

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 17 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 14</b>	<b>As of May 17</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	138,304	139,664	<b>1,360*</b>
Total active cases in BC	5,548	5,021	<b>-527</b>
Currently in intensive care	141	132	<b>-9</b>
Currently hospitalized	387	350	<b>-37</b>
Total hospitalized to date	7,281	7,394	<b>113</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,634	1,648	<b>14</b>
Total recovered in BC	130,953	132,841	<b>1,888</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of May 14</b>	<b>As of May 17</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	138,304	139,664	<b>1,360*</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	33,675	33,966	<b>291</b>
Fraser Health	80,488	81,349	<b>861</b>
Island Health	4,905	4,941	<b>36</b>
Interior Health	11,622	11,747	<b>125</b>
Northern Health	7,418	7,465	<b>47</b>
Out of Canada	196	196	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	2,650,470	2,672,490	<b>22,020</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of May 14</b>	<b>As of May 17</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	84	84	<b>0</b>
Total active cases	0	0	<b>0</b>
Total deaths	2	2	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	81	81	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested	7,348	7,381	<b>33</b>
Negative results	7,226	7,284	<b>58</b>
Pending results	38	13	<b>-25</b>

\*The BC Government has reported 443 new COVID-19 cases May 16<sup>th</sup>, 493 May 16<sup>th</sup>, and 424 May 17<sup>th</sup> (1,360 total).

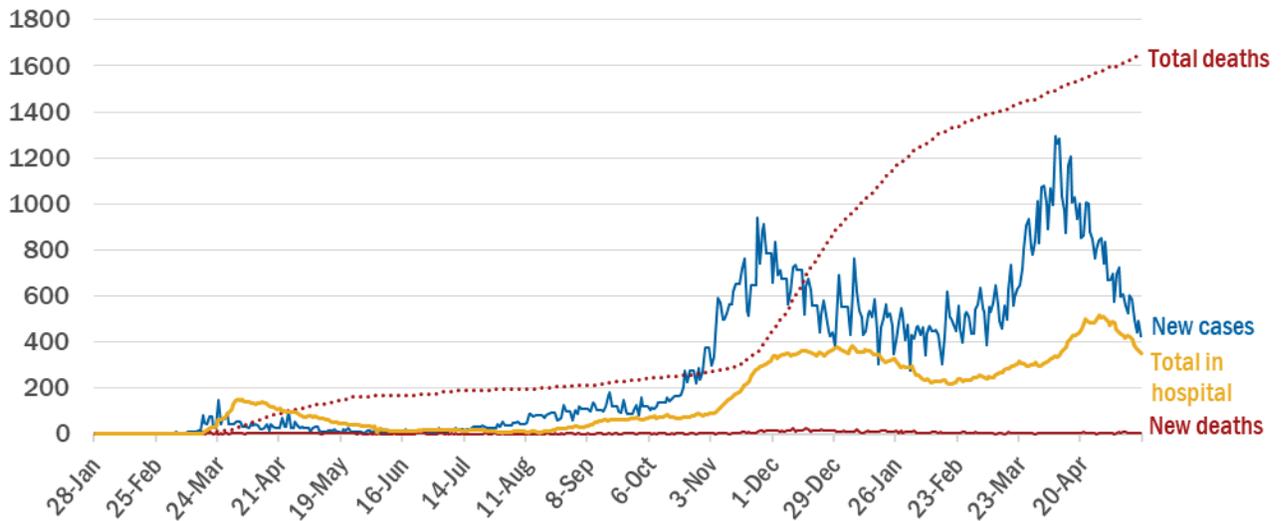
<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE  
CASES IN CANADA <sup>3</sup>**

