

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 27 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 26</b>	<b>As of Apr 27</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	126,249	127,048	<b>799</b>
Total active cases in BC	8,199	8,089	<b>-110</b>
Currently in intensive care	158	164	<b>6</b>
Currently hospitalized	484	500	<b>16</b>
Total hospitalized to date	6,483	6,499	<b>16</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,571	1,571	<b>0</b>
Total recovered in BC	116,241	117,150	<b>909</b>
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Apr 26</b>	<b>As of Apr 27</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	126,249	127,048	<b>799</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	31,228	31,349	<b>121</b>
Fraser Health	72,548	73,082	<b>534</b>
Island Health	4,540	4,568	<b>28</b>
Interior Health	10,664	10,760	<b>96</b>
Northern Health	7,080	7,096	<b>16</b>
Out of Canada	189	193	<b>4</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	2,475,309	2,483,937	<b>8,628*</b>
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Apr 26</b>	<b>As of Apr 27</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	81	81	<b>0</b>
Total active cases	0	0	<b>0</b>
Total deaths	2	2	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	79	79	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested	7,123	7,134	<b>11</b>
Negative results	7,029	7,019	<b>-10</b>
Pending results	13	34	<b>21</b>

\*The BCCDC has reported 8,596 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between April 26<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

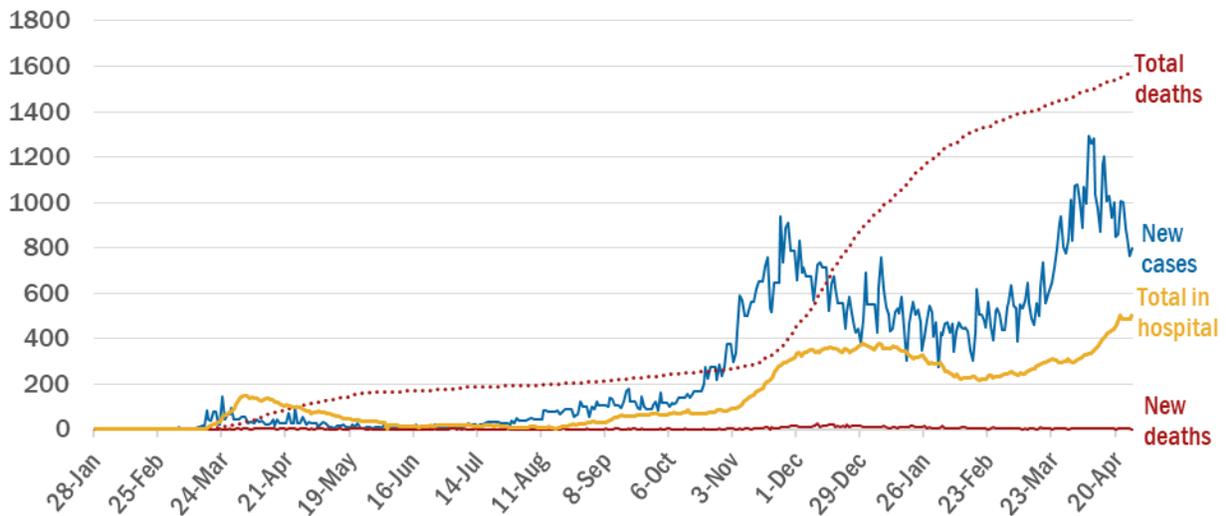
<sup>2</sup> Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE**

