

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 20 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 19	As of Apr 20	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	120,040	120,889	849
Total active cases in BC	9,353	9,145	-208
Currently in intensive care	138	148	10
Currently hospitalized	441	456	15
Total hospitalized to date	6,073	6,091	18
Total deaths in BC	1,538	1,539	1
Total recovered in BC	108,919	109,973	1,054

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Apr 19	As of Apr 20	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	120,040	120,889	849
Vancouver Coastal Health	29,859	30,106	247
Fraser Health	68,659	69,133	474
Island Health	4,341	4,370	29
Interior Health	10,161	10,228	67
Northern Health	6,838	6,869	31
Out of Canada	182	183	1
Total individuals tested in BC	2,405,539	2,414,073	8,534*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Apr 19	As of Apr 20	Change
Total confirmed cases	77	77	0
Total active cases	3	2	-1
Total deaths	1	1	0
Total recovered	73	74	1
Total individuals tested	7,050	7,062	12
Negative results	6,969	6,970	1
Pending results	4	15	11

*The BCCDC has reported 8,453 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between April 19th and April 20th.

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

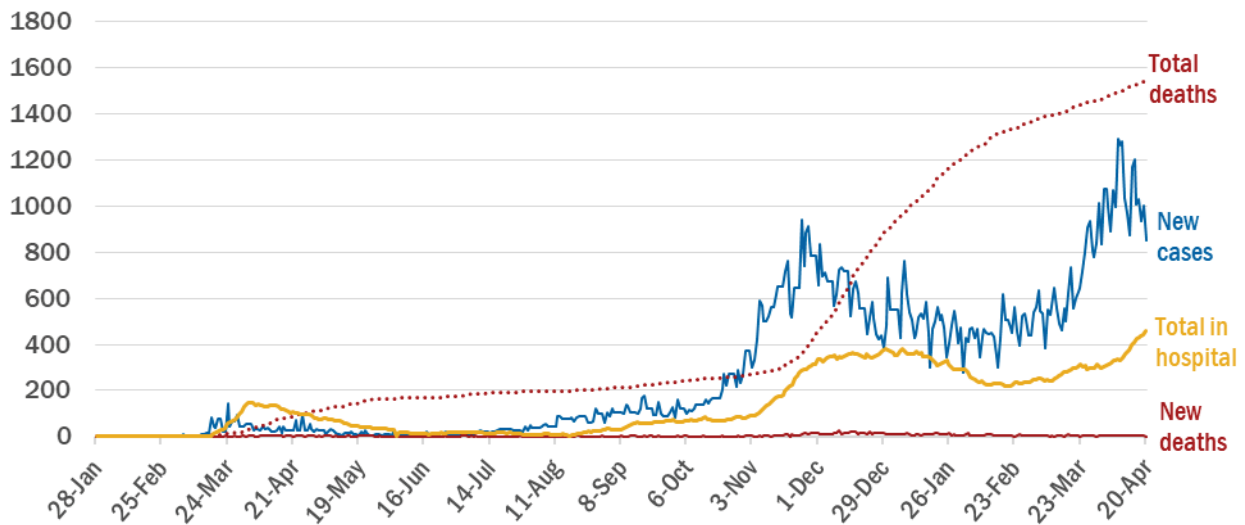
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA³

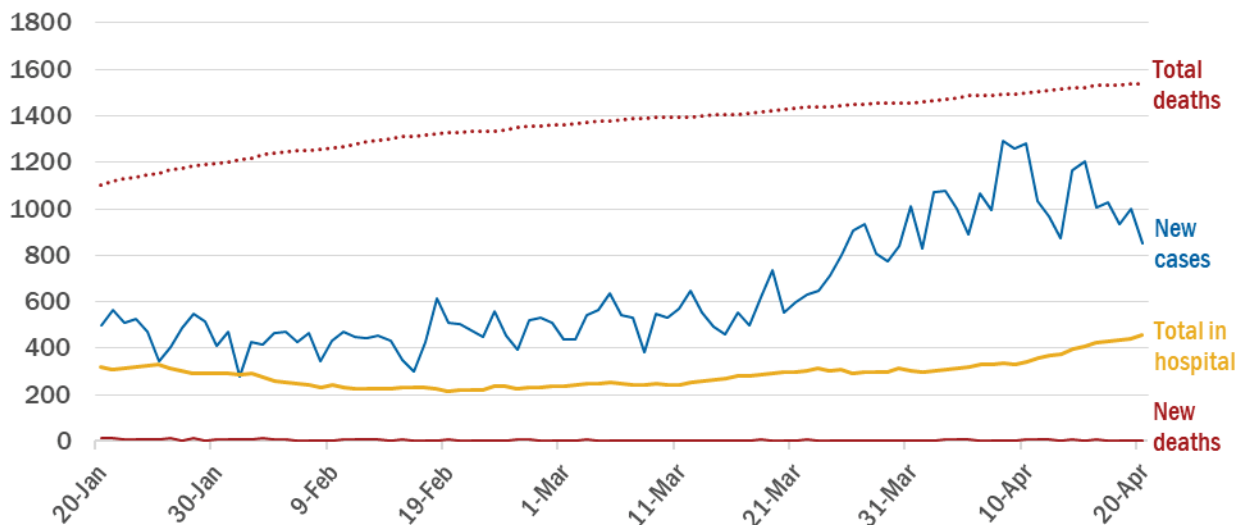
	As of Apr 16	As of Apr 19	Change
Total confirmed cases	26,016	26,239	223
Total active cases	682	736	54
Currently hospitalized	1,164	1,167	3
Total deaths	302	305	3
Total recovered	25,032	25,198	166
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,923	2,938	15

