

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 05 May 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 May 04	As of May 05	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	132,353	132,925	572
Total active cases in BC	7,161	6,877	-284
Currently in intensive care	173	161	-12
Currently hospitalized	486	481	-5
Total hospitalized to date	6,849	6,887	38
Total deaths in BC	1,597	1,594*	0
Total recovered in BC	123,383	124,252	869

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of May 04	As of May 05	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	132,353	132,925	572
Vancouver Coastal Health	32,444	32,562	118
Fraser Health	76,593	76,955	362
Island Health	4,745	4,767	22
Interior Health	11,140	11,197	57
Northern Health	7,237	7,250	13
Out of Canada	194	194	0
Total individuals tested in BC	2,554,640	2,565,001	10,361**

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of May 04	As of May 05	Change
Total confirmed cases	82	82	0
Total active cases	1	1	0
Total deaths	2	2	0
Total recovered	79	79	0
Total individuals tested	7,228	7,243	15
Negative results	7,125	7,123	-2
Pending results	21	38	17

*The number of people who have died has been adjusted from yesterday's report due to a BCCDC data correction. There have been no new COVID-19 related deaths in the past 24 hours.

**The BCCDC has reported 10,354 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between May 4th and May 5th.

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

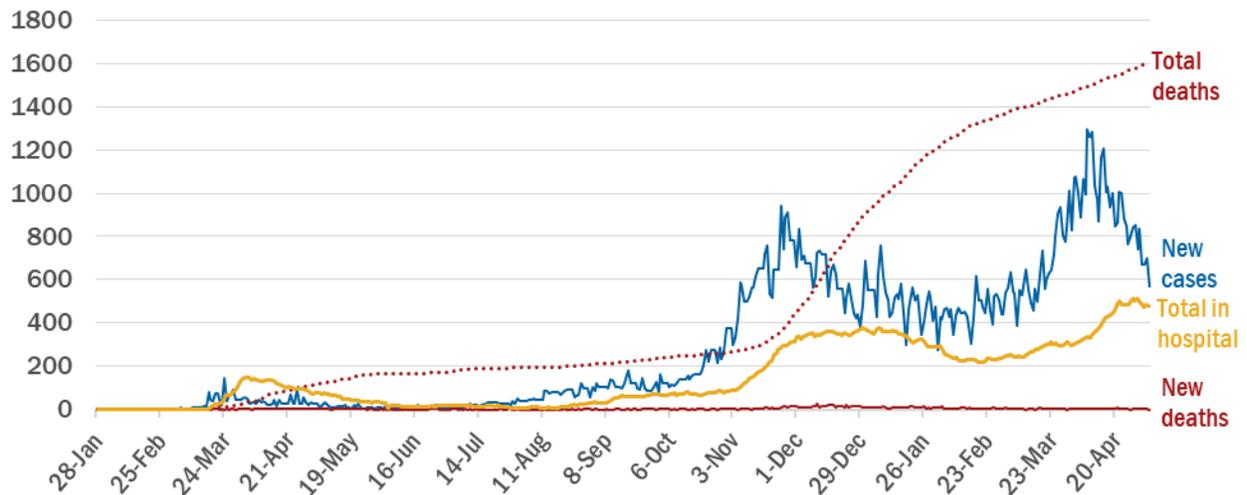
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA ³