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

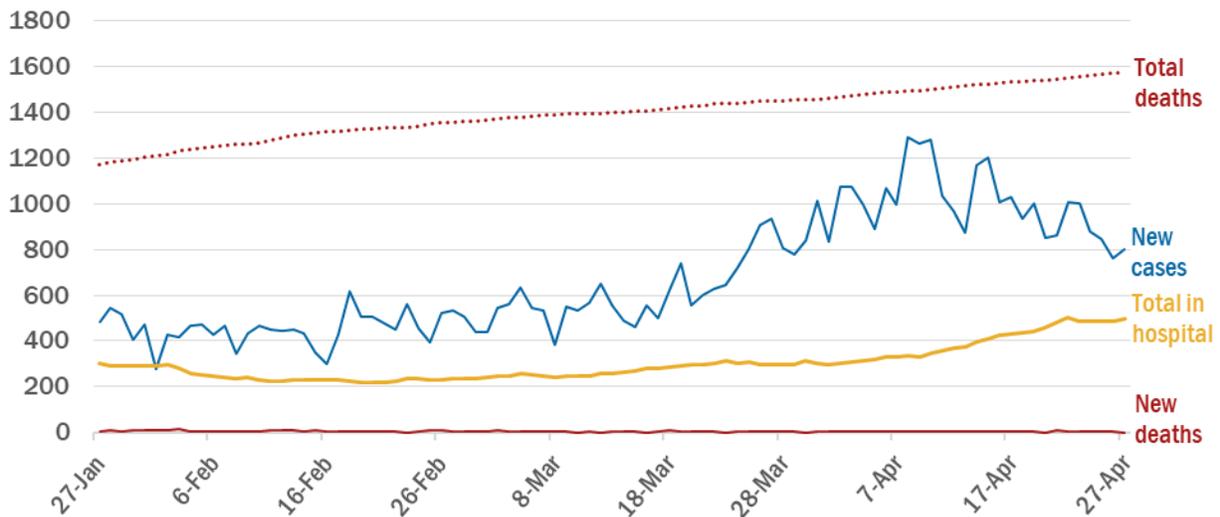
	As of Apr 23	As of Apr 26	Change
Total confirmed cases	26,678	26,866	188
Total active cases	810	800	-10
Currently hospitalized	1,183	1,193	10
Total deaths	306	307	1
Total recovered	25,562	25,779	217
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,951	2,957	6

**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**



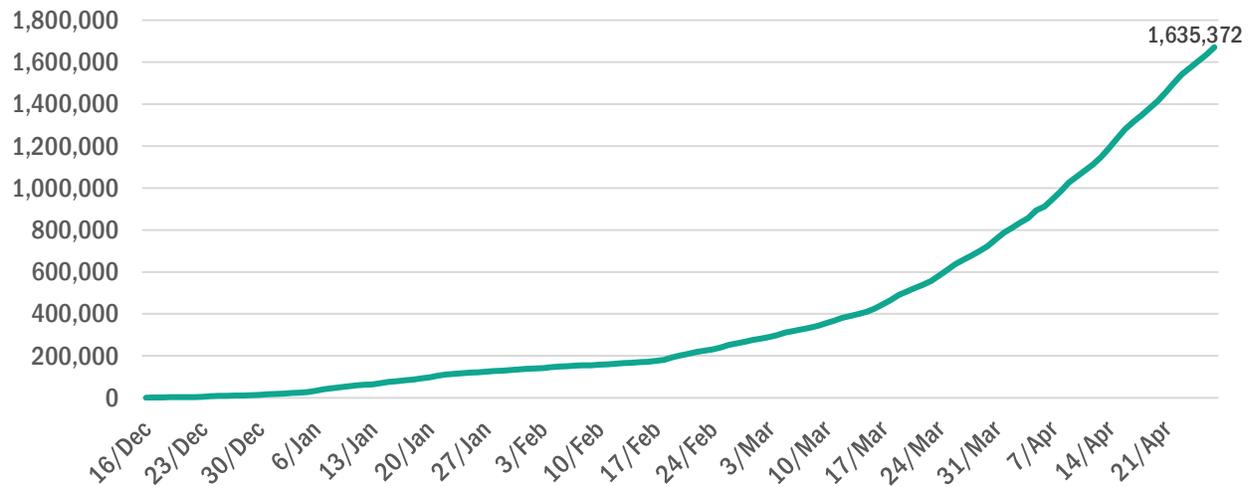
<sup>3</sup> Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

