

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 29 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 28</b>	<b>As of Apr 29</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	127,889	128,742	<b>853</b>
Total active cases in BC	8,009	7,996	<b>-13</b>
Currently in intensive care	171	178	<b>7</b>
Currently hospitalized	515	503	<b>-12</b>
Total hospitalized to date	6,557	6,602	<b>45</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,576	1,577	<b>1</b>
Total recovered in BC	118,057	118,937	<b>880</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Apr 28</b>	<b>As of Apr 29</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	127,889	128,742	<b>853</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	31,520	31,701	<b>181</b>
Fraser Health	73,623	74,197	<b>574</b>
Island Health	4,603	4,633	<b>30</b>
Interior Health	10,834	10,877	<b>43</b>
Northern Health	7,116	7,141	<b>25</b>
Out of Canada	193	193	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	2,497,467	2,508,449	<b>10,982*</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Apr 28</b>	<b>As of Apr 29</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	7,152	7,166	<b>14</b>
Negative results	7,028	7,053	<b>25</b>
Pending results	43	81	<b>38</b>

\*The BCCDC has reported 10,914 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between April 28<sup>th</sup> and April 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

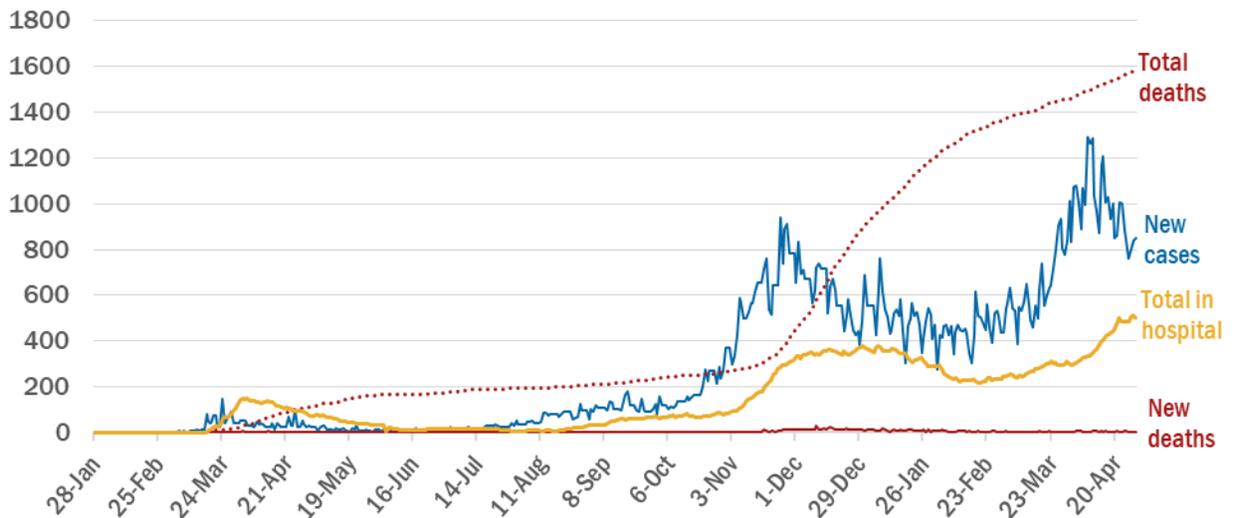
<sup>2</sup> Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE**

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

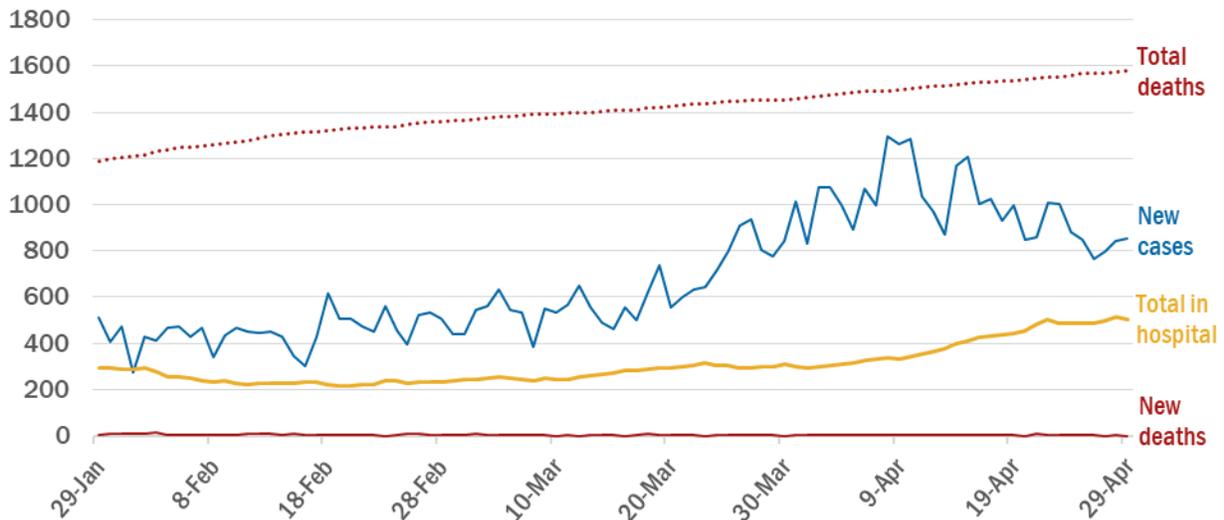
	As of Apr 27	As of Apr 28	Change
Total confirmed cases	26,983	27,059	76
Total active cases	739	723	-16
Currently hospitalized	1,200	1,203	3
Total deaths	308	312	4
Total recovered	25,936	26,024	8
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,961	2,963	2