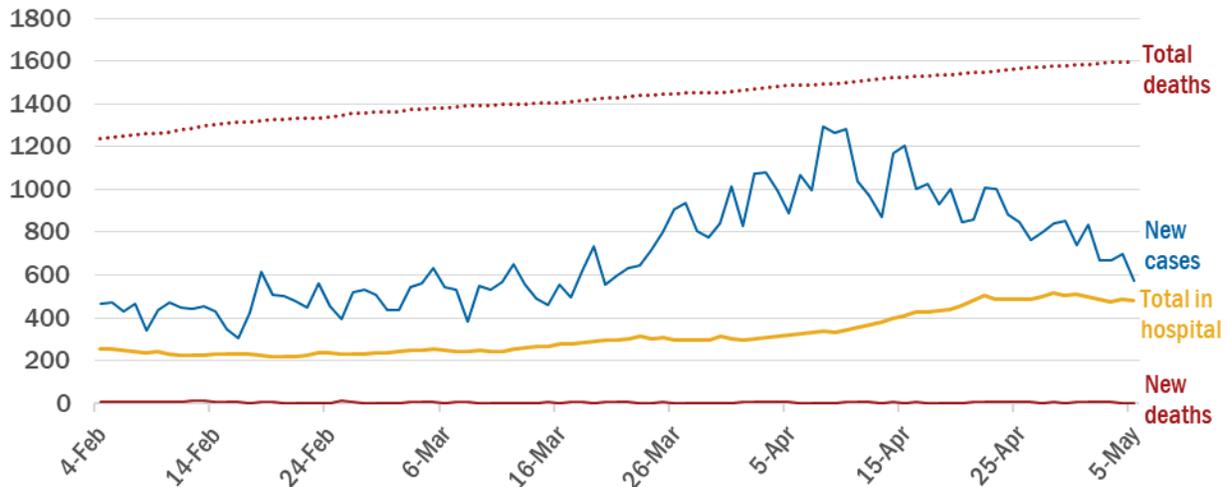
	As of May 03	As of May 04	Change
Total confirmed cases	27,489	27,564	75
Total active cases	761	732	-29
Currently hospitalized	1,222	1,225	3
Total deaths	318	319	1
Total recovered	26,410	26,513	103
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,989	2,989	0

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



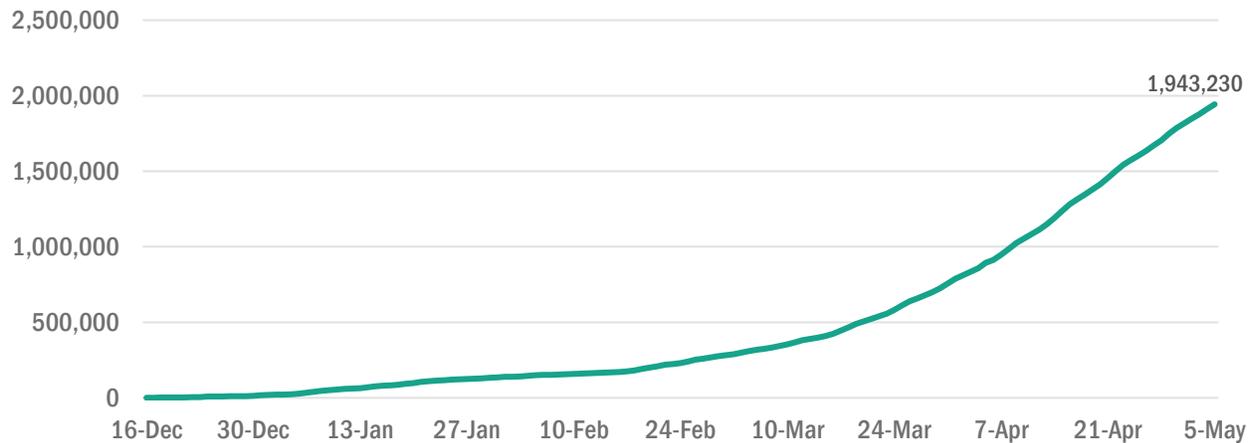
³ Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

