

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 23 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 22</b>	<b>As of Apr 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	122,757	123,758	<b>1,001</b>
Total active cases in BC	8,733	8,842	<b>109</b>
Currently in intensive care	161	160	<b>-1</b>
Currently hospitalized	502	486	<b>-16</b>
Total hospitalized to date	6,232	6,281	<b>49</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,550	1,554	<b>4</b>
Total recovered in BC	112,235	113,139	<b>904</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Apr 22</b>	<b>As of Apr 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	122,757	123,758	<b>1,001</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	30,547	30,762	<b>215</b>
Fraser Health	70,290	70,916	<b>626</b>
Island Health	4,432	4,458	<b>26</b>
Interior Health	10,365	10,458	<b>93</b>
Northern Health	6,937	6,976	<b>39</b>
Out of Canada	186	188	<b>2</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	2,434,815	2,445,713	<b>10,898*</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Apr 22</b>	<b>As of Apr 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	80	80	<b>0</b>
Total active cases	4	2	<b>-2</b>
Total deaths	1	1	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	75	77	<b>2</b>
Total individuals tested	7,080	7,091	<b>11</b>
Negative results	6,977	6,988	<b>11</b>
Pending results	23	23	<b>0</b>

\*The BCCDC has reported 10,753 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between April 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

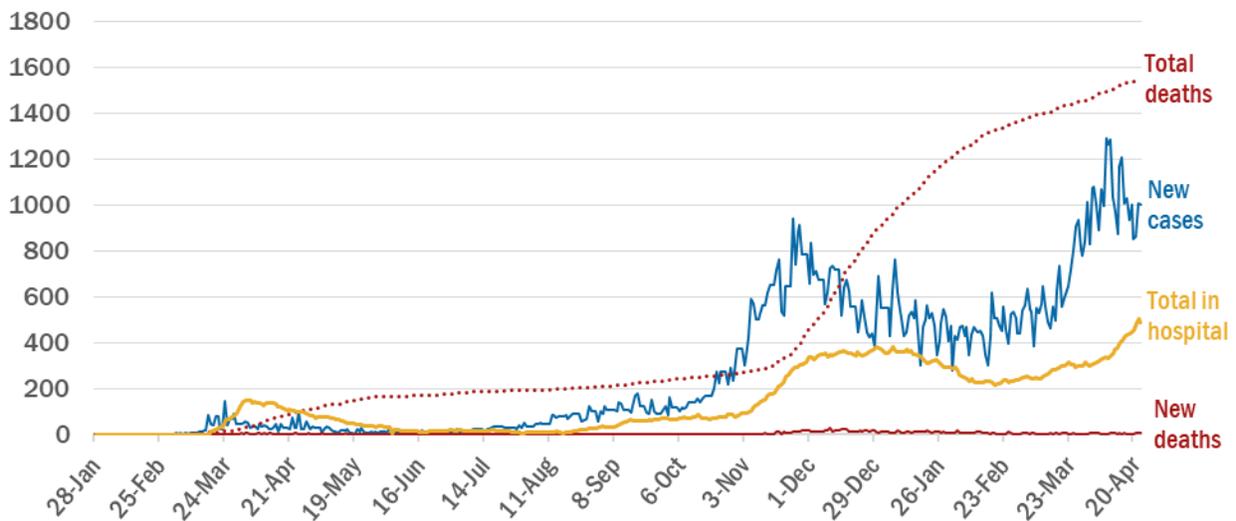
<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE  
CASES IN CANADA<sup>3</sup>**

