

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 19 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 16	As of Apr 19	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	117,080	120,040	2,960*
Total active cases in BC	10,081	9,353	-728
Currently in intensive care	127	138	11
Currently hospitalized	425	441	16
Total hospitalized to date	5,870	6,073	203
Total deaths in BC	1,530	1,538	8
Total recovered in BC	105,291	108,919	3,628
CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Apr 16	As of Apr 19	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	117,080	120,040	2,960*
Vancouver Coastal Health	29,163	29,859	696
Fraser Health	66,814	68,659	1,845
Island Health	4,233	4,341	108
Interior Health	9,950	10,161	211
Northern Health	6,738	6,838	100
Out of Canada	182	182	0
Total individuals tested in BC	2,373,826	2,405,539	31,713
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Apr 16	As of Apr 19	Change
Total confirmed cases	76	77	1
Total active cases	2	3	1
Total deaths	1	1	0
Total recovered	73	73	0
Total individuals tested	7,032	7,050	18
Negative results	6,914	6,969	55
Pending results	42	4	-38

*The BCCDC has reported 1,027 new COVID-19 cases April 17th, 933 April 18th, and 1,000 April 19th (2,960 total).

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

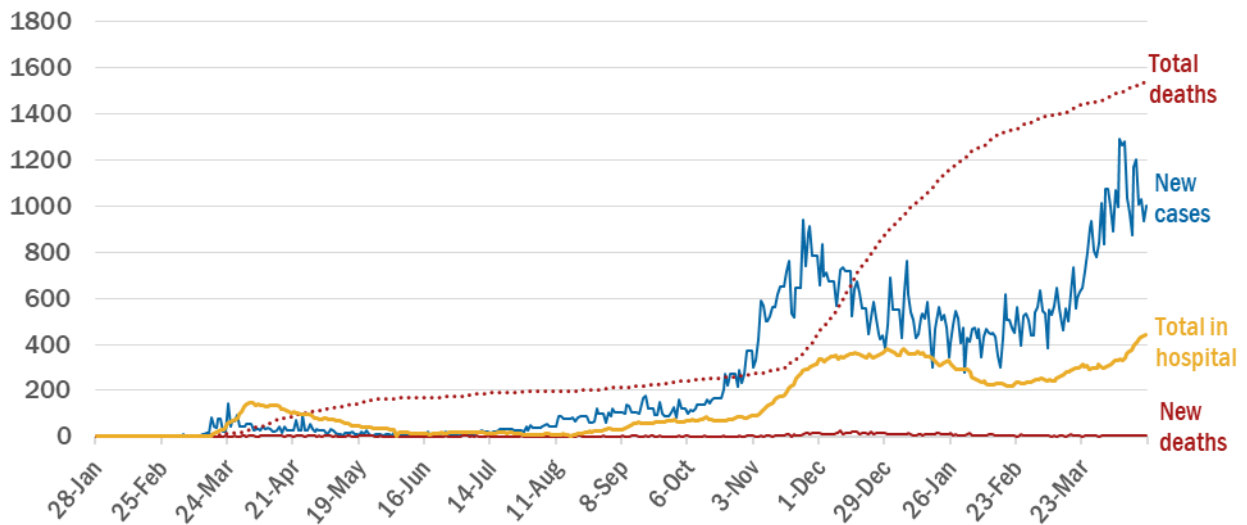
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA³

