

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 19 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 18</b> | <b>As of May 19</b> | <b>Change</b> |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Total confirmed cases in BC              | 140,075             | 140,596             | <b>521</b>    |
| Total active cases in BC                 | 4,890               | 4,815               | <b>-75</b>    |
| Currently in intensive care              | 127                 | 118                 | <b>-9</b>     |
| Currently hospitalized                   | 360                 | 340                 | <b>-20</b>    |
| Total hospitalized to date               | 7,404               | 7,427               | <b>23</b>     |
| Total deaths in BC                       | 1,650               | 1,658               | <b>8</b>      |
| Total recovered in BC                    | 133,383             | 133,985             | <b>602</b>    |

| <b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>As of May 18</b> | <b>As of May 19</b> | <b>Change</b> |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Total confirmed cases in BC                  | 140,075             | 140,596             | <b>521</b>    |
| Vancouver Coastal Health                     | 34,003              | 34,080              | <b>77</b>     |
| Fraser Health                                | 81,634              | 81,969              | <b>335</b>    |
| Island Health                                | 4,953               | 4,971               | <b>18</b>     |
| Interior Health                              | 11,816              | 11,878              | <b>62</b>     |
| Northern Health                              | 7,473               | 7,502               | <b>29</b>     |
| Out of Canada                                | 196                 | 196                 | <b>0</b>      |
| Total individuals tested in BC               | 2,679,865           | 2,688,609           | <b>8,744*</b> |

| <b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>As of May 18</b> | <b>As of May 19</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                             | 82                  | 82                  | <b>1</b>      |
| Total individuals tested                    | 7,398               | 7,410               | <b>12</b>     |
| Negative results                            | 7,299               | 7,304               | <b>5</b>      |
| Pending results                             | 15                  | 22                  | <b>7</b>      |

\*The BCCDC has reported 8,665 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

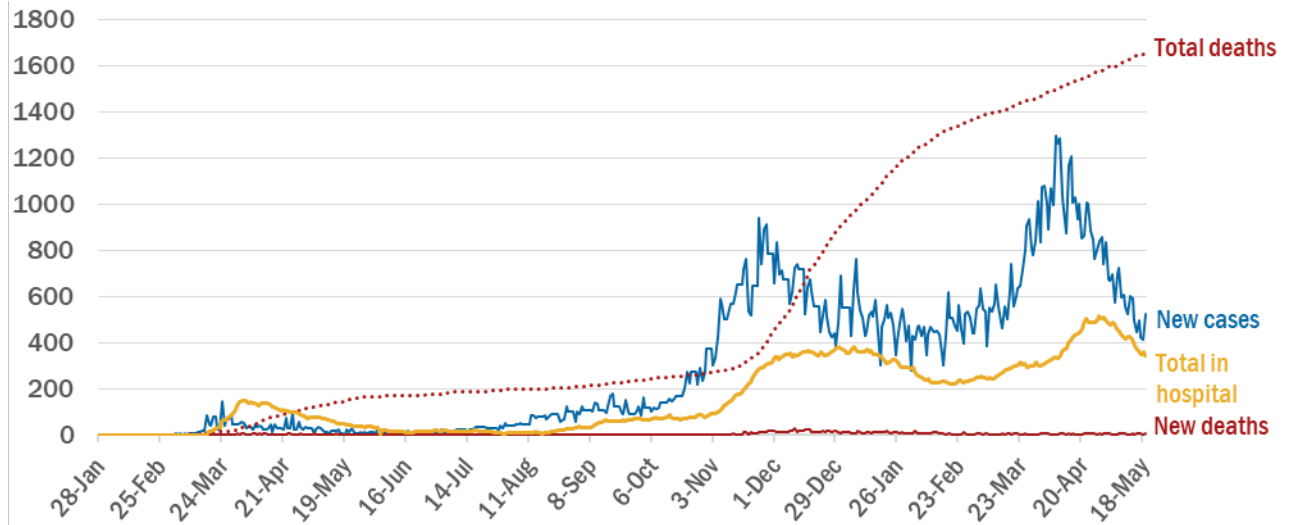
<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