**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**



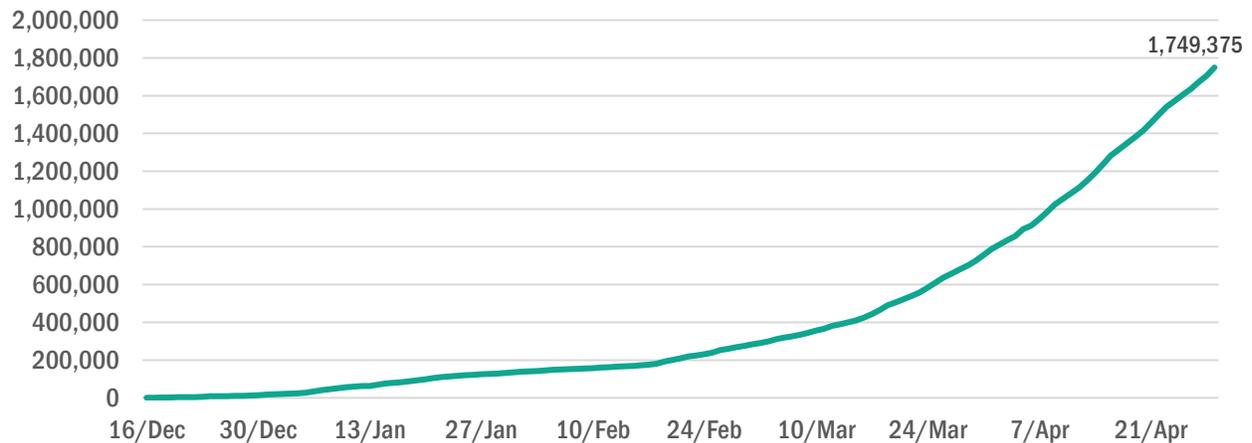
<sup>3</sup> Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

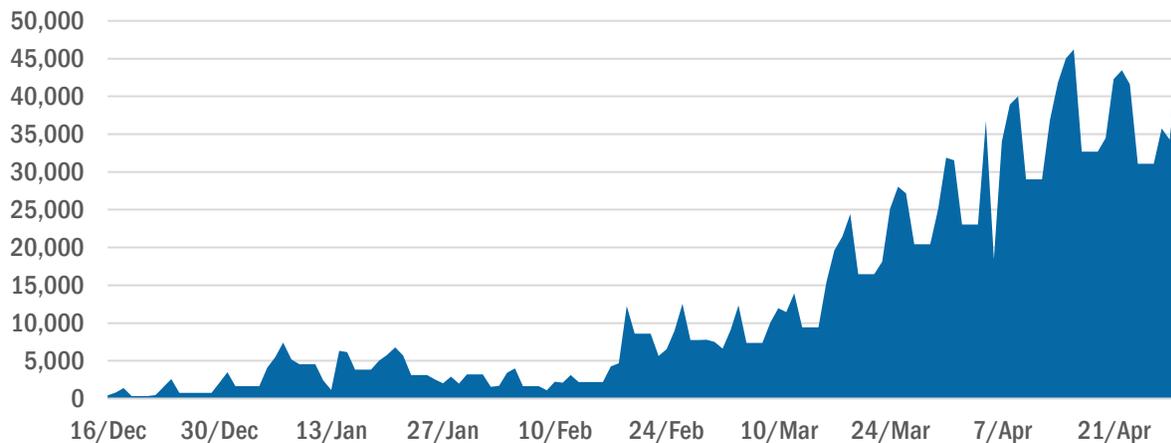
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	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>	43,966	1,749,375	1,972,490	88.68%	32.24%	90,296	1.75%
<b>Yukon</b>	189	48,131	54,320	88.60%	61.31%	22,274	52.40%
<b>Canada</b>	305,605	13,131,871	14,719,764	89.20%	31.70%	1,082,053	2.85%

