

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 26 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 23</b>	<b>As of Apr 26</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	123,758	126,249	<b>2,491*</b>
Total active cases in BC	8,842	8,199	<b>-643</b>
Currently in intensive care	160	158	<b>-2</b>
Currently hospitalized	486	484	<b>-2</b>
Total hospitalized to date	6,281	6,483	<b>202</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,554	1,571	<b>17</b>
Total recovered in BC	113,139	116,241	<b>3,102</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Apr 23</b>	<b>As of Apr 26</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	123,758	126,249	<b>2,491*</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	30,762	31,228	<b>466</b>
Fraser Health	70,916	72,548	<b>1,632</b>
Island Health	4,458	4,540	<b>82</b>
Interior Health	10,458	10,664	<b>206</b>
Northern Health	6,976	7,080	<b>104</b>
Out of Canada	188	189	<b>1</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	2,445,713	2,475,309	<b>29,596</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Apr 23</b>	<b>As of Apr 26</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	80	81	<b>1</b>
Total active cases	2	0	<b>-2</b>
Total deaths	1	2	<b>1</b>
Total recovered	77	79	<b>2</b>
Total individuals tested	7,091	7,123	<b>32</b>
Negative results	6,988	7,029	<b>41</b>
Pending results	23	13	<b>-10</b>

\*The BCCDC has reported 881 new COVID-19 cases April 24<sup>th</sup>, 847 April 25<sup>th</sup>, and 763 April 26<sup>th</sup> (2,491 total).

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

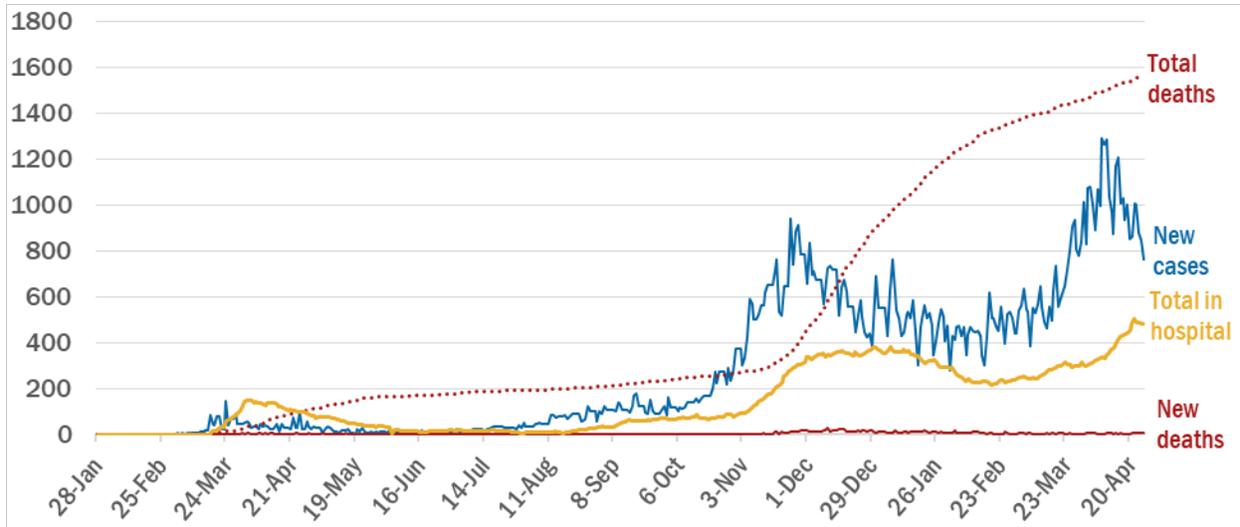
<sup>2</sup> Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE**

