

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 15 April 2021

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Apr 14	As of Apr 15	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	114,870	116,075	1,205
Total active cases in BC	9,821	10,052	231
Currently in intensive care	120	125	5
Currently hospitalized	397	409	12
Total hospitalized to date	5,755	5,817	62
Total deaths in BC	1,521	1,524	3
Total recovered in BC	103,360	104,331	971

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Apr 14	As of Apr 15	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	114,870	116,075	1,205
Vancouver Coastal Health	28,603	28,904	301
Fraser Health	65,548	66,278	730
Island Health	4,146	4,184	38
Interior Health	9,771	9,840	69
Northern Health	6,621	6,687	66
Out of Canada	181	182	1
Total individuals tested in BC	2,348,414	2,361,928	13,514*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Apr 14	As of Apr 15	Change
Total confirmed cases	76	76	0
Total active cases	2	2	0
Total deaths	1	1	0
Total recovered	73	73	0
Total individuals tested	7,000	7,012	12
Negative results	6,889	6,896	7
Pending results	35	40	5

*The BCCDC has reported 13,018 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between April 14th and 15th.

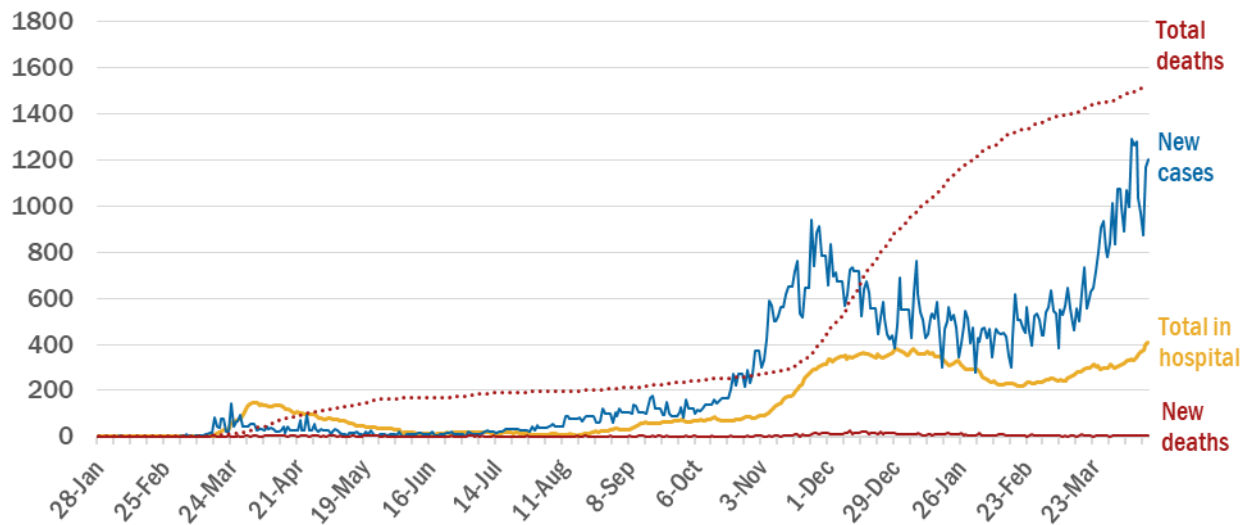
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