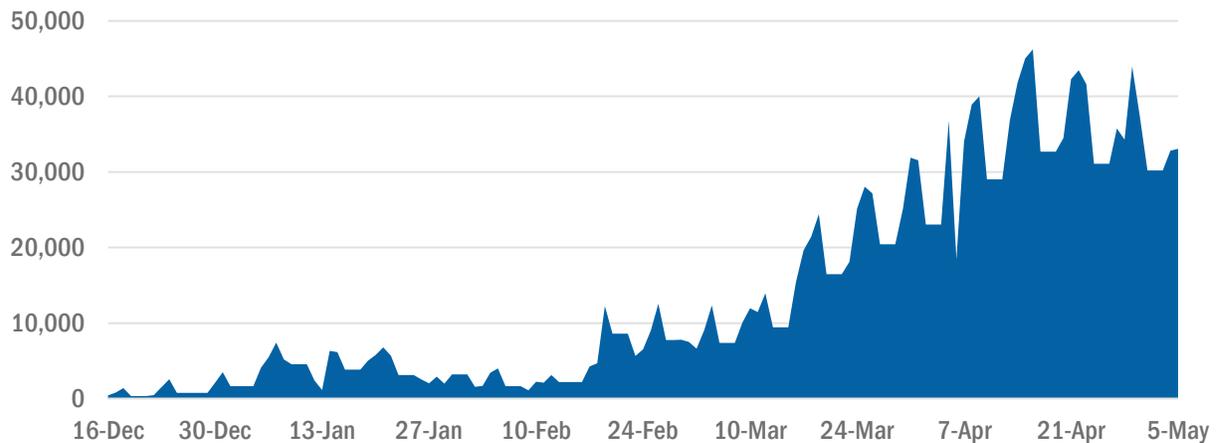
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁵
	Today	Total					
BC	33,068	1,943,230	2,320,280	83.74%	35.94%	93,656	1.82%
Yukon	286	48,941	55,920	87.51%	61.87%	22,848	53.75%
Canada	283,833	14,568,067	17,115,944	85.10%	35.24%	1,173,791	3.09%

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, issued a joint statement regarding updates on the COVID-19 response in B.C. Highlights include the following:⁶
 - “We have three highly effective and safe vaccines available in our province, and the more people who receive their vaccine, the faster we will get to the point where COVID-19 is no longer disrupting our daily lives.”
 - “As more people become eligible and more vaccines are approved, we will continue to update our provincewide program, including integrating people 12 to 17 years old, now that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine has been approved for use in this age group.”
 - “With additional supply now available, we’re accelerating our delivery and we also need you to do your part. We all need to register to reserve our spot and book our vaccine as soon as we are eligible.”
 - “Getting vaccinated when it is our turn, using our layers of protection, staying small and local, and following all of the public health measures is what will see us through this storm.”
- Today, Dr. Helena Swinkels, Office of the Chief Medical Officer, and Marion Guenther, Clinical Nurse Specialist for Immunizations, of the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) provided a statement regarding second doses of COVID-19 vaccine, including the benefits and what to expect.⁷
 - “As the FNHA prepares to start second dose COVID-19 vaccine clinics in First Nations communities around BC, some people may be wondering why we need to get a second dose. After all, the first dose of the vaccine does provide a high level of protection.”
 - Here’s why a second dose is encouraged:
 - The two doses make up what’s known as one “primary series” that will provide the strongest — and longest — possible protection, including against new, more vaccine-resistant variants that are circulating the globe.
 - Most of the COVID-19 vaccines in Canada require two doses as part of the primary series. These include Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca. (The Janssen vaccine reaches maximum protection after just one dose.)
 - “We do know for certain that protection is higher after a second dose for the Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca vaccines.”
 - “Side effects are similar to dose one, with possible short-term symptoms of a sore arm where you had the injection, fever, headache and fatigue. These mild to moderate side effects should disappear within a few days after vaccination.”
 - For information on getting your second dose, visit: <https://www.fnha.ca/Documents/FNHA-When-Should-I-Get-My-Second-Dose-Of-COVID-19-Vaccine-Info-Sheet.pdf>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0031-000851>