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

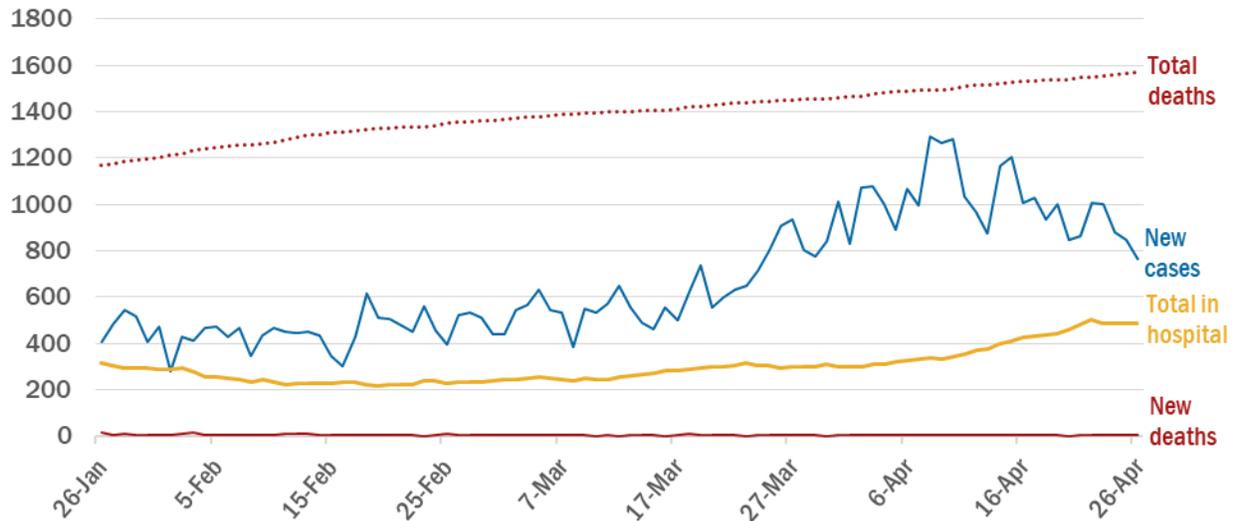
	As of Apr 22	As of Apr 23	Change
Total confirmed cases	26,539	26,678	139
Total active cases	719	810	91
Currently hospitalized	1,179	1,183	4
Total deaths	306	306	0
Total recovered	25,514	25,562	48
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,951	2,951	0

**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**



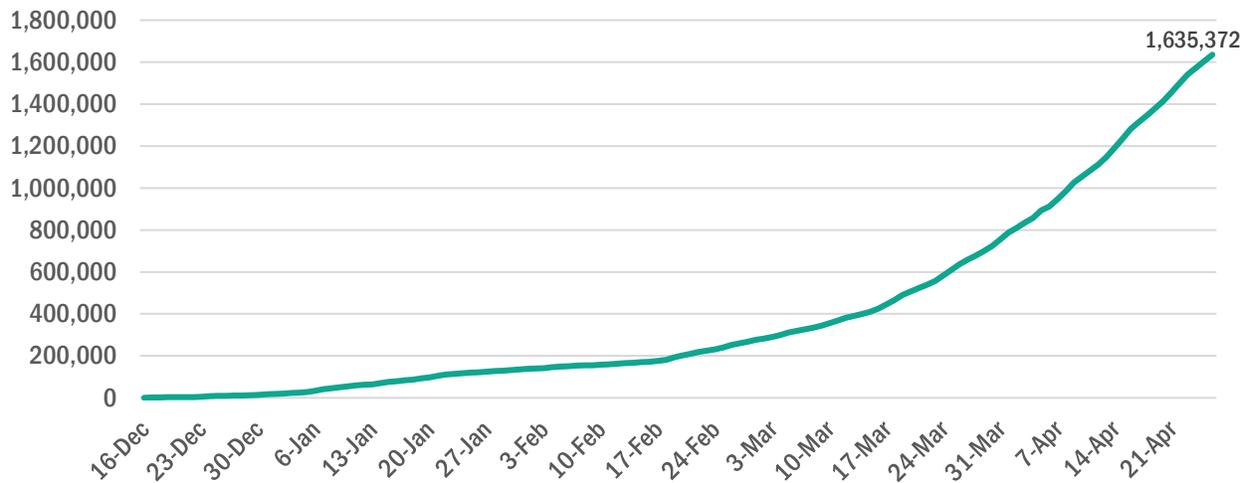
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## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