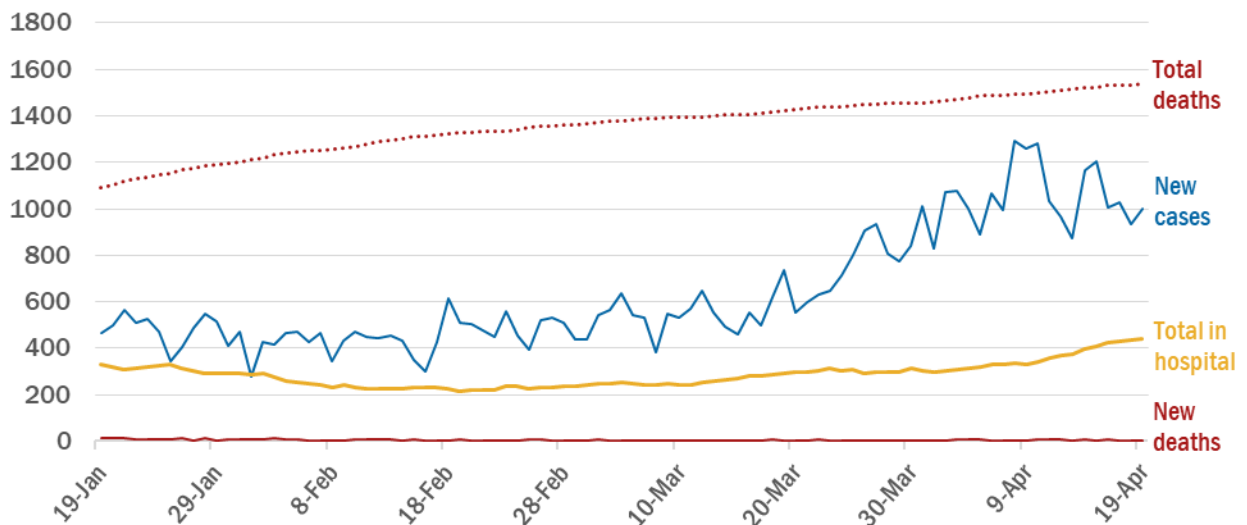
	As of Apr 15	As of Apr 16	Change
Total confirmed cases	25,923	26,016	93
Total active cases	643	682	39
Currently hospitalized	1,160	1,164	4
Total deaths	302	302	0
Total recovered	24,978	25,032	54
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,915	2,923	8

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



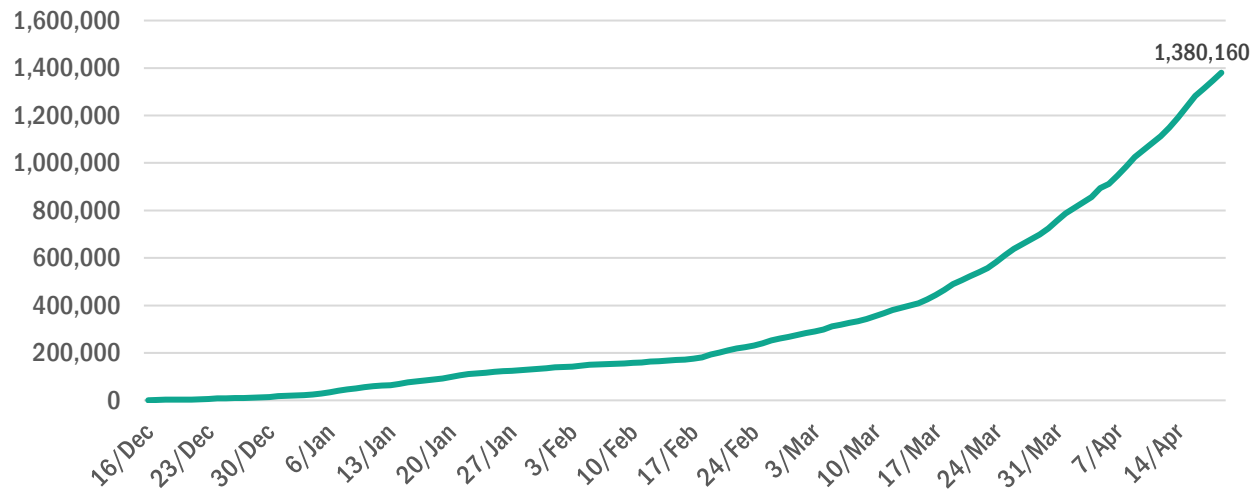
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