### 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, 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:<sup>6</sup>
  - “Starting next week, we expect to receive the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine, which is a single dose viral vector vaccine.”
  - “[We] will be integrating this into our immunization program and currently we are finalizing the plans for that. We will share that information with you early next week.”
  - “In the meantime, we are continuing with the mainstay of our program here in British Columbia which is the age-based, risk-based program.”
    - Over 70% of people in the clinically extremely vulnerable program have now received their vaccine.
    - Approximately 15% of vaccine in the last week has gone to the priority worker program, which includes first responders, school staff, and childcare staff.
  - “Registration is the most efficient way to get your vaccine. In our programs, the age-based program and the worker program, registration makes the process seamless. When you're in the system, you will be notified [and] it's the most efficient way of getting notified when your age or risk category, or worker category, comes up.”
  - “You will be guaranteed your vaccine in that clinic that you have been booked into, and that's how we are monitoring and making sure that vaccine goes to those clinics where people are registered and where the vaccine is designated for them.”
  - “As we know, people spread COVID-19 – we spread it to each other, to the people that we're closest to. And we also spread it when we travel, even small distances.”
  - “With the travel orders in place, we are all required to stay within one of our 3 provincial zones, unless it is for essential travel... If you are unsure whether your travel would be considered essential, then you should be staying put right now – stay within your community.”
  - “I know most people are doing their very best, and for that, we are very grateful. But when you get tired or frustrated or angry, as I know many people are right now, things can slip. We need to dig in our heels and use our collective effort and momentum to pull back.”
  - “We can continue to be angry at this virus that has led to so much disruption and pain, but we need to hold steady in our efforts. We need to hold the line. Take the simple steps of sticking with our layers of protection, staying small, staying local, and following all of the orders in place, and get the vaccine when your turn comes up, as it will, in the next few weeks. Your efforts, your kindness your resilience – this is what will make us win at the end of the day.”

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

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

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<sup>6</sup> Live press conference on April 29, 2021.  
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## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) provided the following COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities:<sup>7</sup>
  - “As we mark National Immunization Awareness Week (NIAW) 2021, it is a reminder of the importance of vaccines to protect people against disease.”
  - “This year during NIAW, talk to your family and friends about the importance of getting the COVID-19 vaccine and of keeping up to date with other routine vaccinations. Vaccines protect you—and others—from serious vaccine-preventable diseases, as well as help reduce the burden on Canada's health care system.”
  - “While COVID-19 vaccines roll out across the country, we must also continue to follow public health measures to keep our loved ones, our communities and ourselves safe.”
- Today, Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, announced an investment of \$2.25 million through the Immunization Partnership Fund (IPF) for two projects to support vaccination efforts and uptake across the country.<sup>8</sup>
  - The Government of Canada is working closely with experts, provinces and territories, and other partners to better understand what barriers Canadians may face to getting vaccinated, and to encourage vaccine confidence.
  - These projects will support vaccine uptake by ensuring Canadians have access to credible information on vaccination, as well as equipping healthcare providers and Canadians with proven strategies to manage pain and fear during vaccination.
  - **ScienceUpFirst project**
    - The Canadian Association of Science Centres (CASC), in partnership with COVID-19 Resources Canada and the Health Law Institute at the University of Alberta, have created this project to address misinformation in Canada by giving Canadians the tools to spread science-based information about COVID-19 and vaccines.
    - This national initiative aims to debunk misinformation with credible COVID-19 facts, as well as reach vulnerable populations with culturally relevant and scientifically accurate COVID-19 information.
    - The CASC is receiving \$1,749,578 for this project.
  - **CARD (C-Comfort, A-Ask, R-Relax, D-Distract) System project**
    - This project by the University of Toronto addresses fear of needles among adults by designing and implementing pain mitigation strategies for adults during vaccination to reduce their fears and encourage them to get vaccinated.
    - The University of Toronto is receiving \$499,792 for this project.

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<sup>7</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/04/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities2.html>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/04/government-of-canada-funds-two-new-projects-to-encourage-vaccine-uptake-in-canada.html>

- Today, Department of Finance Canada provided an update on how Budget 2021 investments will create jobs and growth by supporting small business.<sup>9</sup>
  - “Throughout the pandemic many small businesses have been shut down by necessary public health restrictions or deeply limited in what they can do. We need them to get back on their feet. They are the backbone of our economy, our main streets, and our communities.”
  - Budget 2021 proposes the following:
    - Extend the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy, and Lockdown Support past June, to give businesses certainty in the months ahead.
    - Introducing the new Canada Recovery Hiring Program to help eligible employers offset a portion of the extra costs they take on as they reopen and increase workers’ wages or hours worked or hire more people.
    - Enhance the Canada Small Business Financing Program by increasing annual funding to help small businesses and entrepreneurs access the capital they need to recover, innovate, and grow in the long-term.
    - Lower the cost of doing business by reducing credit card transaction fees, while ensuring small businesses pay a price similar to large businesses and protecting consumers’ rewards points. Canada’s small and medium-sized businesses incur some of the highest fees in the world.

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

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<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/04/budget-2021-investments-will-create-jobs-and-growth-by-supporting-small-business.html>