

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 07 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

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of May 06</b>	<b>As of May 07</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	133,619	134,341	<b>722</b>
Total active cases in BC	6,802	6,757	<b>-45</b>
Currently in intensive care	154	157	<b>3</b>
Currently hospitalized	457	445	<b>-12</b>
Total hospitalized to date	6,917	6,957	<b>40</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,595	1,602	<b>7</b>
Total recovered in BC	125,025	125,799	<b>774</b>
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of May 06</b>	<b>As of May 07</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	133,619	134,341	<b>722</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	32,715	32,830	<b>115</b>
Fraser Health	77,400	77,923	<b>523</b>
Island Health	4,784	4,804	<b>20</b>
Interior Health	11,249	11,287	<b>38</b>
Northern Health	7,277	7,303	<b>26</b>
Out of Canada	194	194	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	2,574,430	2,591,542	<b>17,112*</b>
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of May 06</b>	<b>As of May 07</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	82	82	<b>0</b>
Total active cases	1	1	<b>0</b>
Total deaths	2	2	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	79	79	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested	7,259	7,274	<b>15</b>
Negative results	7,148	7,153	<b>5</b>
Pending results	29	39	<b>10</b>

\*The BCCDC has reported 9,911 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

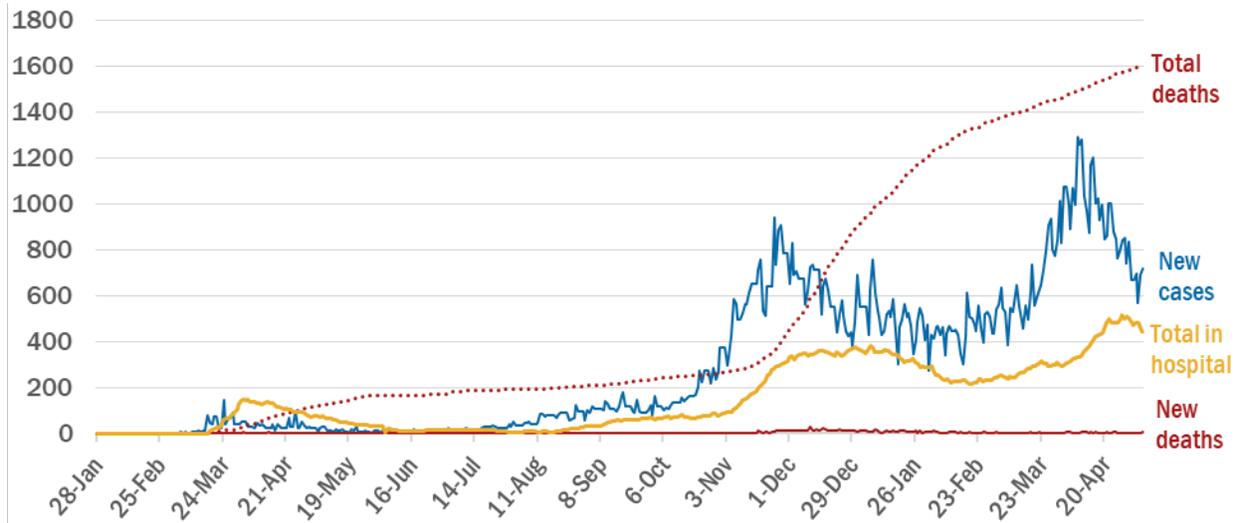
<sup>2</sup> Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE**

