

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 16 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 Apr 15</b>	<b>As of Apr 16</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	116,075	117,080	<b>1,005</b>
Total active cases in BC	10,052	10,081	<b>29</b>
Currently in intensive care	125	127	<b>2</b>
Currently hospitalized	409	425	<b>16</b>
Total hospitalized to date	5,817	5,870	<b>53</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,524	1,530	<b>6</b>
Total recovered in BC	104,331	105,291	<b>960</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Apr 15</b>	<b>As of Apr 16</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	116,075	117,080	<b>1,005</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	28,904	29,163	<b>259</b>
Fraser Health	66,278	66,814	<b>536</b>
Island Health	4,184	4,233	<b>49</b>
Interior Health	9,840	9,950	<b>110</b>
Northern Health	6,687	6,738	<b>51</b>
Out of Canada	182	182	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	2,361,928	2,373,826	<b>11,898*</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Apr 15</b>	<b>As of Apr 16</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	76	76	<b>0</b>
Total active cases	2	2	<b>0</b>
Total deaths	1	1	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	73	73	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested	7,012	7,032	<b>20</b>
Negative results	6,896	6,914	<b>18</b>
Pending results	40	42	<b>2</b>

\*The BCCDC has reported 11,718 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

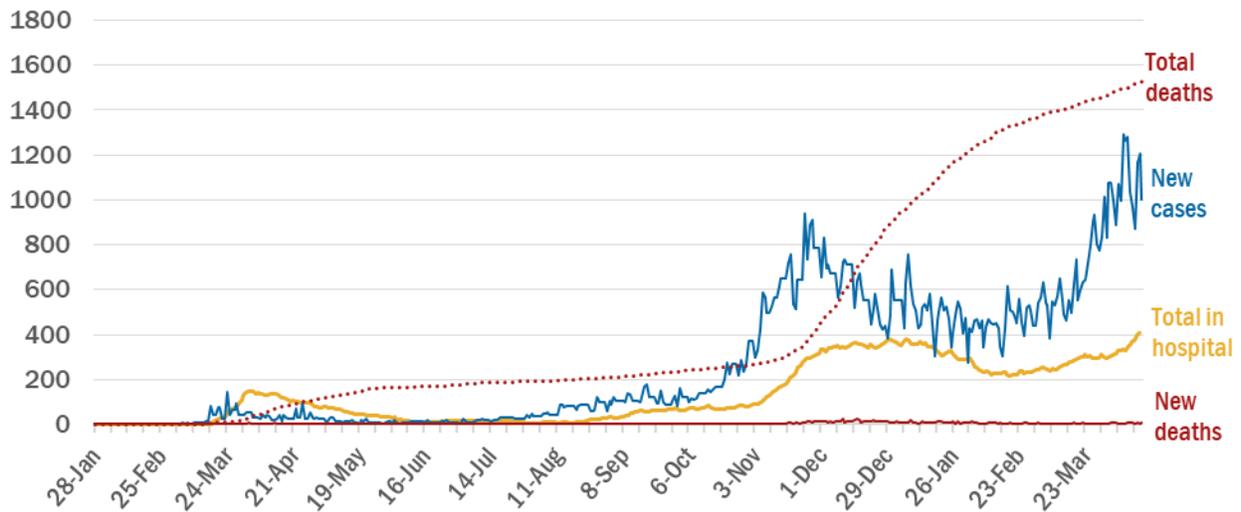
<sup>2</sup> Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE**

**CASES IN CANADA<sup>3</sup>**

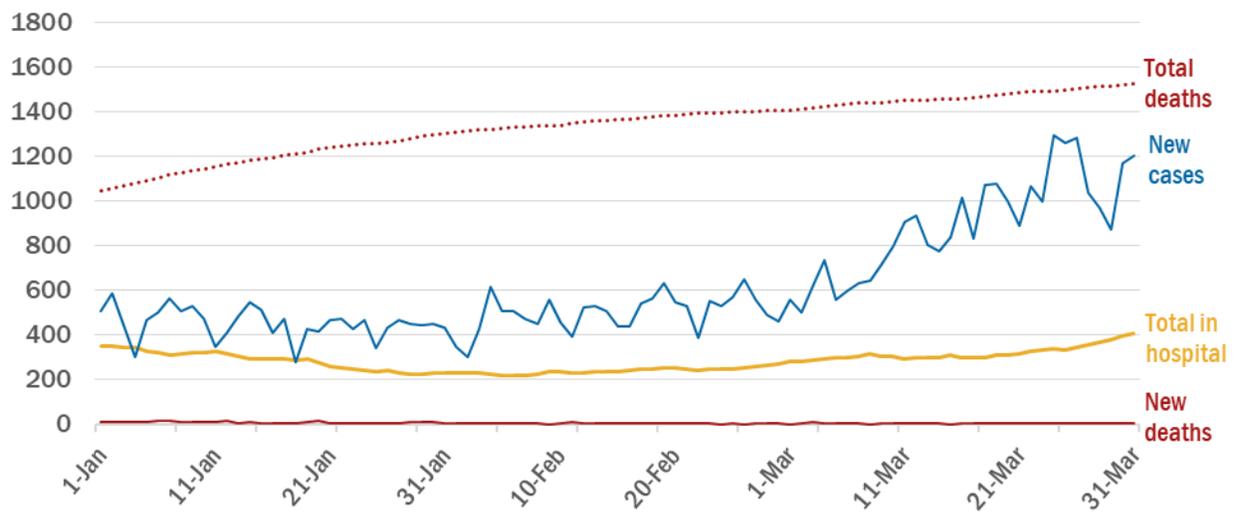
	As of Apr 14	As of Apr 15	Change
Total confirmed cases	25,839	25,923	84
Total active cases	638	643	5
Currently hospitalized	1,159	1,160	1
Total deaths	301	302	1
Total recovered	24,900	24,978	78
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,908	2,915	7