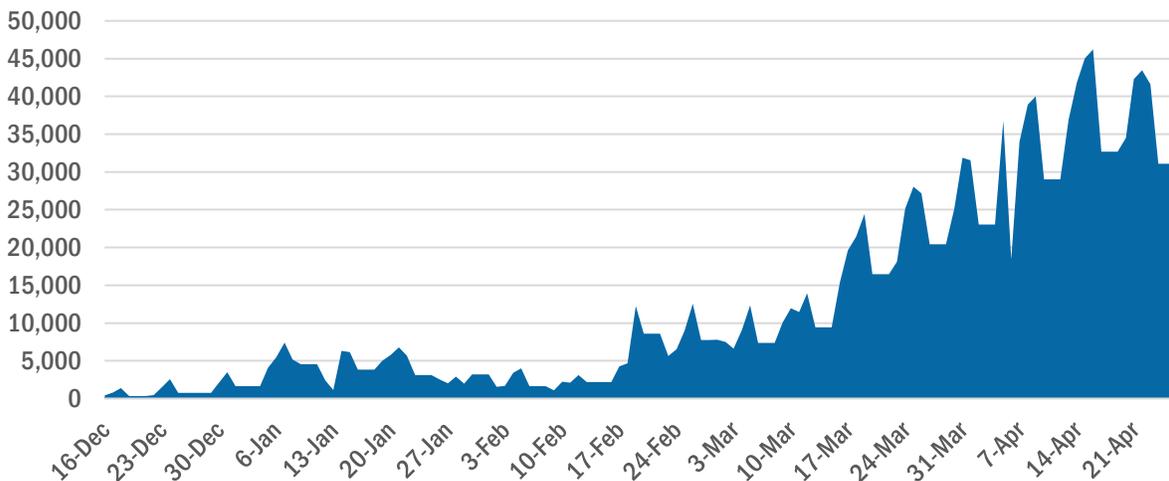
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	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>	93,306	1,635,372	1,834,430	89.14%	30.05%	89,035	1.73%
<b>Yukon</b>	595	47,417	54,320	87.29%	60.72%	21,807	51.30%
<b>Canada</b>	262,744	12,307,785	13,700,694	89.80%	29.69%	993,480	2.70%

### 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, Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, held a live press conference regarding COVID-19 in the province. Highlights include the following:<sup>6</sup>
  - **Regarding concerns over sudden unexpected deaths due to COVID-19:**
    - “There have been some concerns expressed in other parts of the country about people who are dying at home from COVID-19... Here in British Columbia any sudden unexpected deaths are investigated by the Coroner's Office to understand the cause of death.”
    - “The coroner's investigation can take several weeks to months to complete, depending on the complexity of the situation. Should it be determined that COVID-19 was either a direct cause, or one of the underlying factors in the death, the coroner has a process where the families are notified, and the information is reported to Public Health.”
    - Of the deaths that have been investigated by the Coroner's Office since March of last year, a very small number of them have been determined to be due to, or related to, COVID-19.
    - The recent spike in cases in the last few weeks have not been associated with an increase in sudden unexpected deaths related to COVID-19, nor required investigation to determine any links to COVID-19.
  - British Columbians are reminded to call 811 with any concerns regarding symptoms of COVID-19, and 911 for any health emergency, whether related to COVID-19 or not.
    - As well, B.C.'s hospitals and emergency departments are ready, and safe, to receive any emergencies, whether related to COVID or not.
  - **Regarding concerns over the information being collected for recording vaccinations, and the administration of vaccines:**
    - The information collected from individuals is private and is **not** shared with any other agency of part of government.
    - Whether individuals are citizens or residents of B.C., citizens of Canada, or in B.C. on temporary visas, everyone over the age of 18 will be provided a COVID-19 vaccine.
    - “We know that providing vaccine to everybody is what protects us all... It's important for all of us to get immunized when our turn comes up and we can be proud... and be happy when we get our vaccine.”
  - “We encourage everyone to register on the Get Vaccinated website – whether they are getting their vaccine as part of the age-based program, worker program, or at their local pharmacy. Everyone 18 years and older is now eligible to register for their vaccine.”
  - “We all need to stay within our local community and not travelling for recreation or vacation between or within the three regional zones set out in the non-essential travel order.”
  - “Communities – especially smaller communities with limited health-care services – are asking for your support and assistance to slow the spread of COVID-19 by staying away, even if it is to go to a second home.”