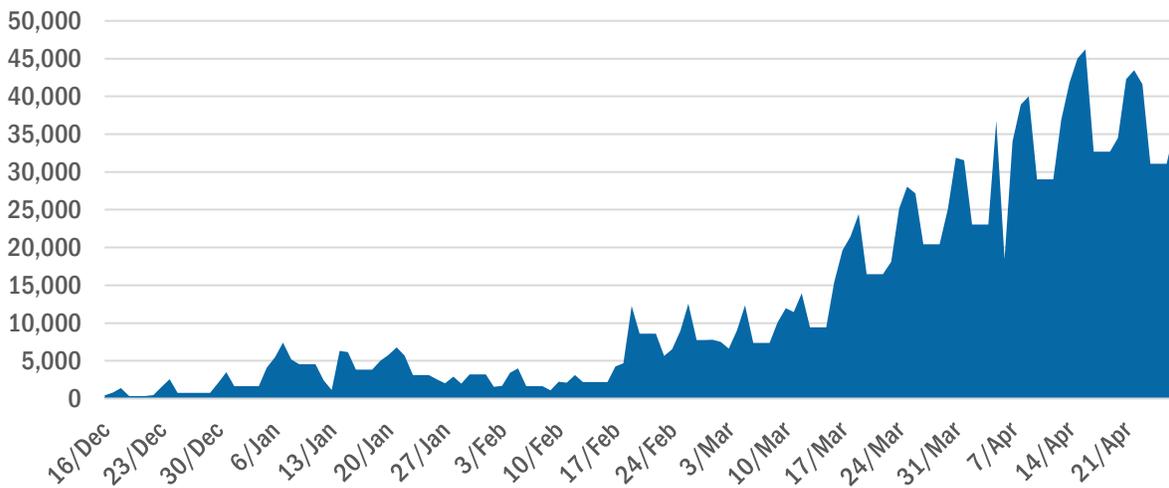
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	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>	35,756	1,671,128	1,922,180	86.93%	30.74%	89,457	1.74%
<b>Yukon</b>	346	47,763	54,320	87.92%	61.01%	22,032	51.83%
<b>Canada</b>	256,540	12,564,325	14,392,164	87.30%	30.31%	1,046,076	2.75%

### 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, the B.C. Government announced the extension of the provincial state of emergency through the end of the day on May 11, 2021.<sup>6</sup>
  - This measure allows health and emergency management officials to continue to use extraordinary powers under the Emergency Program Act (EPA) to support the Province's COVID-19 pandemic response.
  - Under the EPA, the province continues to use the support of police and other enforcement officials to issue tickets for owners, operators, and event organizers who host an event or gathering contravening the Provincial Health Officer's orders.
  - "I know how hard people have been working to keep others safe. The final mile of this pandemic is proving more difficult, but if we all keep doing our part to follow public health orders, including staying close to home, we will get through this sooner rather than later," said Premier John Horgan
  - "We have orders in place to keep people safe and bring us through to the end of this pandemic. Now we have new travel restrictions in place, and people need to follow these orders – not just because we will enforce these orders, but because it's the right thing to do," said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General.
- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, provided the following statement regarding COVID-19 in British Columbia:<sup>7</sup>
  - "In our age-based [COVID-19 vaccination] program, anyone 59 and older can now take the next step of booking their appointment. We encourage you to do that right away."
  - "Our worker program continues with targeted clinics underway. This program will be further expanded as significantly more vaccine starts to arrive in our province next week."
  - "Health authorities are also using the available vaccine supply to target 'hot spot' communities that have been hardest hit by COVID-19 with dedicated clinics in many locations."
  - "Our limited AstraZeneca supply is being used in some of these 'hot spots,' as well as for our provincewide pharmacy program. Starting today, the AstraZeneca vaccine will be available to anyone 30 and older, starting with some of the 'hot spot' community clinics. As we receive enough AstraZeneca to add appointments at pharmacies, it will be made available to anyone in the province aged 30 and older."
  - "We know demand for the AstraZeneca vaccine is high in many areas. Unfortunately, available supply through pharmacies in some regions will continue to be limited until additional supplies come in."
- Today, the Province of B.C. announced a \$500-million strategic investment fund, InBC Investment Corp. (InBC), to support B.C.-based businesses in recovery from the pandemic.<sup>8</sup>
  - The fund is a major initiative under *StrongerBC: BC's Economic Recovery Plan* and under Budget 2021. InBC will embrace an approach to economic growth that is innovative, sustainable, and inclusive.