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

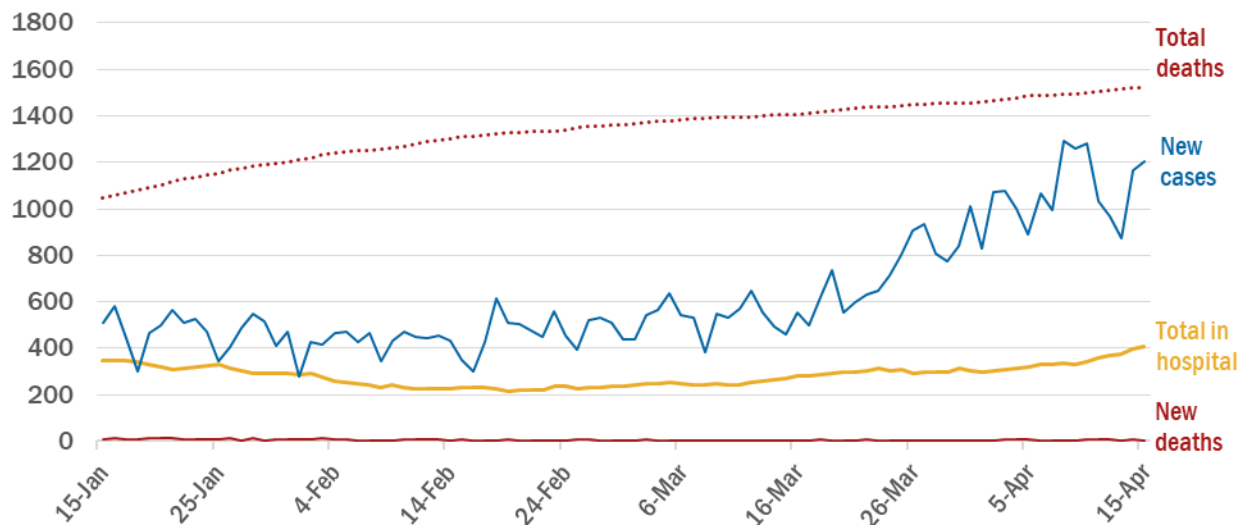
	As of Apr 13	As of Apr 14	Change
Total confirmed cases	25,789	25,839	50
Total active cases	704	638	-66
Currently hospitalized	1,153	1,159	6
Total deaths	299	301	2
Total recovered	24,786	24,900	114
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,900	2,908	86

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



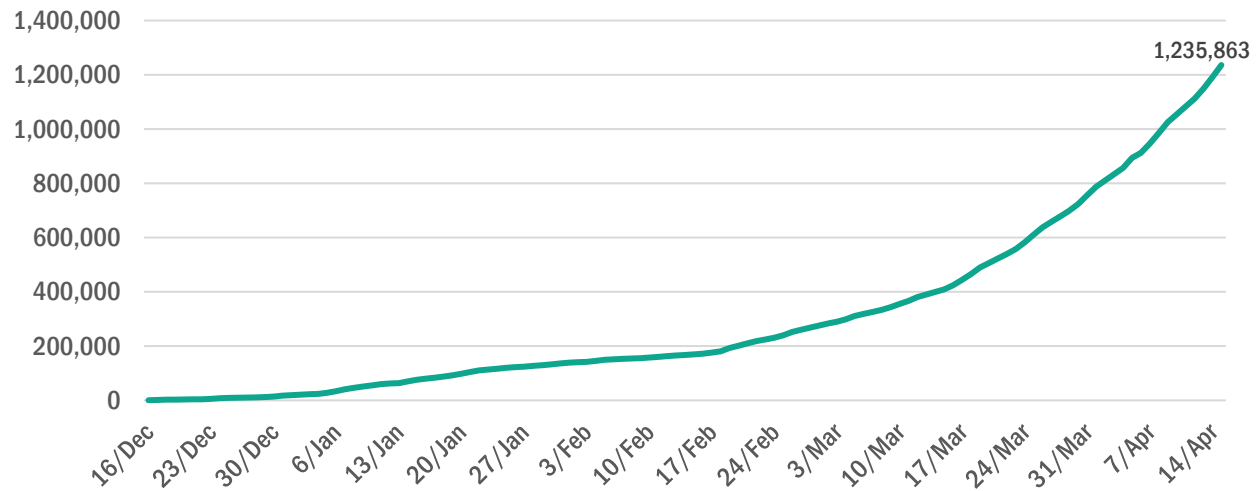
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