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



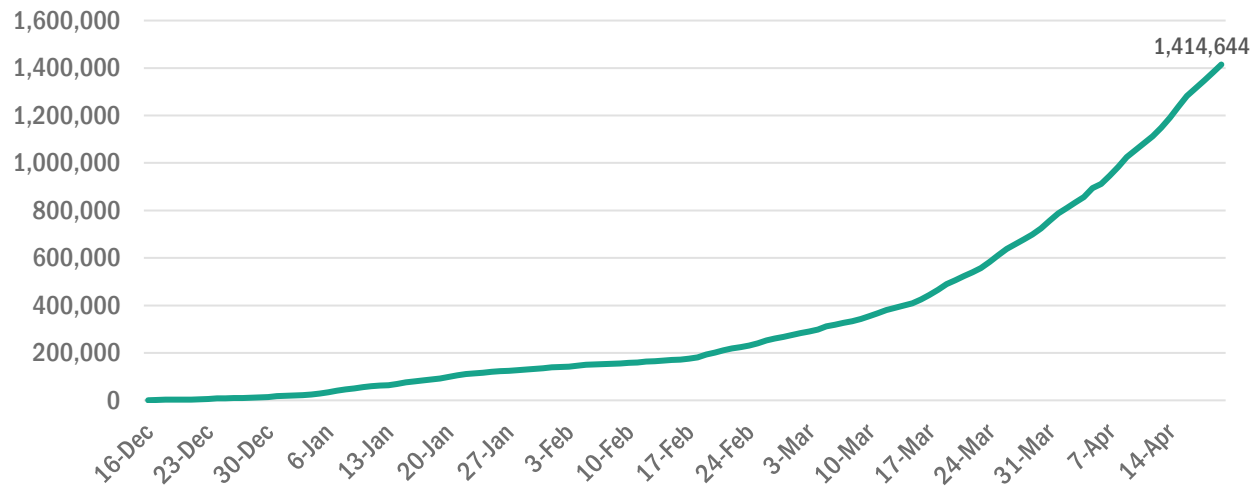
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

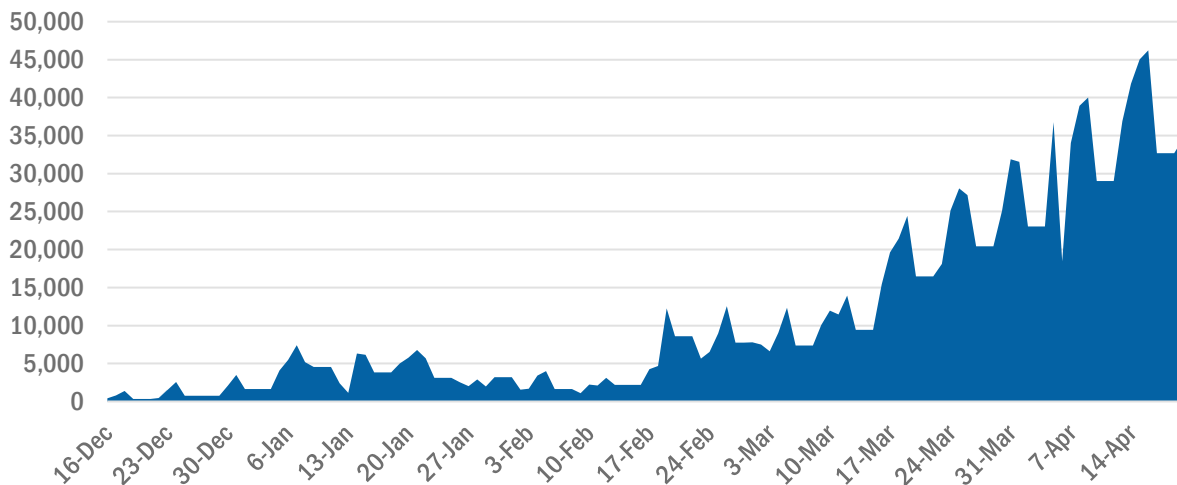
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁵
	Today	Total					
BC	34,484	1,414,644	1,731,470	81.70%	25.78%	88,263	1.72%
Yukon	580	45,971	54,320	84.62%	59.79%	20,755	48.83%
Canada	238,000	10,481,418	13,312,260	78.70%	25.09%	944,885	2.49%

