid office or Indigenous student service centre.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Brendan Hanley, issued a potential COVID-19 exposure notification for the 6:30 p.m. flight from Vancouver to Whitehorse on Tuesday, April 6th.
 - This person was infected with the B.1.1.7 variant and had originally been cleared to travel but based on new information, it was determined that this person was infectious while on the flight.
 - In addition to this public notification, contact tracing with passengers seated in close proximity to the case is underway.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Chan, Chief Public Health Officer, released a statement regarding the AstraZeneca vaccine, which included the following highlights:⁹
 - "This week, Health Canada attended the European Medicines Agency's (EMA) Safety Committee meeting regarding the recent safety signal linked to the AstraZeneca vaccine."
 - "The EMA has reviewed all currently available evidence and considered the risk of hospitalisation and death due to COVID-19 against the very rare occurrence of combined blood clots and low blood platelets, known as Vaccine-Induced Prothrombotic Immune Thrombocytopenia (or VIPIT)."
 - "**Their assessment concluded that** while there is a possible link between the AstraZeneca vaccine and this very rare blood-clotting disorder, **the overall benefits of the vaccine in preventing COVID-19 and its severe outcomes outweigh the risks of side effects.**"
 - "Last week, Canadian jurisdictions took the precautionary measure to pause the use of AstraZeneca vaccine in people under age 55, and to date no cases of VIPIT have been reported in Canada."
 - "Health Canada will consider the latest evidence presented by the EMA together with information being provided by AstraZeneca, to decide whether any changes are needed to the Canadian product label."
 - "The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) will also review its recommendation in light of any new data in support of provincial and territorial program decisions."

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

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021AEST0029-000672>

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/04/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-april-9-2021.html>