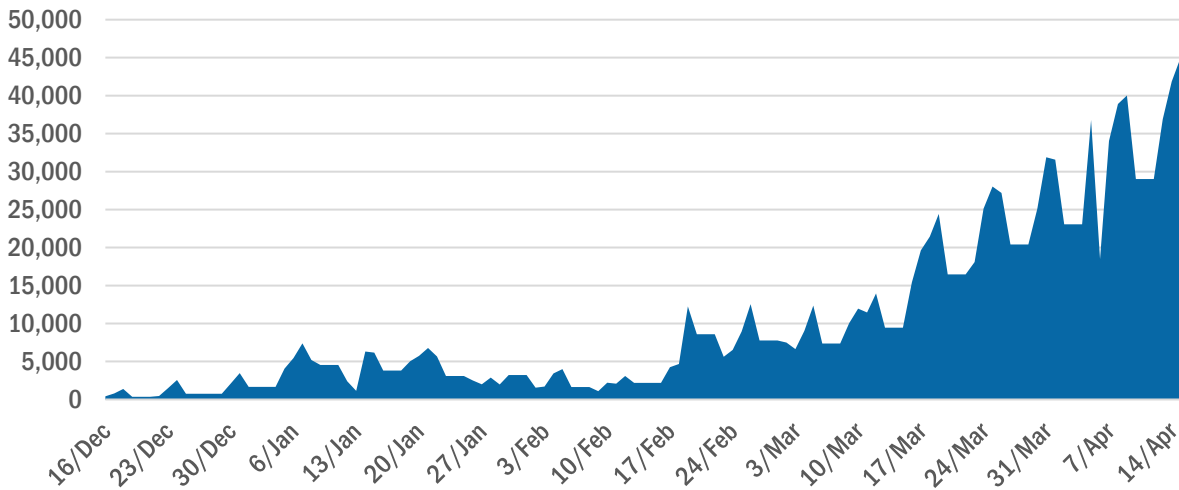
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁵
	Today	Total					
BC	45,031	1,235,863	1,684,870	73.35%	22.31%	87,899	1.71%
Yukon	571	43,428	54,300	79.97%	58.93%	18,576	43.70%
Canada	306,442	9,205,307	12,643,882	72.80%	21.97%	854,586	2.25%

TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED



DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC EACH DAY



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

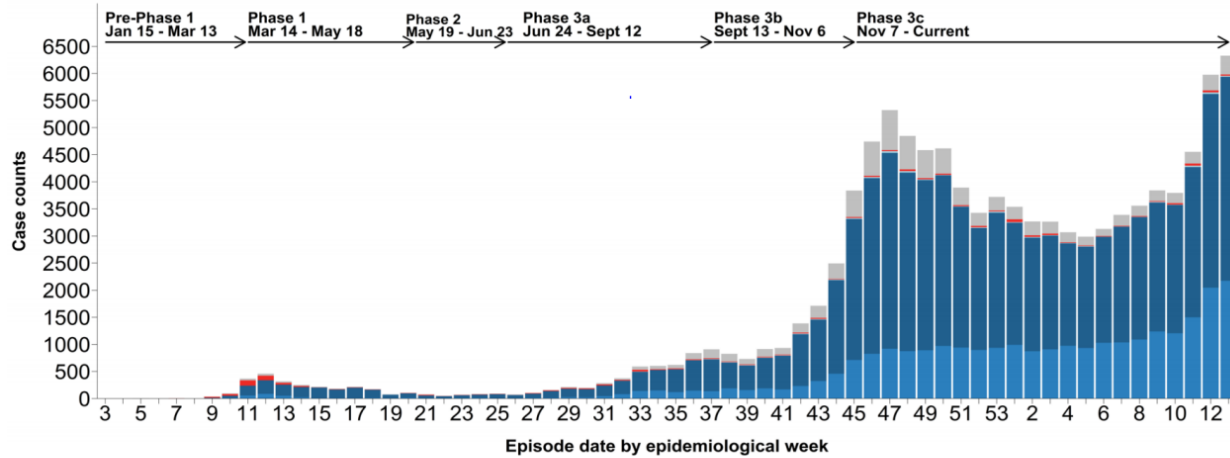
⁵ Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/track-vaccinations-across-canada-1.5870573>

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 ongoing COVID-19 response in B.C. Highlights include the following:⁶
 - “COVID-19 is a virus transmitted by people to people. And as today’s modelling shows, it is being transmitted in communities throughout B.C.”
 - “Despite higher case counts, our province can bend our curve back down. We have done it before and know how to protect ourselves, our families, our workplaces, and our communities.”
 - “Making the effort to have less contact with people outside our household will put us back on the path where we want and need to be. It is a small effort that has a big result.”
 - “The evidence is clear. The vaccines are working and are now providing protection from severe illness and death to many people. Let’s continue on this path and put all of our collective efforts into stopping the spread so we can all put COVID-19 behind us.”
 - For the week that ended April 10th, just under 60% of cases in the province are likely a variant of concern.
 - **Regarding school exposures:**
 - The start of school sessions do not appear to result in significant increases in community transmission of COVID-19 at the provincial level in B.C.
 - COVID-19 cases in schools reflect community transmission, as seen through the increase in community cases during the winter and spring breaks and the associated increase in school-aged children.
 - Most cases of COVID-19 among students and staff are acquired outside of school, in their household or community.
 - **Regarding today’s release of the *COVID-19: April Data Update* by the BCCDC**
 - “Our weekly surveillance summary that's posted on the BCCDC website every Wednesday morning will give us an ongoing look at where we are in terms of variants across the province, and which ones are causing most illness.”
 - The April 15 Data Update can be found at:
<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/modelling-projections>
 - Select items from this update are provided below:

⁶ Via live press conference on April 15, 2021

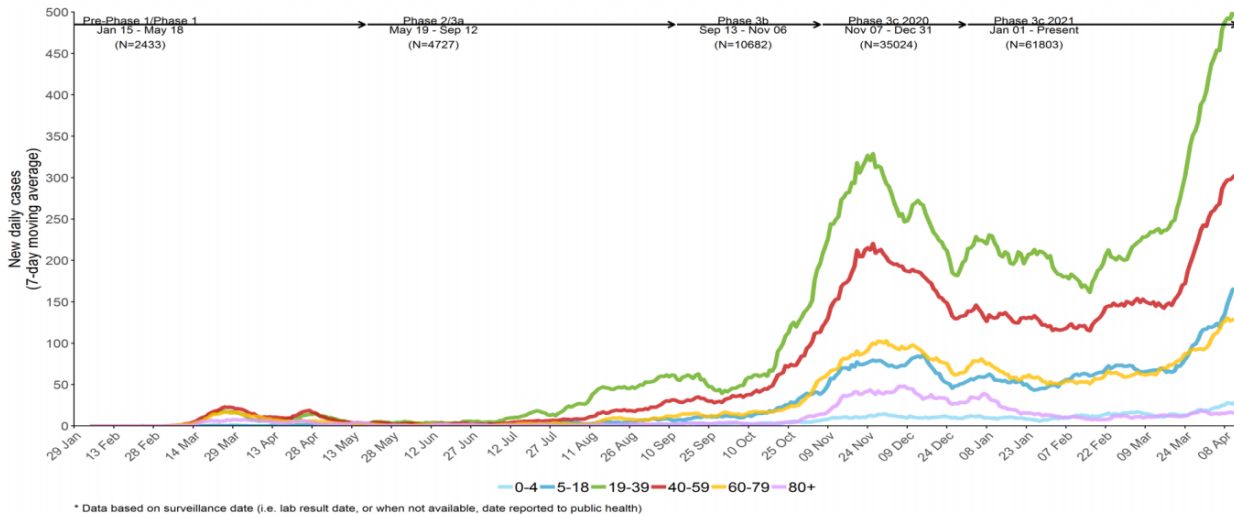
Likely source of COVID-19 infection by episode date – January 15, 2020 to April 3, 2021⁷



■ Domestic - unknown exposure
 ■ Domestic - case/cluster
 ■ International travel
 ■ Pending/missing exposure information

- This graph shows that exposure to COVID-19 continues to be primarily within domestic settings.

Daily case count by age – January 2020 to April 13, 2021 (7-day moving average)⁸



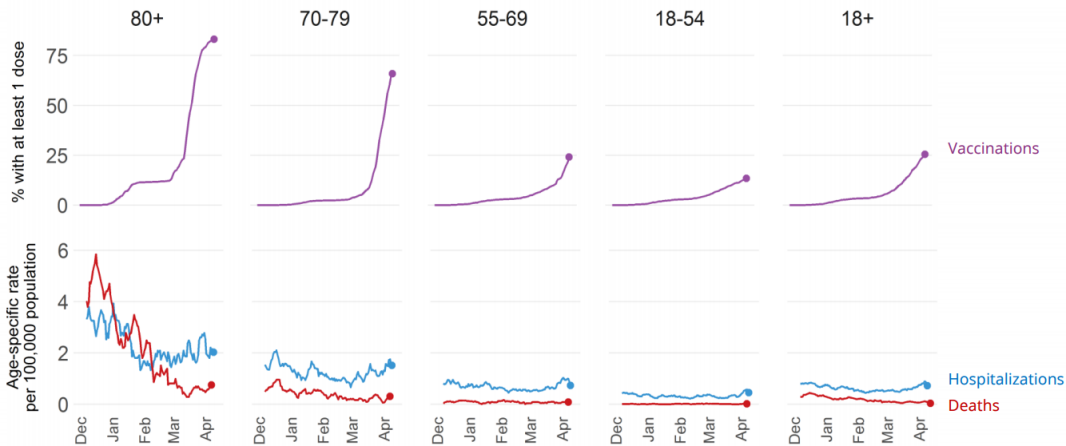
* Data based on surveillance date (i.e. lab result date, or when not available, date reported to public health)

- This graph shows there has been a dramatic increase in the 19-39 year age group, as well as in the 40-59, and 5-18 year age groups.
- The largest and steepest increase has been in younger people both from social connections, but also from work connections, that are then brought home.