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

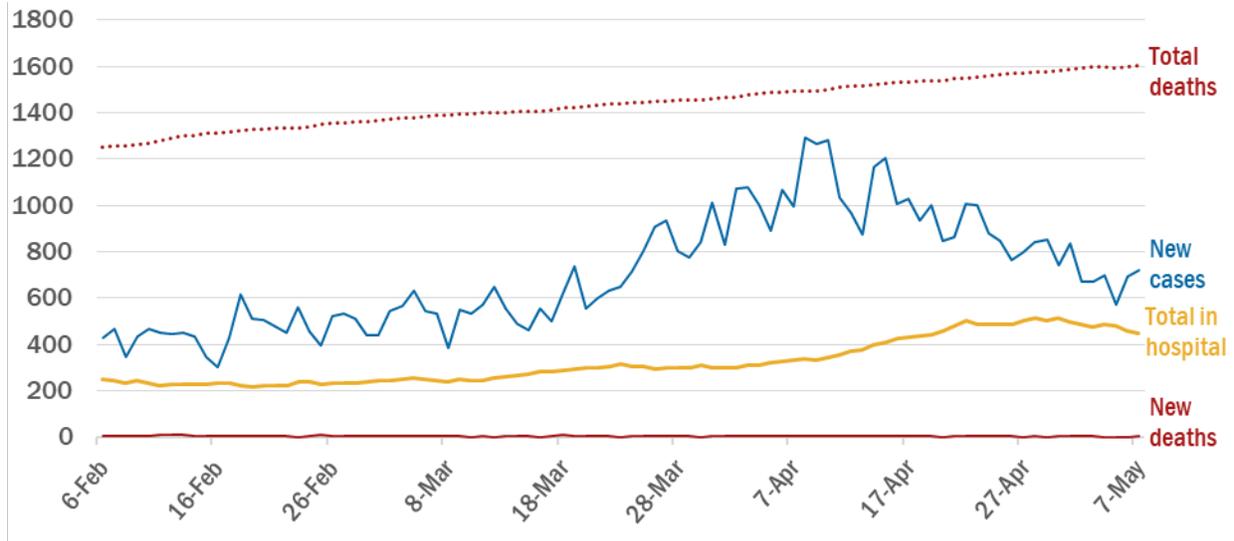
	As of May 04	As of May 06	Change
Total confirmed cases	27,564	27,725	161
Total active cases	732	774	42
Currently hospitalized	1,225	1,247	22
Total deaths	319	319	0
Total recovered	26,513	26,632	119
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,989	2,992	3

**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**



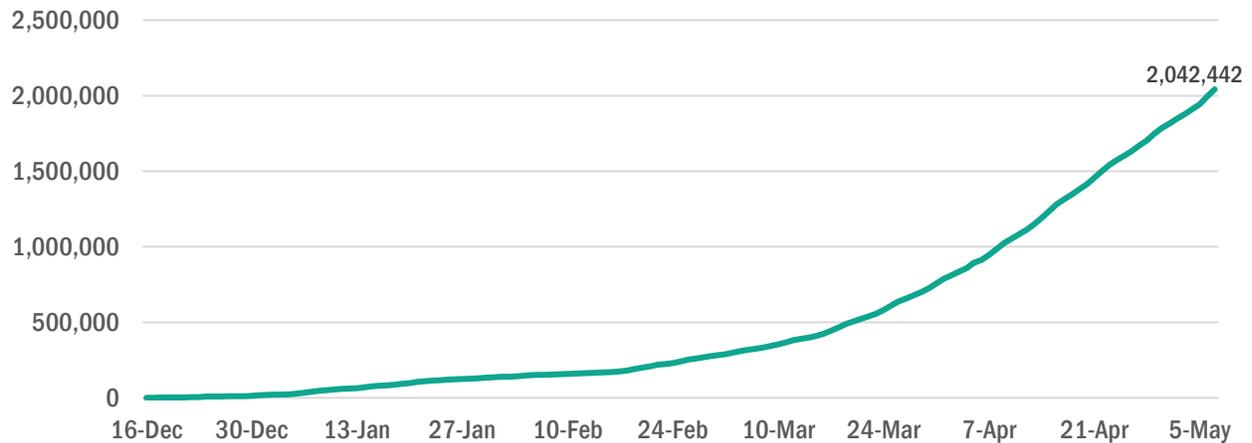
<sup>3</sup> Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