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<sup>6</sup> Live press conference on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
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- Today, the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation announced the addition of more than \$75 million to the Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant, to support the businesses impacted by the March 31, 2021, provincial health officer's orders.<sup>7</sup>
  - The grant is open to the restaurants, bars, breweries, wineries, gyms, and fitness facilities as previously identified, as well as hotels, motels, and other short-term accommodations impacted by the April 23 emergency order to restrict travel between B.C.'s regional zones.
    - The grant has been clarified to include high-intensity fitness facilities that were partially or fully closed.
  - The Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant will provide a total investment of \$100 million.
    - Eligible businesses will receive up to \$20,000 to help with expenses like employee wages, rent, maintenance, and utilities. The individual amount a business received will be based on the number of employees.
  - Applications will be accepted until June 4, 2021, or when the funds are disbursed.
    - Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, and applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.
    - Businesses that previously applied for, or received the grant that opened on April 12, 2021, do not need to apply again. They will automatically receive the additional funding.

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

- Today, Dr. Brendan Hanley, Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, has confirmed a second death of a Yukon resident with COVID-19.<sup>8</sup>
  - The person contracted COVID-19 near the time of death and is therefore considered a COVID-19 associated death. This person will be counted as case 81.

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

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, issued the following statement regarding COVID-19 in Canada:<sup>9</sup>
  - "Trends have been discouraging in recent weeks, but there was some good news presented in last week's epidemiology and modelling update. In recent days, following the implementation of restrictions in heavily impacted areas of Canada, the national rate of transmission has finally dipped below 1."
  - "This means that for the first time in many weeks, the epidemic has dropped out of a growth pattern, primarily driven by recent declines in epidemic growth in British Columbia, Ontario, and Quebec."
  - "However, the rate of transmission is still at or above 1 in other areas of Canada and needs to be maintained consistently below 1 to bring the epidemic under lasting control. This gives us reassurance that strengthened measures can slow growth where more contagious variants are circulating – but sustaining measures and individual practices is the key to driving and keeping growth down!"

<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021JERI0031-000770>

<sup>8</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/april-26-2021-covid-19-associated-death-new-case>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/04/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-april-26-2021.html>

- On April 25<sup>th</sup>, Health Canada provided the following statement regarding the AstraZeneca and Janssen COVID-19 vaccines, following the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) recent inspection of the Maryland facility which noted multiple areas of concern.<sup>10</sup>
  - Health Canada has verified that the 1.5 million doses of AstraZeneca vaccine imported into Canada from this facility meet quality specifications. The Department reviewed test results of all vaccine lots that came into Canada, as well as the company’s quality control steps implemented throughout the manufacturing process to mitigate potential risks of contamination.
  - Janssen vaccines produced at this facility have not entered Canada. Janssen vaccines anticipated to come into Canada next week do not come from this facility.
  - Health Canada continues to work with the FDA and to further review the report in detail to determine whether any further actions are required to protect the safety of Canada’s future vaccine supply from this facility.
- Today, Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, issued the following statement on National Immunization Awareness Week (NIAW) 2021:<sup>11</sup>
  - “This year’s National Immunization Awareness Week (NIAW) comes at a significant moment, during the largest vaccination rollout in Canadian history. The past months have shown us the importance of vaccination – not just for preventing illness and disease, but in allowing Canadians to be closer to the people we love and things we enjoy.”
  - “Together, we can protect our families and our communities. When your turn comes, make sure to get vaccinated.
- On April 24<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, issued the following statement regarding COVID-19 in Canada:<sup>12</sup>
  - “Over the past week, I have been celebrating the efforts of people across the country to support Canada’s COVID-19 response. Today I would like to highlight some of the many contributions of Indigenous communities.”
    - “Recently, members of Siksika First Nation volunteered their time to support a COVID-19 vaccination clinic in Calgary for urban Indigenous people. Their efforts reduced barriers to access by providing vaccination in a culturally safe manner.”
    - “As well, in communities throughout the territories, volunteers have been connecting via social media to arrange food and supplies deliveries to support people while in quarantine or isolation, as well as to arrange transportation for people going for COVID-19 testing or vaccination appointments.”
    - “As National Volunteer Week draws to a close, I encourage everyone to reflect on this year’s theme – The Value of One, the Power of Many – as we move to overcome the challenges presented by COVID-19. By continuing to work together, we can make sure that we all end this crisis together, stronger, and more united.”

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

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/04/statement-from-health-canada-on-astrazeneca-and-janssen-covid-19-vaccines-produced-at-emergent-biosolutions.html>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/04/statement-from-the-minister-of-health-on-national-immunization-awareness-week-2021.html>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/04/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-april-24-2021.html>  
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