

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 18 May 2021

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of May 17	As of May 18	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	139,664	140,075	411
Total active cases in BC	5,021	4,890	-131
Currently in intensive care	132	127	5
Currently hospitalized	350	360	10
Total hospitalized to date	7,394	7,404	10
Total deaths in BC	1,648	1,650	2
Total recovered in BC	132,841	133,383	542

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of May 17	As of May 18	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	139,664	140,075	411
Vancouver Coastal Health	33,966	34,003	37
Fraser Health	81,349	81,634	285
Island Health	4,941	4,953	12
Interior Health	11,747	11,816	69
Northern Health	7,465	7,473	8
Out of Canada	196	196	0
Total individuals tested in BC	2,672,490	2,679,865	7,375*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of May 17	As of May 18	Change
Total confirmed cases	84	84	0
Total active cases	0	0	0
Total deaths	2	2	0
Total recovered	81	82	1
Total individuals tested	7,381	7,398	17
Negative results	7,284	7,299	15
Pending results	13	15	2

*The BCCDC has reported 7,279 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between May 17th and 18th.

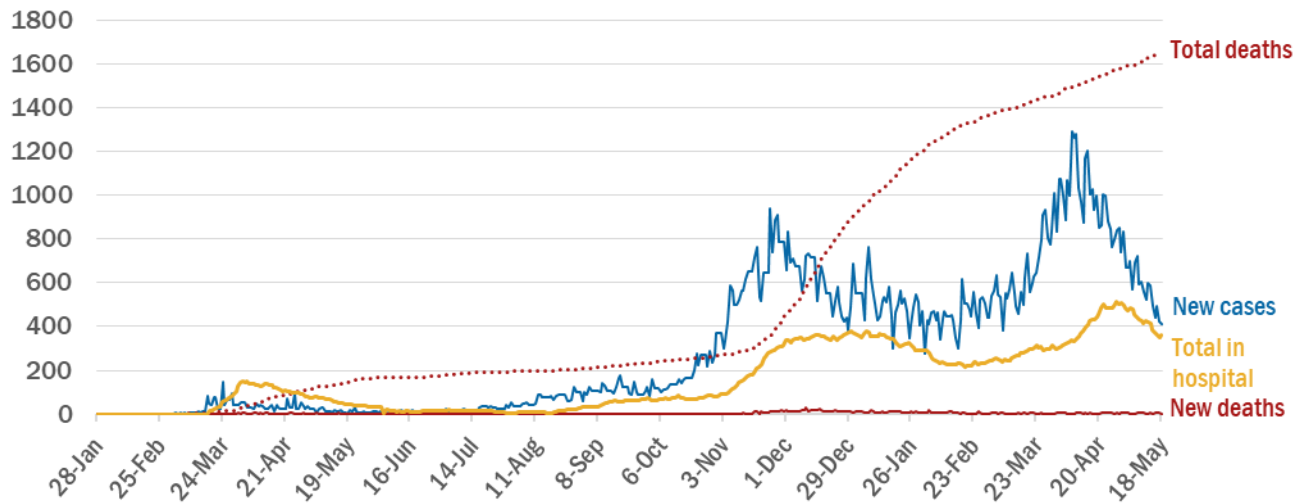
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE
CASES IN CANADA³**

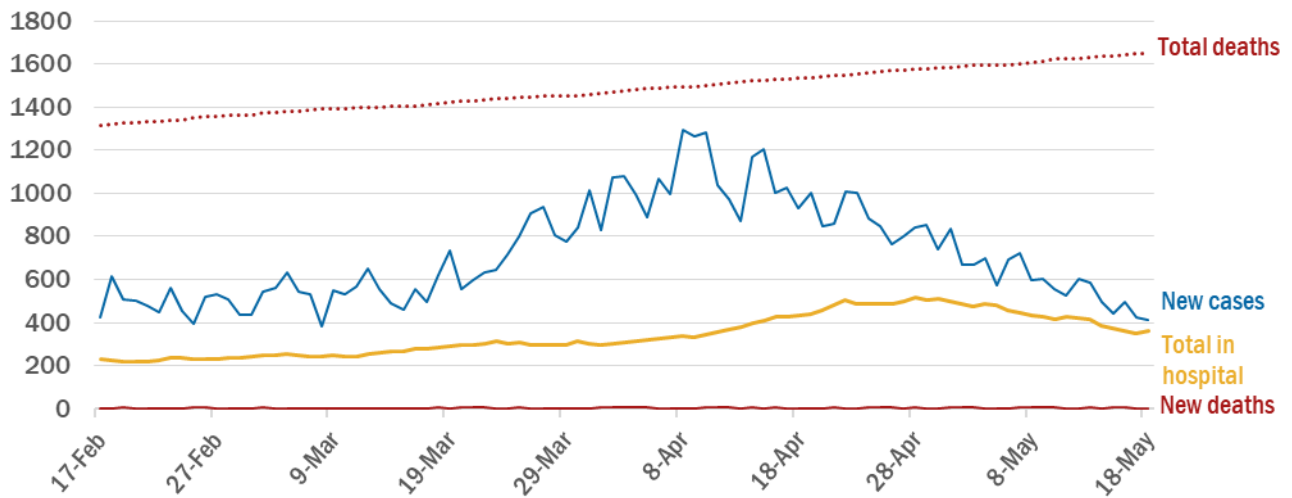
	As of May 14	As of May 17	Change
Total confirmed cases	28,419	28,654	235
Total active cases	824	891	67
Currently hospitalized	1,271	1,282	11
Total deaths	329	332	3
Total recovered	27,266	27,431	165
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,020	3,028	8