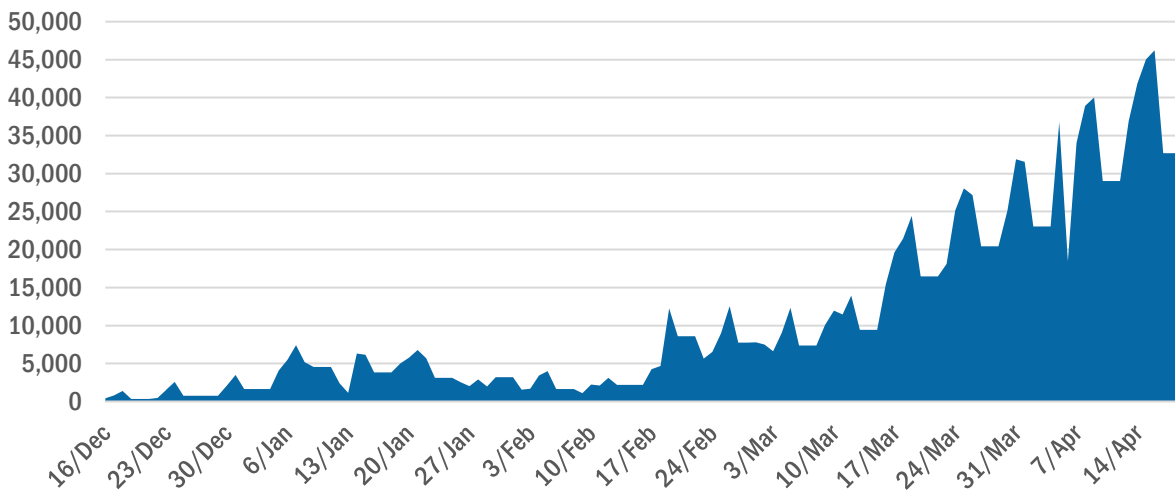
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁵
	Today	Total					
BC	98,069	1,380,160	1,696,370	81.35%	25.11%	88,151	1.71%
Yukon	1,345	45,391	54,300	83.59%	59.43%	20,326	47.82%
Canada	262,792	10,243,418	12,670,210	80.80%	24.50%	933,026	2.45%

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 THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Dr. Brendan Hanley, Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, confirmed one new case of COVID-19 in Yukon.⁶
 - This case (Case 77) is an adult in rural Yukon, associated with travel within Canada and the individual is self-isolating and recovering at home.
 - Contact tracing is ongoing.
 - **The following public exposure warning was issued for Watson Lake:**
 - Andrea’s Restaurant, Alaska Hwy Truckers Pub and Grill
 - Friday, April 9, 2021 – Breakfast sitting 6 a.m. to 11 a.m.
 - Anyone who was at this location and has symptoms of COVID-19 should get tested, take the online self-assessment, and arrange to get tested either by
 - Calling 867-393-3083 or;
 - Booking a test online <https://book-covid-19-test.service.yukon.ca/en/>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- On April 18th, the Ministry of Health provided an update to B.C.’s vaccine schedule:⁷
 - To preserve system capacity, please wait until your age cohort is eligible to register:
 - **Monday, April 19** – Registration opens for people aged **40 and up**
 - **Tuesday, April 20** – Registration opens for people aged **35 and up**
 - **Wednesday, April 21** – Registration opens for people aged **30 and up**
 - **Thursday, April 22** – Registration opens for people aged **25 and up**
 - **Friday, April 23** – Registration opens for people aged **18 and up**
 - How to register:
 - The fastest way to register is online at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated.html>
 - Through a provincial call centre between 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. (PST) at 1-833-838-2323
 - In person at the nearest Service BC location
 - What you need to register:
 - Your personal health number (found on your CareCard or on the back of your driver’s licence or BC Services Card)
 - Your postal code, first and last name, and date of birth
 - An email address that gets checked regularly or a phone number that can receive text messages
- Today, Premier John Horgan, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.’s Provincial Health Officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, held a live press conference regarding COVID-19 in the province. Highlights include the following:⁸
 - As a result of the current levels of transmission in B.C., the provincial health officer orders that were set to expire today will be extended for a further five weeks, **through to May 24, 2021, at midnight.**
 - This includes the current restrictions on restaurants, pubs, bars, and indoor group fitness activities. The Expedited Workplace Closure order also remains in place.