<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0030-000776>

<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0030-000779>

<sup>8</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PREM0030-000775>

- The fund, developed in consultation with the business and investment sectors, will focus on driving innovation, sustainability, and inclusiveness into B.C.'s economy and will be designed to attract investment, create family-supporting jobs, and diversify B.C.'s economy.
- InBC will operate independently from government, with investment decisions made by a chief investment officer and a team of investment professionals.
- InBC will have a “triple bottom line” investment mandate, aiming to:
  - Establish B.C. as a globally competitive low-carbon jurisdiction.
  - Promote values that make life better for people in B.C., including job creation, advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, promoting diversity and inclusion.
  - Achieve a financial return on investment.

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

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

## **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>
  - “This week is National Immunisation Awareness Week in Canada, and across generations, Canadians are recognising the importance of vaccination for saving lives, and preserving health, wellbeing and livelihoods.”
  - “Prior to the [COVID-19] pandemic, vaccines were credited for saving 2 to 3 million lives each year. Now, with over 3 million reported deaths due to COVID-19 worldwide, it is clear these safe and highly effective vaccines have a big role to play in ending the pandemic and averting millions more deaths.”
  - “And the benefits of COVID-19 vaccines are increasingly being seen in Canada as well. For example, thanks to Indigenous leadership on a range of public health measures and the early deployment of vaccines supported by all levels of public health and the Canadian Armed Forces, over 340,000 vaccine doses have been administered in over 650 Indigenous and Territorial communities.”
  - “With increasing vaccine uptake, active COVID-19 cases have dropped more than 80% in First Nations communities in the past three months.”
  - “It is enormously encouraging to see how vaccination is serving to protect higher risk communities. Similar benefits have been seen in other high-risk populations targeted for priority vaccination.”
  - “With vaccine rollout expanding every day, we can expect to see these benefits across the Canadian population.”
  - “But when it comes to tackling a pandemic, with widespread and elevated levels of disease, we must maintain other vital public health measures to bring the infection rate down and keep it down, as vaccines roll out across the population.”

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<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/04/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-april-27-2021.html>  
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- Today, Daniel Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs, and Marc Miller, Minister of Indigenous Services Canada, provided an update regarding northern housing and infrastructure investments from *Budget 2021: A Recovery Plan for Jobs, Growth, and Resilience*.<sup>10</sup>
  - “The COVID-19 recession is the steepest and fastest economic contraction since the Great Depression. It has disproportionately affected low-wage workers, young people, women, and racialized Canadians.”
  - “The government recognizes that Canada's northern, remote and isolated communities face unique housing and infrastructure needs given the challenges presented by geography, climate change, limited infrastructure, location, and historic underfunding.”
  - Budget 2021 proposes the following:
    - Distinctions-based investments of \$6.0 billion over five years, starting in 2021-22, with \$388.9 million ongoing, to support infrastructure in Indigenous communities.
      - This includes \$4.3 billion over four years, starting in 2021-22, for the Indigenous Community Infrastructure Fund.
    - \$2.5 billion over 7 years to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

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

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<sup>10</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/04/minister-vandal-and-minister-miller-highlight-northern-housing-and-infrastructure-investments-in-budget-2021.html>