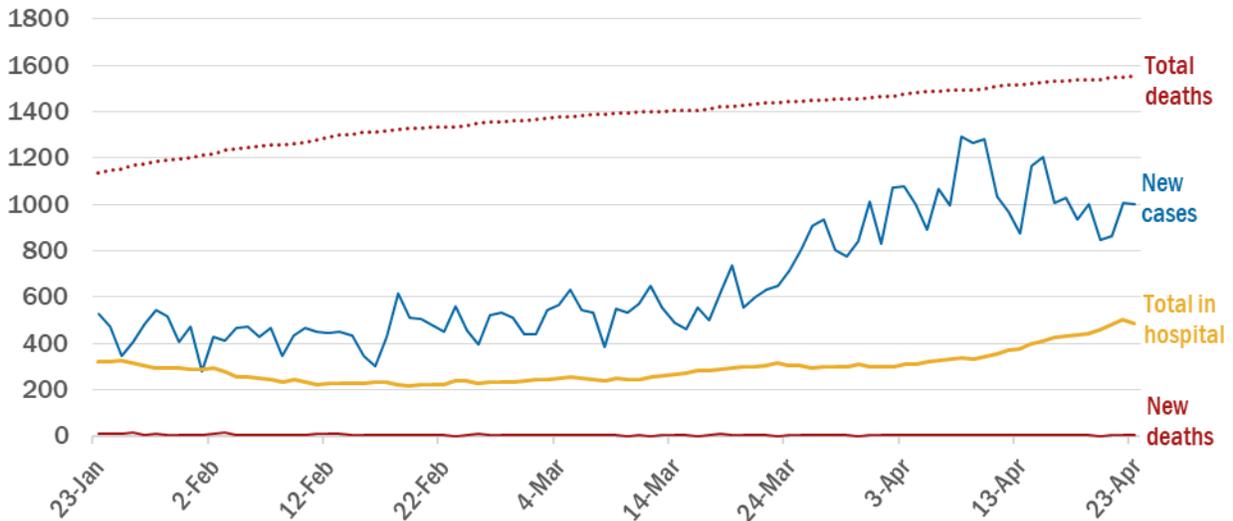
	As of Apr 21	As of Apr 22	Change
Total confirmed cases	26,455	26,539	84
Total active cases	741	719	-22
Currently hospitalized	1,173	1,179	6
Total deaths	306	306	0
Total recovered	25,408	25,514	106
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,949	2,951	2

**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**



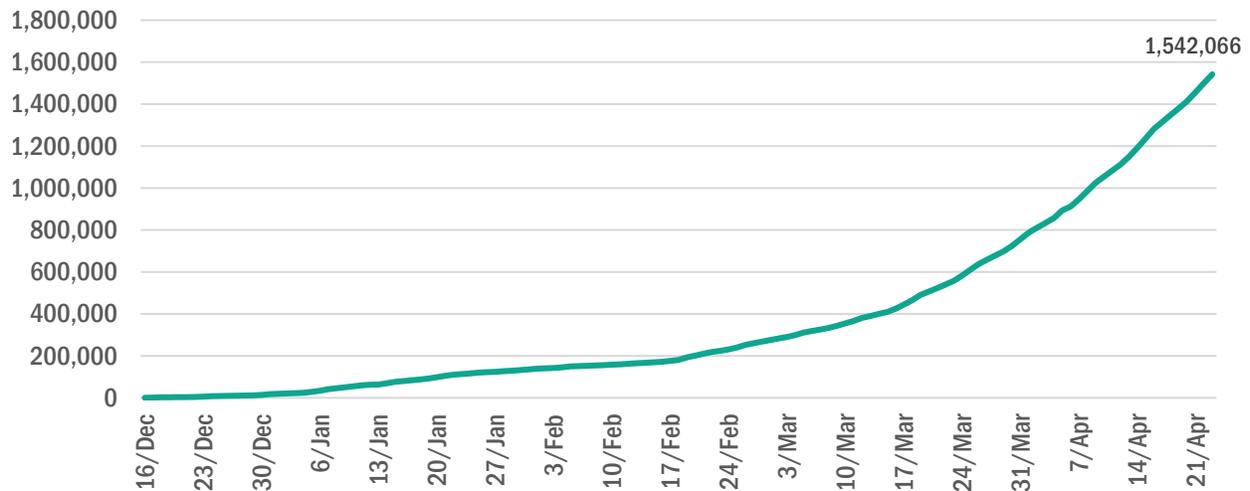
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## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

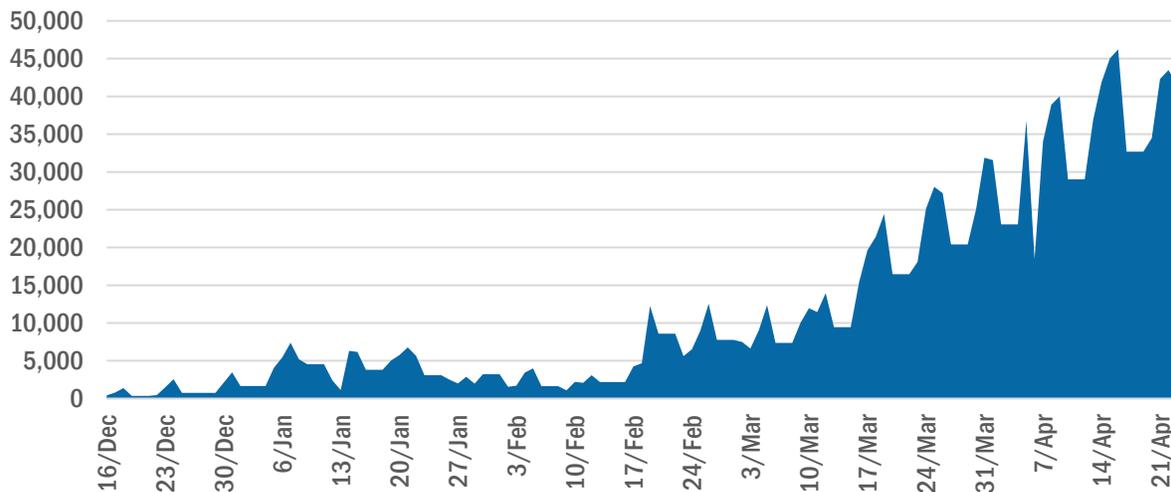
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	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>	41,636	1,542,066	1,834,430	84.06%	28.24%	88,663	1.72%
<b>Yukon</b>	229	46,822	54,320	86.19%	60.37%	21,359	50.25%
<b>Canada</b>	368,302	11,526,938	13,700,694	84.10%	27.71%	993,480	2.61%