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



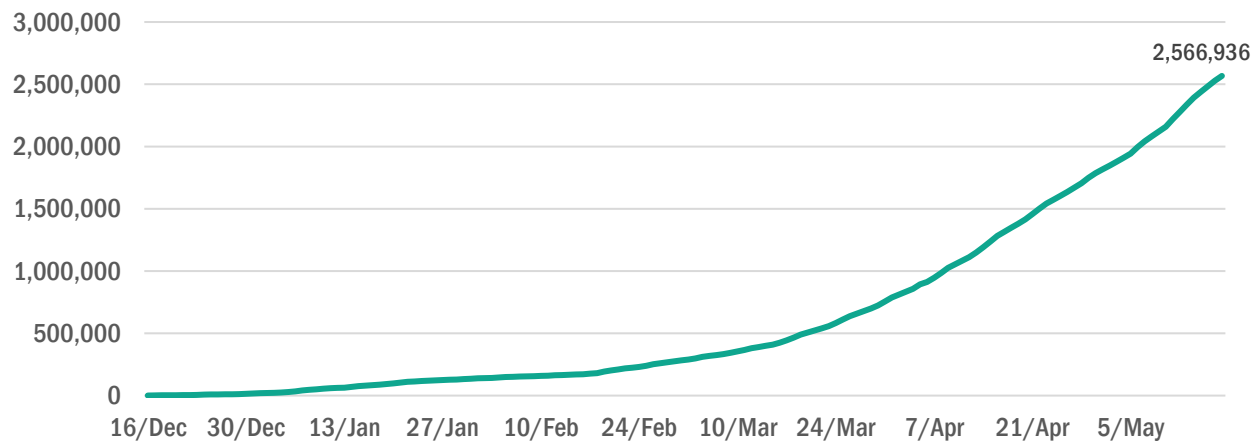
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

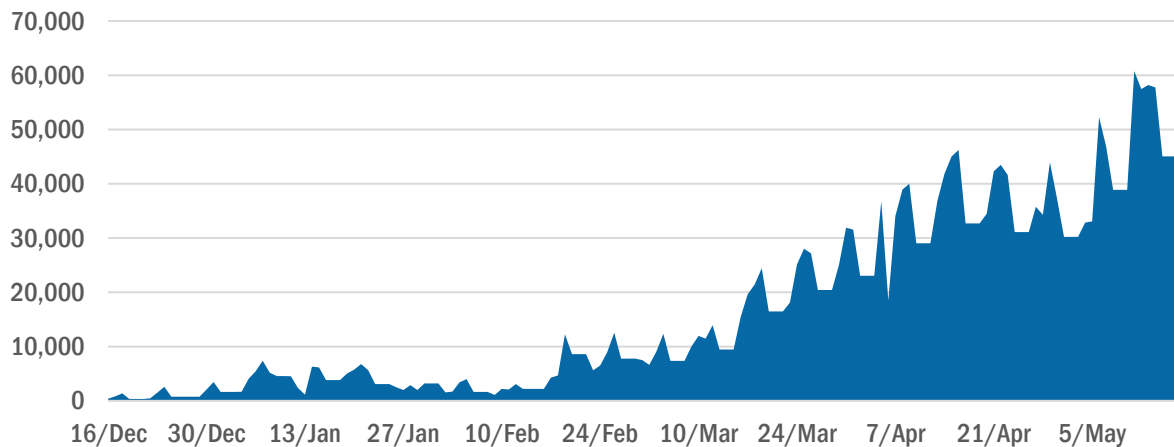
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁵
	Today	Total					
BC	38,538	2,566,936	2,933,640	87.50%	47.32%	131,837	2.56%
Yukon	N/A	50,998	57,020	89.43%	64.38%	23,845	56.10%
Canada	282,895	19,088,798	21,762,302	87.70%	46.41%	1,450,745	3.82%