**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**



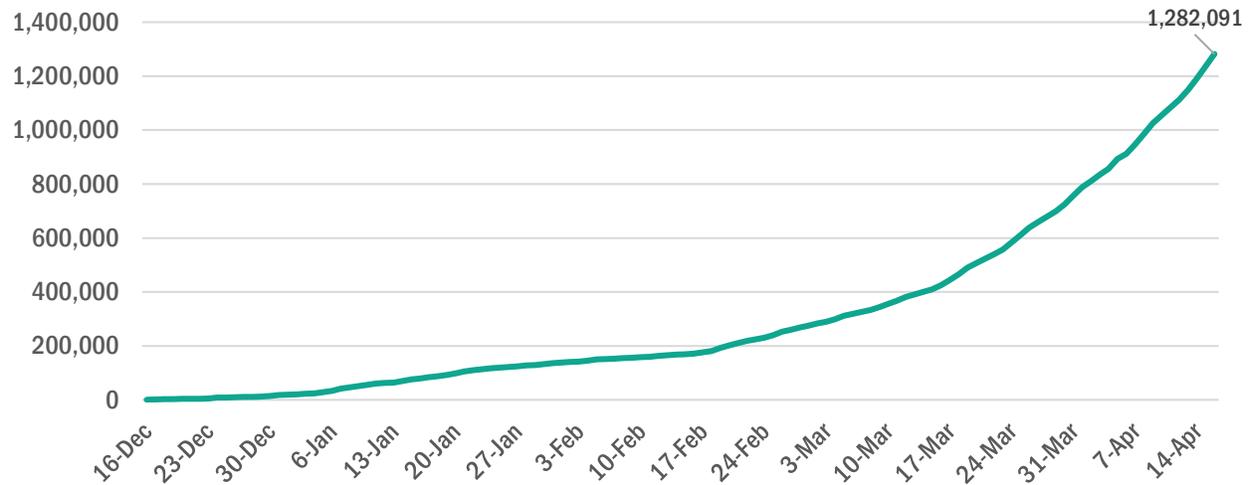
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## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

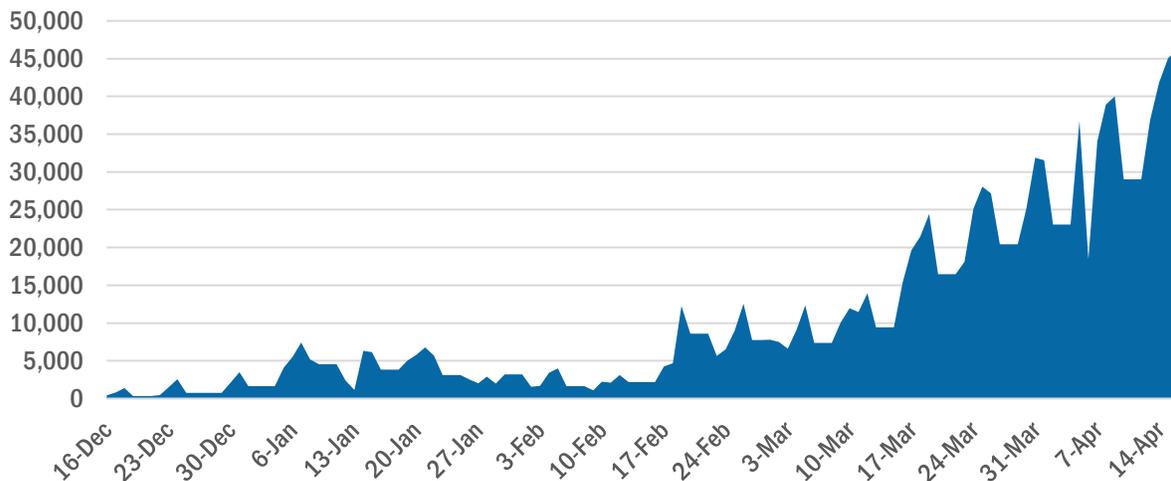
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	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>	46,228	1,282,091	1,684,870	76.09%	23.21%	87,970	1.71%
<b>Yukon</b>	618	44,046	54,300	81.11%	59.09%	18,576	43.70%
<b>Canada</b>	320,425	9,525,732	12,654,010	75.30%	22.74%	884,012	2.33%