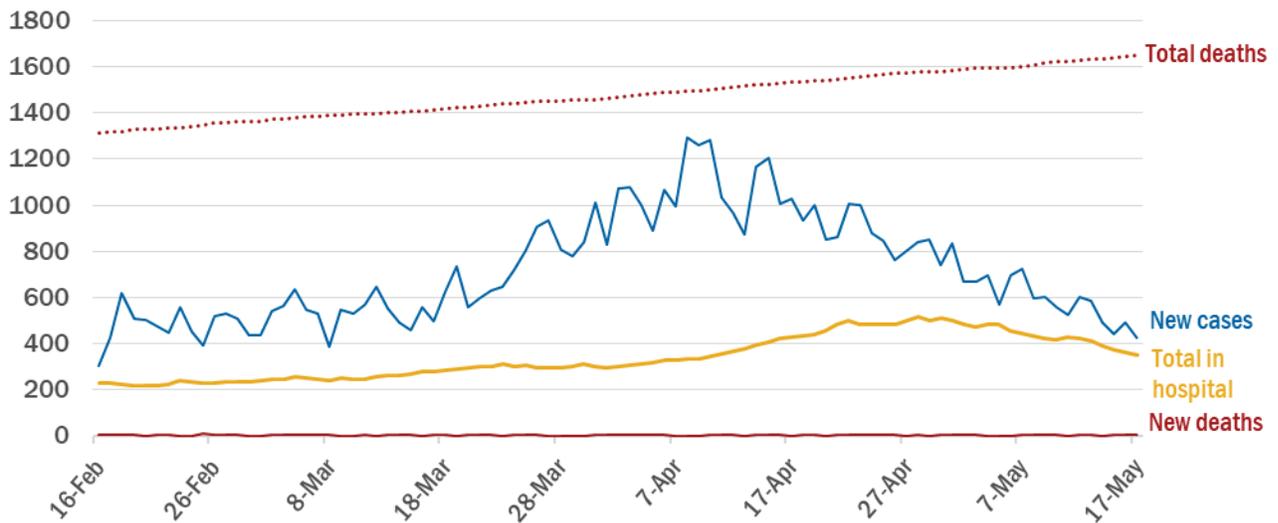
	As of May 13	As of May 14	Change
Total confirmed cases	28,319	28,419	100
Total active cases	861	824	-37
Currently hospitalized	1,262	1,271	9
Total deaths	328	329	1
Total recovered	27,130	27,266	136
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,013	3,020	7

**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**



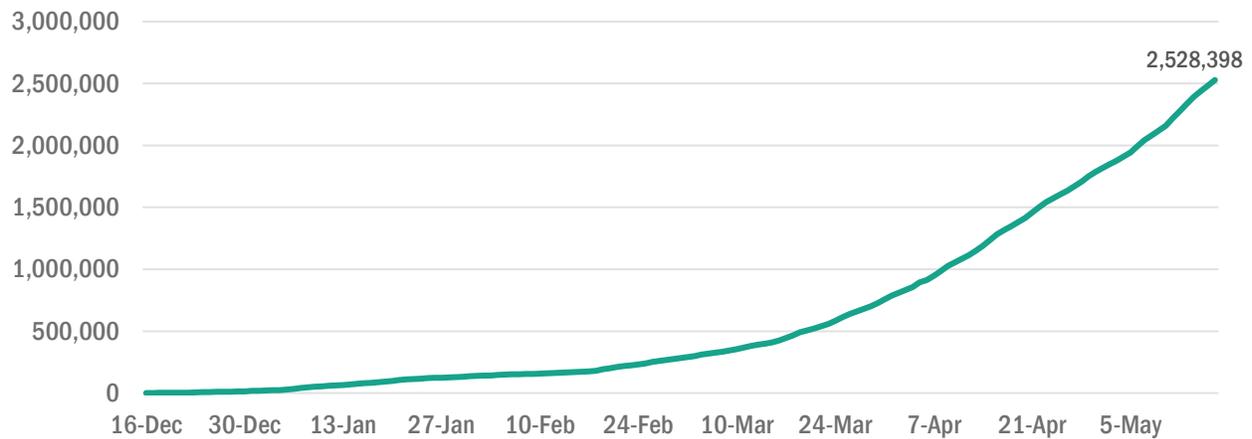
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## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