⁷ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/the-second-covid-19-vaccine-dose-why-we-all-need-to-get-it-and-what-to-expect>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Premier Sandy Silver announced plans to ease current restrictions for the territory beginning May 25th, 2021, as more people become vaccinated.⁸
 - People arriving in Yukon from anywhere in Canada will not have to self-isolate if they are fully vaccinated, provided their vaccination status can be confirmed.
 - Yukon bars and restaurants will be able to return to 100 per cent capacity with no physical distancing between tables for seated service only.
 - “Today I spoke with Chiefs and Mayors across the territory about our plans to lift restrictions in the coming weeks in a safe and coordinated manner. With our strong vaccine uptake, we are able to remove the self-isolation requirement for those who are fully vaccinated. We will have more details to share leading up to May 25th but hope this will also encourage those who are still considering receiving the vaccine to take action.”
 - Children and youth will not be included in this exemption until they are able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Today, the Government of Yukon provided the following update regarding COVID-19 vaccination progress in the territory:⁹
 - The third round of mobile vaccination tours to Yukon communities is complete. Residents aged 18 and older can call their local clinics for an appointment or can receive a vaccination in Whitehorse.
 - The clinic in Whitehorse is open for residents aged 18 and older to receive their first and second doses of the vaccine, by appointment or by walk-in. The clinic is open as follows:
 - Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Wednesdays from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 - To book an appointment and find more information, visit:
<https://yukon.ca/en/this-is-our-shot>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Health Canada authorized the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in children 12 to 15 years of age following a thorough and independent scientific review.¹⁰
 - This is the first COVID-19 vaccine authorized in Canada for use in children and marks a significant milestone in Canada's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - The vaccine was initially authorized for use in people 16 years of age and older on December 9, 2020.
 - After completing a thorough and independent scientific review of the evidence, Health Canada has determined that this vaccine is safe and effective at preventing COVID-19 when used in children between 12 and 15 years of age.
 - Health Canada is publishing multiple documents related to this decision, including a high-level summary of the evidence it reviewed:
<https://covid-vaccine.canada.ca/pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine/product-details>

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/yukon-lifting-restrictions-vaccine-uptake-increases>

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/may-5-2021-covid-19-update>

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/05/health-canada-authorizes-use-of-the-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-in-children-12-to-15-years-of-age.html>

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, issued a statement regarding COVID-19 in Canada. Highlights include the following:¹¹
 - “As COVID-19 activity is elevated or increasing in many jurisdictions, efforts and strengthened restrictions remain crucial to slow the spread and protect health system capacity.”
 - “While COVID-19 continues to impact people of all ages in Canada, infection rates are highest among those under 60 years of age.”
 - “In addition, circulation of COVID-19 in younger, more mobile and socially-connected adults is an ongoing risk for spread into high-risk populations and settings.”
 - “Variants of concern (VOCs) now represent a majority of COVID-19 cases in Canada, with the B.1.1.7 variant now reported in all provinces and territories and accounting for over 95% of VOCs sequenced to date.”
 - “As this variant spreads more quickly and has been associated with increased severity, and as vaccines may be less effective against other variants, such as the P.1 and B.1.351 variants, it is even more important to remain vigilant with all available measures to suppress spread.”
- Today, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) provided the following COVID-19 update for Indigenous Peoples and communities:¹²
 - “This week is Mental Health Week in Canada, and the Canadian Mental Health Association’s theme is #GetReal about how you feel, which encourages people to name, express and deal with their emotions to help their mental health.”
 - “The past year has been extremely difficult, and the Government of Canada is committed to supporting and promoting well-being for anyone struggling to cope with the added stress and anxiety caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, which is why Indigenous Services Canada supports mental health and wellness in First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities by helping adapt and expand mental wellness services, and improving access to and addressing growing demand for these services in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.”
 - “The Hope for Wellness Help Line is also available and offers immediate mental health counselling and crisis intervention to all Indigenous Peoples across Canada, with services available in English, French, Cree, Ojibway, and Inuktitut.”
 - Call the toll-free Help Line at 1-855-242-3310
 - Connect to the online chat at [hopeforwellness.ca](https://www.hopeforwellness.ca)
 - For more information, visit:
<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1576089519527/1576089566478>
 - “While there are signs of hope as 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. This includes minimizing in-person interactions with people outside your immediate household, avoiding crowded places, wearing a mask and washing your hands frequently.”

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

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/05/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-may-5-2021.html>

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/05/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities.html>