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 COVID-19 in B.C.⁶ Highlights include the following:
 - “We invite everyone in B.C. who is 18 or older to join our team – the more than 2.5 million strong who have received their vaccine or have booked their appointment for the coming days.”
 - “The more people who get vaccinated, the safer we all are, which is why we want to break the record books on immunizations in our province.”
 - “Whether you are in northern B.C., the Okanagan, Vancouver Island or the Tri-Cities, the simple step of getting immunized will allow us to start to slowly ease the restrictions we have in place.”
 - “First doses are well underway and second doses will be coming soon. With a large, steady vaccine supply and an assurance that most people have their first dose, we will be able to look at how we may be able to accelerate delivery of second doses. We’re monitoring this closely and will have more to share in early June.”
 - “As we stay small and stay local this coming long weekend, let’s also make registering, booking or getting vaccinated part of our weekend plans. Together, through our efforts, we will put this pandemic behind us.”
- Today, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, announced an amendment to the Emergency Program Act (EPA) that requires masks to be worn at all times in fitness facilities, including during workouts.⁷
 - This updated ministerial order on masks ensures a co-ordinated response to COVID-19 and allows police and other officials to enforce this guidance.
 - Anyone without a mask in an indoor space, or who refuses to comply with the direction of an enforcement officer, may be subject to a fine of \$230.
- Today, the B.C. Government announced that applications are being accepted for funding through the B.C. Major Anchor Attractions Program.⁸
 - This Program provides one-time emergency funding to major anchor attractions and tour bus companies to help operations continue during COVID-19.
 - Funding through this Program is available for not-for-profit organizations and businesses.
 - The application window will be open until June 7th with funds provided in July 2021.
 - For more information on the Program, please visit:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/economic-recovery/attractions-program>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0103-000961>

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0035-000934>

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021TACS0036-000947>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon announced that COVID-19 vaccination clinics are scheduled for youth aged 12 to 17 to receive the Pfizer vaccine.⁹
 - Beginning May 31st, first dose clinics in small communities will be held in schools, and June 1st clinics will be held at the Whitehorse Coast High Country Inn Convention Centre beginning June 1st.
 - Second dose clinics will start as early as June 23rd.
 - Due to the limited supply and strict handling requirements, the Pfizer vaccine will only be available to Yukon youth for a short period of time and everyone who is eligible is encouraged to get their shot as soon as possible.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, issued a statement regarding COVID-19 vaccines in Canada.¹⁰ Highlights include the following:
 - “Following Health Canada’s authorisation of the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for use in children aged 12 to 15 years on May 5th, Canada’s National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has completed their expert review, with new advice for federal, provincial and territorial governments released today.”
 - “NACI recommends that a complete series of two-doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine can be offered to individuals 12 to 18 years of age who are eligible to receive the vaccine.”
 - “The coming weeks and months hold great promise. Accelerated vaccine roll out will return greater benefits, if we maintain caution while allowing the vaccines time to build our protection.”
 - “During this time, as immunity builds up across the population, it is very important to continue following local public health advice, including about when and where to maintain essential precautions such as masking and spacing.”
- Today, Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, announced the launch of *Skills for Success*, a new training program to help Canadians develop new skills and find jobs during COVID-19.¹¹
 - Skills for Success will fund organizations to provide tools, resources, and training to Canadians of all ages and skill levels to adapt and thrive in today’s economy.
 - Later this year, the Government will launch a call for proposals to fund organizations to design and deliver this training.

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/covid-19-vaccination-clinics-youth-begin-may-31>

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/05/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-may-18-2021.html>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/05/launch-of-skills-for-success---003368.html>

- Today, in preparation for the 2021 Parks Canada visitor season, Jonathan Wilkinson, shared the following guidance on how to stay safe and healthy during COVID-19:¹²
 - **Plan Ahead** – Check the Parks Canada website before you visit to find out what locations are open, what to expect, how to prepare, and what services are available.
 - **Follow Travel Restrictions** – Listen to the guidance of public health experts and follow travel restrictions.
 - **Make Safe Choices** – Choose activities that will minimize the demands on emergency response and the health care system.
 - **Be Self-sufficient** – Pack a kit that includes extra hygiene supplies, such as food, hand sanitizer, masks or face coverings, garbage bags and a tablecloth.
 - **Leave No Trace** – Use appropriate garbage containers or take garbage with you out of the park.
 - **Respect Wildlife** – Learn more about the wildlife in the park and remember to never feed wildlife, always give them space, and maintain a clean campsite.

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

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/parks-canada/news/2021/05/parks-canadas-2021-visitor-season-begins-this-weekend.html>