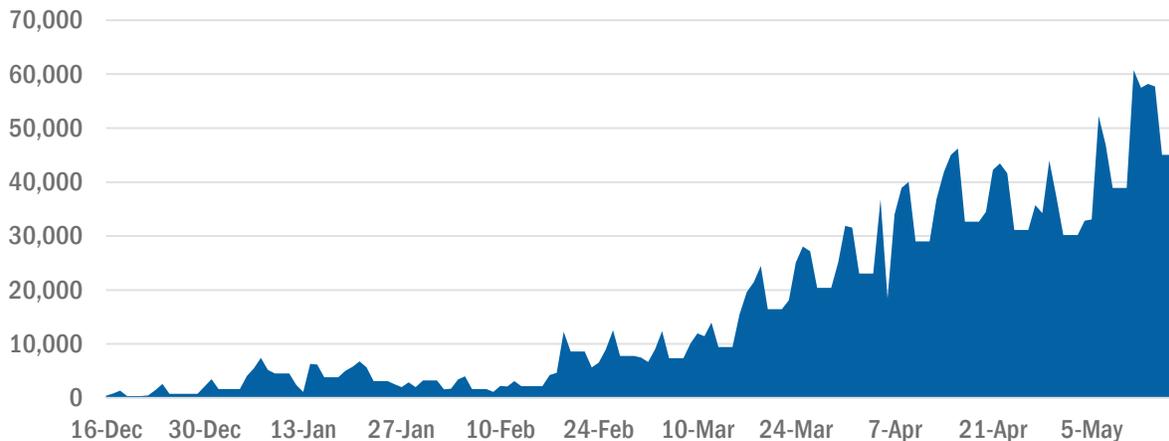
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	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>	45,044	2,528,398	2,740,490	92.26%	46.61%	130,023	2.53%
<b>Yukon</b>	346	50,998	57,020	89.43%	64.38%	23,845	56.10%
<b>Canada</b>	390,023	18,805,903	20,383,964	92.30%	45.73%	1,424,641	3.75%

### 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, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, held a live press conference regarding the COVID-19 response in B.C. Highlights include the following:<sup>6</sup>
  - “Everyone in B.C. who is 18 or older can now register and book their vaccine. It is your turn, and we encourage you to book your appointment as soon as you can, remembering that all vaccines take three weeks to be fully effective.”
  - Details regarding vaccine availability for youth aged 12 to 17 are expected later this week.
  - The remaining supply of AstraZeneca vaccines in B.C. expires in June and will be used to administer second doses for individuals have already received their first dose.
  - “I know that for many people this May long weekend is often the unofficial kick-off to summer, and I know that we are all looking forward to this summer being different, but we are not yet ready to make any changes to our current provincial health orders this week.”
  - “This means this long weekend it is important for all of us to stay the course. That means staying local, staying small, and remembering to use all of our protective measures, even as more and more of us are immunized and we pass that critical period of time that our immune system is wrapping up to protect us as well.”
  - “That's why we can't be making any changes right now. We can't be traveling and can't be having large gatherings this weekend.”
  - “We're closely monitoring our progress to determine what changes we can safely make and when. So, let's keep pushing vaccinations up and pushing COVID-19 down.”
  - “Until then we all need to hold the line. What you do today determines where we will all be two three weeks from now. And that's why everything that we're doing right now is going to make a difference for our summer.”
- Today, the Ministry of Finance announced legislative amendments to permanently allow B.C. corporations to hold virtual meetings.<sup>7</sup>
  - In April 2020, the Province temporarily removed legislative barriers to meeting electronically so organizations facing challenges could continue to govern and provide services through the pandemic.
  - The amendments to the Business Corporations Act, Cooperative Association Act, Credit Union Incorporation Act, Financial Institutions Act, and Societies Act will permanently remove legislative barriers and allow companies, societies, credit unions, and co-operative associations the permanent ability to host fully or partially electronic meetings.
  - A corporate entity may determine the appropriate platform for an electronic meeting, provided all attendees can participate. If an online meeting platform is chosen, organizers should consider providing a telephone option for people without access to a computer.
  - “This permanent change will support improved engagement and help remove barriers to participation for people who are unable to attend in-person meetings,” said Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance.