⁷ http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19_April_Data_04152021.pdf

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Vaccinations compared to Hospitalizations and Deaths by Age Group – up to April 13, 2021⁹



- This graph shows how protective the vaccination program is against deaths in older people and hospitalizations.
- There has been an increase in hospitalizations of younger people, particularly aged 40-79, which shows the importance of continuing the age-based immunization program.
- Today, the British Columbia Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (BCAAFC), Métis Nation BC (MNBC), the First Nations Health Council (FNHC), the First Nations Health Directors Association (FNHDA), and the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), provided information on why Indigenous people are a higher priority for receiving a COVID-19 vaccine in B.C.¹⁰
 - Richard Jock, FNHA's Chief Executive Officer
 - "From the outset, the vaccine rollout to Indigenous people in BC was based on recommendations from Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization."
 - Dr. Shannon McDonald, FNHA's Acting Chief Medical Officer:
 - "Access to acute care within 2.5 hours was a key element and informed the decision to provide vaccines to remote communities first and work our way inward."
 - "As COVID-19 clusters were identified, the FNHA directed vaccine supply to those affected communities."
 - Charlene Belleau, FNHC Chair:
 - "Systemic racism in health care is the daily, lived experience for First Nations people in BC – creating poor health outcomes for our people with higher rates of diabetes, high blood pressure and other chronic conditions – and higher COVID-19 infection rates."
 - "A shared goal of equal access to health care requires partners to be accountable for a system grounded in cultural humility and safety and free from racism."
- As of March 17, 2021, COVID-19 data in B.C. reveals that:
 - First Nations persons tested positive for COVID-19 at more than double the rate of other residents of B.C.¹¹
 - The median (average) age of hospitalization for First Nations persons with COVID-19 was 11 years younger than the provincial median.

⁹ http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19_April_Data_04152021.pdf

¹⁰ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/indigenous-people-are-a-high-priority-to-receive-covid-19-vaccinations>

¹¹ Provincial Laboratory Information Services data as of March 17, 2021

- The median age of ICU admissions for First Nations persons was 6 years younger than the provincial median.
- The median age of death for First Nations persons who died from COVID-19 was 18 years younger than the provincial median.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

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

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, released a statement regarding COVID-19 in Canada. Highlights include the following:¹²
 - “This year, we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the discovery of insulin at the University of Toronto... As the world continues to focus on the COVID-19 response, we must not lose sight of other important health and wellness concerns, including the impact of diabetes on Canadians.”
 - “In fact, those who experience social and economic inequities face a higher risk of developing diabetes and other chronic diseases, which puts them at greater risk of severe illness from COVID-19. This is why equity matters and we must do more to support communities disproportionately affected by chronic diseases and COVID-19.”
 - “At the same time, it is also more important than ever to reduce your risk of diabetes by being physically active, eating well, and not smoking. With Spring upon us, take this opportunity to get outside and be active, while still following local public health advice and maintaining individual public health practices!”
- Today, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) announced a plan to accelerate caregiver application processing which has been greatly disrupted due to the pandemic.¹³
 - The COVID-19 pandemic has posed significant challenges for application processing, particularly for paper-based applications.
 - As part of this plan, IRCC will:
 - Finalize permanent residence applications for up to 6,000 caregivers who have completed their in-Canada work experience and their immediate family members, by December 31, 2021
 - Make at least 1,500 first-stage decisions on applications for the Home Child Care Provider and Home Support Worker pilots by June 30, 2021
 - Ensure applicants receive acknowledgement of receipt letters by May 31, 2021
 - Prioritization of these decisions will allow more caregiver work permits to be issued for those who have valid job offers to work for families in Canada.

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

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/04/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-april-15-2021.html>

¹³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2021/04/minister-mendicino-launches-plan-to-accelerate-caregiver-application-processing.html>