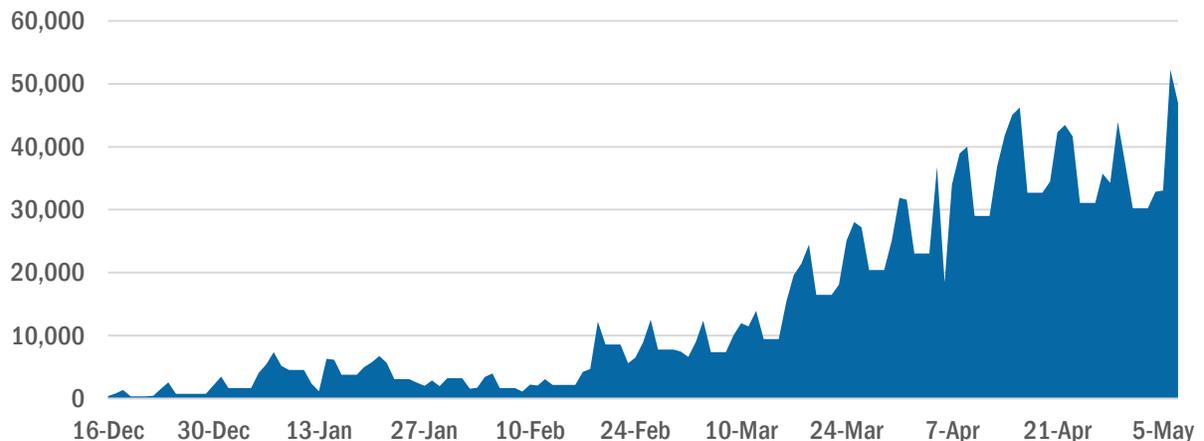
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	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>	46,946	2,042,442	2,329,940	87.66%	37.76%	99,461	1.93%
<b>Yukon</b>	299	49,439	55,920	88.41%	62.57%	23,048	54.22%
<b>Canada</b>	400,489	15,325,183	18,156,614	84.40%	37.11%	1,221,019	3.21%

### 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, Nicholas Simons, Minister of Poverty Reduction and Social Development, announced new government funding through the Emergency Food Purchasing program to provide nutritious, culturally appropriate food to people experiencing food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery.<sup>6</sup>
  - Food Banks BC will receive funding for two programs:
    - \$6 million, for use over three years, for the Emergency Food Purchasing program. This funding will be disbursed through food banks and community agencies throughout the province, including rural and remote communities that have few other supports.
    - \$2.5 million for the Perishable Food Recovery program. This funding will support food banks to build capacity to store and distribute perishable food items under refrigeration.
  - United Way of Lower Mainland is receiving \$1.27 million to support province-wide work that addresses the immediate needs of vulnerable populations and longer-term food security planning.
  - “The pandemic has put added pressure on families and households across B.C. who struggle to access quality, healthy, and affordable food. We know there’s more work to do to address the root causes of food insecurity, but we also know that people need help now. That’s why we are helping get food on the table today while also working toward longer-term solutions.”
- Today, Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economy Recovery and Innovation, has issued the following statement on the release of Statistics Canada’s Labour Force Survey for April 2021:<sup>7</sup>
  - Following nearly a year of consecutive job gains, the Labour Force Survey reported a loss of 43,000 jobs in B.C in the month of April.
  - “The vast majority of the job losses last month were part time and in accommodation and food services, as well as information, culture, and recreation. These sectors were directly impacted by Dr. Bonnie Henry’s health orders, known as the ‘circuit breaker,’ designed to bend the curve of B.C.’s third wave.”
  - “The circuit breaker has impacted young and racialized workers and the pandemic has disproportionately impacted these communities. Our government has taken action to provide supports like the StrongerBC Future Leaders Program and targeted supports for businesses owned by Indigenous, Black and people of colour. We are committed to supporting these communities and will listen and reflect their views in the work we do.”
  - “There is more than \$125 million available in the Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant. This funding will support 20,000 businesses and help them cover costs such as rent and wages for their employees. This grant is one of many supports available to businesses.”