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 statement regarding COVID-19 in the province. Highlights include the following:⁶
 - "People 35 years and older are now eligible to register for a vaccine in our age-based program on the Get Vaccinated website."
 - "In addition to our age-based and worker programs, people aged 40 and up are also now eligible to receive the AstraZeneca vaccine at their local pharmacy or through special clinics in 13 high-risk communities."
 - "At the current rates of transmission, our health-care workers and hospitals are getting pushed to the limits to support the many people with COVID-19 who require care."
 - "We are taking steps to reduce this pressure and we need everyone in B.C. to do the same. Later this week, new orders will be in place to restrict vacation and recreational travel outside of your home health authority."
 - "We also need everyone else to do their part – staying local, in our communities and health regions, and waiting until it is safe to travel once again."
 - "We will get through this pandemic. As we have done before, we will do this by working together. Let's do all we can now so we can enjoy a different summer."
- On April 19th, the Ministry of Health announced a shift in vaccine strategy to include individuals aged 40+ residing in 13 high-transmission communities.⁷
 - People born in 1981 or before (40+) living in the following 13 communities will be invited to book their vaccine appointments at additional community clinics starting this week (April 19-23), following a change in the use of AstraZeneca:
 - Dawson Creek
 - East and West Newton
 - Fleetwood
 - Kensington
 - North Delta
 - North Surrey
 - Panorama
 - Port Coquitlam
 - South Langley Township
 - Squamish
 - West Abbotsford
 - Whalley
 - People living in these communities must register for their vaccine appointments using the Province's Get Vaccinated registration and booking tool and they will be invited to book an appointment on the same day they register.
 - Individuals can register and book online at gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated
 - Only those aged 40+ with eligible postal codes will be able to receive a vaccine through this program.
 - Individuals can confirm whether they live in one of these prioritized communities by entering their postal code here:
gov.bc.ca/neighbourhoodplan

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0026-000745>

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0080-000743>

- Today, Marion Guenther, Clinical Nurse Specialist for Immunizations with First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) provided a statement regarding the importance of staying on track with childhood immunizations during COVID-19.⁸
 - While there are no COVID-19 vaccines currently approved for use in Canada for people under the age of 16, “there are still many vaccine-preventable diseases that we can stop. The pandemics of the past are preventable today by maintaining these regular immunizations.”
 - “Choosing to vaccinate yourself or your child is a personal choice – but it's one that parents make to help lower a child's risk of infection.”
 - ‘A vaccinated child is safer from COVID-19’
 - “What we know about COVID-19 is that although children have been more resistant to transmission of this virus, all human beings – regardless of age – are more vulnerable to disease when the immune system is weakened.”
 - “The last thing we want to do is scare anybody – on the contrary, we want families to make decisions calmly. However, it's important to ensure your child's immunization is up to date to protect them as well as those around them.”
 - ‘It's safe to get your child vaccinated – even during COVID-19’
 - “You may be worried about visiting a health centre or physician's office during COVID-19 for fear of transmission. Rest assured that health centres, health directors, doctors, nurses, and other medical staff have strict health measures in place to ensure the safety of you and your child during visits.”
 - “Please call your nurse practitioner to talk about how to set up an appointment safely.”
- Today, the Ministry of Finance provided an update regarding B.C.'s 2021 budget, which detailed measures intended to help the province recover from the pandemic.^{9, 10}
 - “Budget 2021 focuses on protecting people’s health and livelihoods through the pandemic, while making investments in services, infrastructure, and opportunities to support a strong recovery and a brighter future for everyone.”
 - **Health care investments**
 - \$900 million in new funding for COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, personal protective equipment, and vaccine rollout efforts
 - **New training and employment investments**
 - \$32 million to continue training launched through the StrongerBC Economic Recovery Plan, including:
 - \$17 million to partner with Indigenous communities and organizations to expand access to skills training.
 - \$5 million to expand micro-credential training for people looking to retrain and pursue new careers.
 - \$10 million for work-integrated learning opportunities and short-term skills training.
 - \$45 million for youth employment initiatives, creating 5,000 jobs when combined with StrongerBC Economic Recovery Plan investments.

⁸ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/the-importance-of-staying-on-track-with-childhood-immunizations>

⁹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021FIN0023-000744>

¹⁰ <https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2021/default.htm>

- **Measures for supporting people and businesses**
 - Continuing to fund the BC Recovery Benefit. The benefit provides up to \$1,000 for eligible families and single parents, and up to \$500 for eligible individuals. Budget 2021 continues to fund the BC Recovery Benefit. People can apply until June 30, 2021.
 - Supporting tourism businesses and communities with \$120 million, including grants to help prepare for future visitors through new tourism infrastructure like trails and airport improvements
- For further budget highlights, visit:
https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2021/pdf/2021_Highlights.pdf

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- There are no significant updates from the Government of Yukon today.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- There are no significant updates from the Government of Canada today.

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