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<sup>6</sup> Live press conference on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021FIN0036-000930>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon announced that 76 per cent of eligible Yukon adults have now received their first dose of the vaccine.<sup>8</sup>
  - “More than 75 per cent of eligible Yukon adults have now received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. This is a milestone for our territory and all of Canada. The Yukon continues to lead the country in immunizations. We look forward to increasing our vaccination rates further as we make vaccines available to youth in the coming weeks. The more people get immunized, the safer our territory will be,” said Tracy-Anne McPhee, Minister of Health and Social Services.
  - “Vaccine uptake is increasing in every age group with rates ranging from 65 per cent for first doses in those aged 18 to 29 years, to 90 per cent in those aged 70 and over.”
  - “Second dose percentages are lower as the second doses must be administered a minimum of 28 days following the first dose.”
  - “Vaccination clinics for youth aged 12 to 17 will begin soon, with first doses to be administered before the end of the school year. Youth vaccine clinics will be held in most communities and medical travel will be supported for those places where a youth clinic is not being held or for those who need it.”
  - Details on vaccine progress for eligible Yukoners can be found at:  
<https://yukon.ca/this-is-our-shot#vaccine-progress-in-yukon>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, released the following statement regarding COVID-19 Canada.<sup>9</sup>
  - “B.1.617 was recently designated as a variant of concern (VOC) by the World Health Organization (WHO) given its increased transmissibility. As of May 16, the B.1.617 variant, including all three currently defined sub-lineages (B.1.617.1, B.1.617.2, and B.1.617.3) have been identified in nine provinces and one territory.”
  - “We are working with provinces/territories to further characterize the impact of this VOC in the Canadian context.”
  - “However, we know that regardless of which variants are circulating, vaccination, in combination with public health and individual measures work to reduce spread.”
  - “As vaccine eligibility expands, Canadians are urged to get vaccinated and support others to get vaccinated as vaccines become available to them.”
  - “However, regardless of our vaccination status, Canadians are urged to remain vigilant, continue following local public health advice, and consistently maintain individual practices that keep us and our families safer, even as we’re beginning to see the positive impacts of COVID-19 vaccines.”

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<sup>8</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/yukon-surpasses-75-cent-vaccination-rate>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/05/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-may-17-2021.html>

\*Note: The percentage of Yukon adults with a first dose of the vaccine quoted by the Government of Yukon (76%) than in the table on page 3 (56%) as it only considers eligible adults.

- Today, Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, announced the launch of a new “Ripple Effect” advertising campaign to encourage vaccine uptake.<sup>10</sup>
  - “The campaign uses the concept of a ripple effect to underscore how one small, individual action can greatly influence outcomes for everyone. Getting vaccinated will help reduce infection rates, ease pressure on the health system and create the conditions that will allow us to get back to important social, economic, and recreational activities.”
  - “Choosing to get vaccinated against COVID-19 can have a cascading effect, culminating in a more vaccinated and protected Canada and eventual easing of public health restrictions.”
  - This is the second phase of the COVID-19 vaccine advertising campaign and will run from May 17, 2021 to July 4, 2021.
    - Ads will run on TV and radio (including multicultural and Indigenous channels), in print media, and out-of-home including on buses and digital signs.
    - Additional, digital ads will run on web sites, social media, and through search engine marketing.
  - The first phase of the advertising campaign, "COVID-19 Vaccines and You," ran from March 8th, 2021, to May 16th, 2021, to educate and build trust in the COVID-19 vaccines by answering key questions about the vaccines and providing Canadians with the information they need to make informed COVID-19 vaccine choices.

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/public-health/news/2021/05/government-of-canada-launches-new-ripple-effect-advertising-campaign-to-encourage-covid-19-vaccination.html>