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

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

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<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021SDPR0031-000830>

<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021JERI0033-000866>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, provided the following statement regarding the ongoing federal response to COVID-19 in Canada.<sup>8</sup>
  - “This wave continues to challenge us, but we mustn’t lose hope, as the finish line is getting closer. The decline in national case counts has slowed the past week and the number of people experiencing severe and critical illness remains high.”
  - “This week has seen a number of important developments on the vaccine front, including the announcement of significant increases in vaccine supplies starting this month. To date, almost 15 million doses have been administered, providing almost 42% of Canadian adults with a first dose of protection.”
  - “As well, this week Health Canada authorized the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for safe and effective prevention of COVID-19 in children aged 12 to 15 years. Expanding access to this age group will protect them from serious illness, prevent further spread in families and communities, and support their return to more connected life, learning, and play.”
  - “However, for the time being, regardless of our vaccination status, it’s important to follow public health advice and keep up with individual precautions, even as we continue to see more benefits of COVID-19 vaccination.”
  - “This Sunday is Mother’s Day and hopefully this year will be the last time we have to say ‘it is safest to limit celebrations to immediate household members’ or to ‘keep it virtual if you’ve already left the nest.’”
- Today, Marc Miller, Minister of Indigenous Services, issued the following statement about mental wellness during the pandemic:<sup>9</sup>
  - “Mental Health Week, and Child and Youth Mental Health Day are about celebrating, protecting, and promoting mental health. More than ever, the COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us of the crucial importance of taking care of our mental wellness.”
  - “The pandemic is having profound impacts on mental wellness in Indigenous communities, magnifying existing mental health issues and inequities, and creating new gaps and needs. According to Statistics Canada, 6 in 10 Indigenous people report that their mental health has worsened since the beginning of the pandemic, noting physical distancing, not being able to spend time with loved ones, and not being able to engage in cultural activities as the largest contributor to this feeling.”
  - Support is available for anyone who needs it:
    - The Hope for Wellness Help Line is there for anyone – First Nations, Inuit, Métis, child, youth, or adult. Call toll-free 1-855-242-3310 or connect to an online chat at [hopeforwellness.ca](https://hopeforwellness.ca). Services are available in English, French, Cree, Ojibway and Inuktitut.
    - Kids Help Phone can connect you with an Indigenous volunteer crisis responder by texting FIRST NATIONS, INUIT, or METIS to 686868 for young people and 741741 for adults, or through Facebook Messenger.

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/05/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-may-7-2021.html>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/05/minister-miller-talks-about-mental-wellness-during-the-pandemic.html>

- Today, Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade, issued the following statement regarding a proposed intellectual property waiver for COVID-19 vaccines:<sup>10</sup>
  - “The Government of Canada remains committed to working with all international partners to reach a rapid and just end to the COVID-19 pandemic.”
  - “Canada is ready to discuss proposals on a waiver for intellectual property (IP) protection, in particular for COVID-19 vaccines, under the WTO Agreement on TRIPS.”
  - “Since the introduction of the IP waiver proposal, Canada has actively worked with partners to identify barriers to vaccine access—many of which are unrelated to IP, such as supply chain constraints.”
  - “We remain committed to finding solutions and reaching an agreement that accelerates global vaccine production and does not negatively impact public health.”
  - “To date, we have announced \$940 million to support low- and middle-income countries to access COVID-19 vaccines, tests, and treatments because we understand that the pandemic isn’t over anywhere, until it is over everywhere.”

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/global-affairs/news/2021/05/statement-by-minister-ng-on-intellectual-property-waiver-for-covid-19-vaccines.html>