### 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, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, announced a new order under the Emergency Program Act, prohibiting non-essential travel between regional health zones within the province of British Columbia:<sup>6,7</sup>
  - This order will be in effect from April 23 through May 25, 2021, until after the May long weekend.
    - It applies to everyone in the province, including non-essential travellers from outside the province.
  - For the purposes of this order, the regional zones are:
    - Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley (Fraser Health and Coastal Health regions)
    - Vancouver Island (Island Health region)
    - Northern/Interior (Interior Health and Northern Health regions, including Bella Coola Valley, the Central Coast, and Hope)
  - “I want to thank the vast majority of British Columbians who are following provincial health orders, such as masking up, avoiding large gatherings, and doing an extraordinary job in fighting Covid-19.”
  - “While I'm disappointed additional measures are necessary, I am taking further action to carry us through the current spike in Covid-19 cases until more of the population can be vaccinated in the coming weeks.”
  - “Covid-19 variants have started to take hold in our communities. These variants are spread much more easily, and each case has a higher chance of infecting more people. And these cases have led to record hospitalizations and a growing strain on our healthcare system.”
  - “While the Province and the Provincial Health Officer have long-asked British Columbians to stay within their own communities, the time has come to formally restrict non-essential travel. That is why, based on the advice of the Provincial Health Officer, I'm restricting non-essential travel into, or out of, all health authority regions in British Columbia effective immediately.”
  - “For all regions, people will be able to travel within the region or combined region in which they reside, but not out of their region or combined region. This order is to ensure that people stop traversing large parts of the province. It will not apply to travel within the defined regions.”
  - “Our message on travel has not changed – do the right thing and stay within the areas that you live.”
  - “The success of these travel restrictions will take the cooperation of all British Columbians. As with previous measures, this is an all-hands-on-deck approach. To help ensure this order is effectively enforced and communicated, the Province is working with:
    - The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure: on highway signage and installing new signage at the border.
    - BC Ferries: on restricting non-essential vehicle passage, deterring non-essential bookings, and limiting sailings.
    - Tourism and accommodation industry leaders: on strongly encouraging all operators and businesses to support the order by declining new bookings from outside their region and canceling their out-of-area bookings.

<sup>6</sup> Via live press conference on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 9:30am PST.

<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0029-000758>

- BC Parks: to inform the public about restrictions and refund bookings where necessary.
- Police departments: on establishing enforcement measures in the coming days.”
- Police departments will conduct periodic roadside checks, at strategic points into and out of the defined regions – at key travel corridors during times associated with leisure travel, near ferry terminals, and on highway corridors that connect different regions of the province.
  - Police will not engage in random checks, and enforcement measures will be informed by discussions with stakeholders on limiting the impacts to racialized communities.
  - If compliance measures are deemed necessary by police, at their discretion a contravention of this Emergency Program Act travel order may be subject to a \$575 fine.
- “The provisions of this order recognize reasonable exemptions to travel restrictions, such as going to work, going to school, the commercial transportation of goods, returning to a principal residence, obtaining health care, and a full list of exemptions is available in the news release, on the Covid-19 website, and in the order itself.”
- More information regarding the travel restrictions, including what is considered “essential travel”, can be found at:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/travel/current>
- Today, Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport; Brenda Baptiste, chair, Indigenous Tourism BC; Walt Judas, CEO, Tourism Industry Association of BC; Ingrid Jarrett, president and CEO, BC Hotel Association; and Richard Porges, interim president and CEO, Destination BC released the following joint statement:<sup>8</sup>
  - “As the number of people with COVID-19 in B.C. continues to rise, we are asking British Columbians to not travel outside their local communities in order to help stop further spread of the virus.”
  - “While the tourism and hospitality sector has done an amazing job implementing rigorous health and safety plans to keep its staff and visitors safe, COVID-19 takes every opportunity to spread. Unnecessary travel is too risky right now.”
  - “Each of us must make difficult decisions in our daily lives to do the right thing. We cannot gather indoors with people outside our immediate households, and we must avoid travel for leisure so we can bend the curve down again.”
  - “The many people and businesses in the tourism and hospitality industry in B.C. need each of us to follow the rules without exception. Their livelihood depends on us all doing our part now so some travel can safely resume this summer and set these businesses on the road to recovery.”
  - “At this time, we must listen to local communities that do not wish to welcome visitors yet. We have heard from many communities that are worried about the virus, its impact on their residents and healthcare services, and have asked people not to visit.”
  - “We must respect the wishes of Indigenous communities and First Nations given the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19. Know before you go is a great resource if you have any questions.”  
<https://www.hellobc.com/know-before-you-go>