### 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, Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, released a statement regarding the vaccine rollout in B.C.<sup>6</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - “The delay in Moderna’s shipments is disappointing. The sooner we get vaccines in people’s arms, the better, and inconsistency in delivery is a consistent problem.”
  - “That said, the federal government has said it will send additional doses of Pfizer in May and June. Right now, Pfizer continues to be the workhorse of B.C.’s age-based vaccination program. It has the most reliable delivery schedule, and we can properly prepare for its arrival.”
  - “For people 55 and up, we encourage them to go to their local pharmacy and get vaccinated with AstraZeneca as soon as they can.”
  - “While our ability to offer vaccine doses to people in B.C. depends on supply distributed by the federal government, as well as consistent and regular delivery of allocated doses by vaccine suppliers, the provincial and federal governments’ logistics teams are working closely together and are routinely providing important feedback to improve the process.”
- Today, the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) shared a message from Dr. Shannon McDonald, Acting Chief Medical Officer, regarding protective measures following vaccinations.<sup>7</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - Approximately 14 to 21 days are needed for the body to build sufficient immunity against infection following immunization.
  - Though vaccines are a powerful tool against the virus and prevent against approximately 80 percent of infections after one dose, other tools such as protective public health measures are necessary.
  - We expect to see transmission occur in people who have already been vaccinated, especially if we are exposed to viruses circulating around us.
  - While the majority of vaccinated people will not transmit COVID-19, those who do will not become as sick as people who have not been vaccinated.
- Today, the B.C. Government announced \$372,500 in funding to the Resilience B.C. Anti-Racism Network to help organizations combat racism in communities throughout B.C. during COVID-19.<sup>8</sup>
  - This funding will be distributed to thirty-six organizations; each organization will receive a one-time payment of \$5,000, \$7,500, or \$10,000.
  - This funding will enable communities to engage in additional projects that provide anti-racism resources and support.
  - Ravi Saxena, Executive Director, Immigrant and Multicultural Services Society of Prince George, stated:
    - “In response to the recent increases in racist attacks and incidents, this funding increase will help Resilience BC expand our capacity to work with communities to help combat racism.”
    - “Hate has no place in B.C., and every person in British Columbia has a right to feel safe.”

<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0076-000734>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/why-we-must-keep-up-protective-measures-even-after-getting-vaccinated>

<sup>8</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021AG0047-000725>

- Today, the B.C. Government announced an additional \$83 million, over three years, to the B.C. Parks operating and capital budget to promote long-term recovery of community infrastructure from COVID-19.<sup>9</sup>
  - This increase in budget will result in:
    - The establishment of new campsites and expanded trail system.
    - Enhanced accessibility to existing campsites and trail systems.
    - Strengthened management of the park system.
    - Enhancements to backcountry facilities.
  - George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy stated:
    - “The pandemic has brought more people than ever to visit B.C. Parks and investing in our parks helps secure our magnificent natural legacy so more British Columbians can appreciate its beauty. We are also supporting local businesses and the economy by creating employment opportunities through new investments in park infrastructure.”

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY**

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

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

- Today, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) provided a COVID-19 update for Indigenous peoples and communities.<sup>10</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - Over the past week, COVID-19 cases reported in First Nations communities across the country have remained stable, with 643 active cases reported as of April 15, 2021.
  - Over 60% of adults in First Nations communities, Inuit Nunangat, and the territories, have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
  - A number of First Nations communities are taking a strong leadership role to help promote vaccine confidence and provide information on public health initiatives to keep communities safe.
  - Urban vaccine planning continues to be a priority across the country and a number of provinces are offering vaccines to all First Nations, Inuit, and Métis adults, regardless of location of residence, and are acknowledging the importance of culturally safe vaccine spaces.
  - Even with the increasing availability of vaccines, public health measures must continue to be followed.

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<sup>9</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021ENV0027-000723>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/04/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities0.html>

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, made a statement regarding COVID-19 vaccines in Canada:<sup>11</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - “The good news is that vaccines are reducing severe illness, deaths, and outbreaks in high-risk settings and populations that were targeted in our initial phase of vaccinations.”
  - “Though we all need to keep following public health advise and maintain our well-practiced precautions as vaccines rollout further, these benefits are building, and they will be the bridge that takes us all to greater safety and back to the things we have missed so much.”
- Today, Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Minister responsible for Parks Canada, and Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Employment and Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, announced \$12.8 million in funding to Project Learning Tree Canada to create job opportunities for youth in nature conservation.<sup>12</sup>
  - Youth have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and this funding will assist in ensuring an inclusive recovery from COVID-19.

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

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<sup>11</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/04/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-friday-april-16-2021.html>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/parks-canada/news/2021/04/government-of-canadas-youth-employment-and-skills-strategy-employs-youth-in-the-conservation-of-nature-and-forests.html>