⁶ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/april-19-2021-one-new-covid-19-case-confirmed>

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0077-000736>

⁸ Live press conference on April 19th, 2021

- The current restrictions in place can be found here:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions>
- “This final stretch of the pandemic will be the most challenging of all of the many, many, many months that we've been working together to reduce the impact on real people to keep people alive, to keep people safe. We have to make sure we do our very best over the next number of weeks to get to the end of the pandemic.”
- “So, when it comes to travel, Dr. Henry has been saying for months and months and months – stay in your territory, stay in your community... in order to protect the loved ones that all hold so dear and to keep the strain off of our public health care system.”
- **Regarding non-essential travel within the province:**
 - On Friday, April 23rd Minister Mike Farnsworth will issue orders under the Emergency Program Act to restrict people's ability to leave their health authority for non-essential travel.
 - This will be enforced through random audits, such as roadside stops.
 - There will be a fine for those traveling outside of their area without a legitimate reason.
 - “[The Province] will be consulting with the BIPOC community to make sure that we bring forward these restrictions in a way that does not give anyone fear that there will be additional repercussions. This is about travel. There will be no additional authority given to the police. This will be a random audit to ensure people are following the guidelines.”
 - BC Ferries will stop accepting bookings for recreational vehicles and will be contacting passengers to ensure travel is essential and not leisure.
 - New border signs will be put in place along the B.C.- Alberta border, reminding travelers that they should only be entering B.C. for essential business purposes.
 - The Province has been working with the tourism industry to ensure non-essential accommodation cannot be booked by those residing outside of B.C.
- **Regarding B.C.'s Vaccination Strategy:**
 - The Province is on track for 1 dose being available for all B.C. residents by July 1st
 - The federal government has given a commitment to provide enough additional doses to B.C. to allow everyone access to dose 1 by the end of June.
 - The federal government has also given a commitment that dose 2 will be available for all Canadians by September 2021.
 - 100% of long-term care and alternate living sites have been offered vaccine, with over 90% uptake from residents and staff
- **AstraZeneca Update:**
 - As of April 14th, 114,171 doses have been administered
 - Approximately 88,000 remain in the system
 - B.C. has immediate access to an additional 75,000 doses from the USA, providing an opportunity to advance the vaccination schedule.
 - Based on the increased risk of hospitalization in high-risk communities, starting later this week, B.C. will setup targeted AstraZeneca clinics directed at individuals in communities aged 40+.
- All current guidelines and orders will remain in place, and it is critical for all British Columbians to focus on following them.

- Reduce in-person social interactions, and stay with the same few contacts
- Stay within your health authority region, and as much as possible your local community
- Today, the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation provided a statement regarding 24 projects from all over B.C. which have received funding through StrongerBC to help strengthen the province's manufacturing supply chains in the face of global supply interruptions.⁹
 - The funding is provided through the Supply Chain Resiliency Grant Program and has awarded one-time funding of up to \$400,000 to organizations.
 - One example of projects include the Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a Society is teaming up with the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and Ecotrust Canada to develop a food distribution network in northwestern B.C.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today and over the weekend, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, provided statements regarding the ongoing federal response to COVID-19 in Canada. Highlights include the following:
 - On April 17th:¹⁰
 - "One year ago, the Government of Canada launched the Wellness Together Canada portal (<https://wellnesstogether.ca/>) to provide free and confidential mental health, substance use, and well-being supports, from self-assessment, information, and practical tools, to peer support and confidential sessions with social workers, psychologists and other professionals."
 - "Wellness Together Canada (WTC) continues to be available for people of all ages, 24 hours, seven days a week and is designed to be used on demand: you get to choose what you need, when you need it."
 - Today, April 19th:¹¹
 - "On this last stretch through the COVID-19 crisis, we can gain strength from good news and focussing on the things we're grateful for. I have been heartened by the many ways Canadians are helping to support their community."
 - "One such example comes to us from the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton, in Ontario. Members of this community have come together to develop the 'Beat the COVID-19 Blues' program, which focusses on supporting individuals who need to self-isolate with healthy and nutritious meals."
 - "And their support does not end there, they have also arranged a program of free online family entertainment, including concerts and virtual cooking classes, to support a sense of community."
 - "Canadians are urged to remain vigilant, continue following local public health advice, and consistently maintain individual practices that keep us and our families safer."

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

⁹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021JERI0030-000730>

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/04/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-april-17-2021.html>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/04/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-april-19-2021.html>