<sup>8</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021TACS0027-000760>  
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- Today, the BC Ministry of Health provided an update regarding COVID-19 vaccination registrations and bookings:<sup>9</sup>
  - Individuals aged 60 years and older will now begin to receive invitations to book their COVID-19 vaccine appointment as B.C.'s Get Vaccinated program moves forward.
  - Individuals aged 18 years and older are now able to register for their COVID-19 vaccination as of noon today, Friday, April 23, 2021 in one of three ways:
    - 24/7, online: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register>
    - Through a provincial call centre between 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. PST: 1-833-838-2323 (toll free)
    - In person at the nearest Service BC location

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

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

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

- Today, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) has provided the following COVID-19 update for Indigenous Peoples and communities:<sup>10</sup>
  - “(ISC) is closely monitoring the number of COVID-19 cases reported in First Nations communities across the country.”
  - “As vaccine efforts ramp up, the curve of infections is trending down overall. Since the first doses of the vaccine were administered in First Nations communities over three months ago, there has been a more than 80% reduction in the number of active cases.”
  - “Based on Statistics Canada's 2020 population projections, over 57% of adults in First Nations communities, as well as over 70% of adults living in the territories, have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.”
  - The Federal Budget for 2021 proposes to provide an additional \$1.2 billion in 2021–22 to continue supporting the COVID-19 response in Indigenous communities, including:
    - \$478.1 million to support the ongoing public health response to COVID-19 in Indigenous communities, including: support to hire nurses, help at-risk people isolate and distribute personal protective equipment.
    - \$760.8 million for the Indigenous Community Support Fund to help communities, and urban and off-reserve Indigenous organizations meet the unique needs of their populations during the pandemic.
  - “This funding will help prevent the spread of COVID-19, support elders and vulnerable community members, provide mental health assistance and emergency response services, address food insecurity, and support children.”

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<sup>9</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0029-000757>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/04/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities1.html>

- Today, the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health (CCMOH) provided the following statement on the use of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine across different jurisdictions in Canada:<sup>11</sup>
  - “The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has lowered the age threshold for the AstraZeneca vaccine and has provided jurisdictions with considerations that will help us determine how to achieve the greatest benefits from the use of this vaccine.”
  - “There are no clear risk factors for Vaccine-Induced Immune Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia (VITT); it occurs across a range of ages. However, age is a key factor in the risk of serious complications of COVID-19.”
  - “Given some areas of Canada are experiencing high levels of cases of COVID-19 with increasing hospitalizations and deaths, and there is the potential for surges and outbreaks of COVID-19 accelerated by variants of concern across the country, NACI advises that provinces and territories should adjust the age threshold for the use of AstraZeneca vaccine based on their local epidemiology.”
- Today, Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, announced that Canada has secured COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer for 2022 and 2023, with options to extend into 2024.<sup>12</sup>
  - The agreement guarantees access to 65 million doses of Pfizer-BioNTech’s COVID-19 vaccine, with access to up to 120 million more if all options are exercised.
    - 2022: a guaranteed 35 million doses of vaccine, with options for 30 million more.
    - 2023: a guaranteed 30 million doses of vaccine, with options for 30 million more.
    - 2024 is an option year. If this option is exercised, Canada will have access to another 30 million doses, with further options for an additional 30 million.
  - These doses are in addition to the 48 million doses of Pfizer-BioNTech’s COVID-19 vaccine arriving before the end of September 2021 as part of Canada’s existing agreement.

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

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/04/ccmoh-statement-on-use-of-astrazeneca-covid-19-vaccine.html>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/news/2021/04/government-of-canada-secures-vaccine-supply-beyond-2021.html>