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

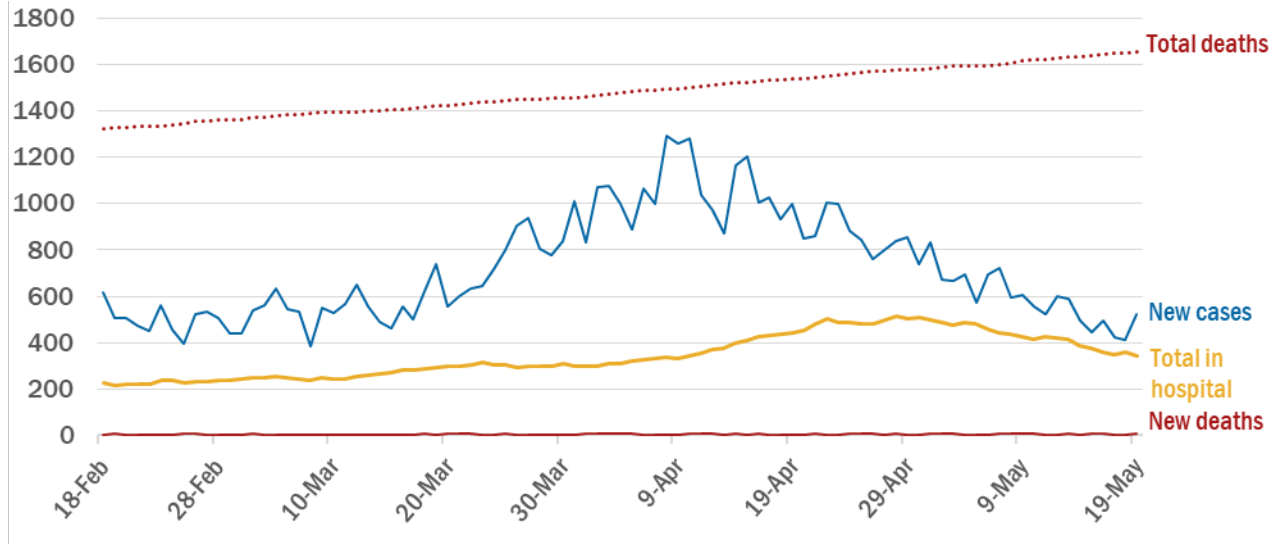
|                             | As of May 17 | As of May 18 | Change |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| Total confirmed cases       | 28,654       | 28,710       | 56     |
| Total active cases          | 891          | 864          | -27    |
| Currently hospitalized      | 1,282        | 1,286        | 4      |
| Total deaths                | 332          | 332          | 0      |
| Total recovered             | 27,431       | 27,514       | 83     |
| Total confirmed cases in BC | 3,028        | 3,031        | 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**



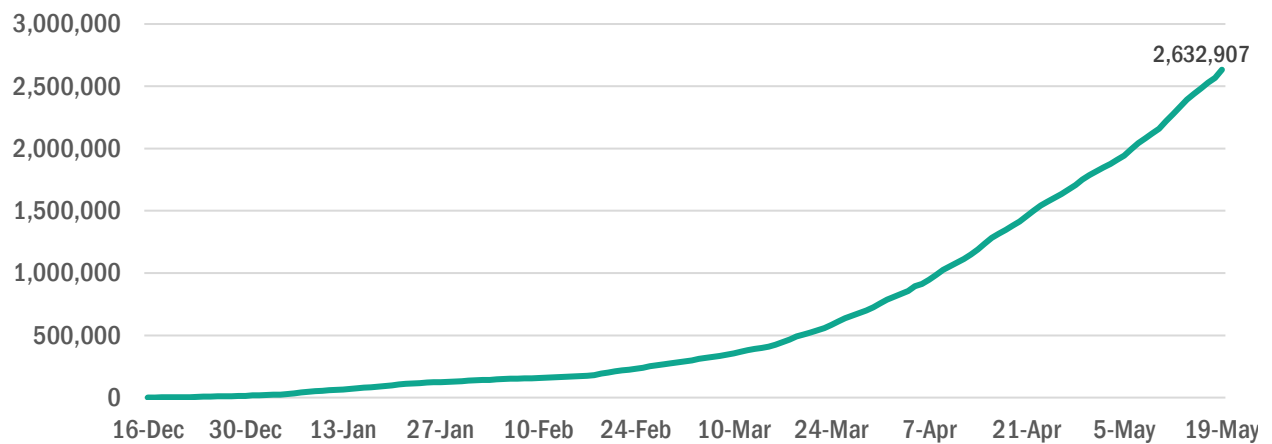
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## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

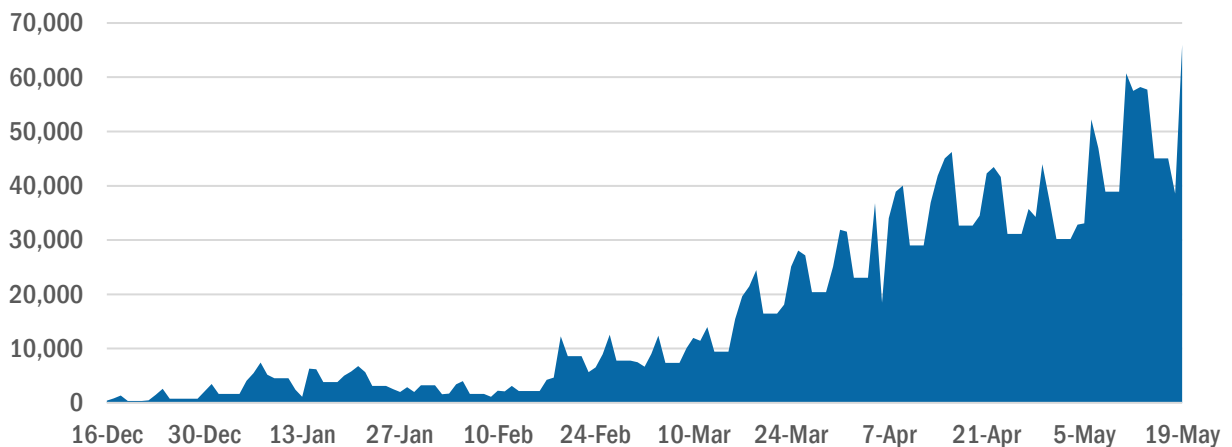
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

|               | 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>     | 65,971                   | 2,632,907  | 3,092,640            | 85.13%                  | 48.54%                 | 135,246                 | 2.63%                                |
| <b>Yukon</b>  | 367                      | 51,365     | 57,020               | 90.08%                  | 64.72%                 | 24,069                  | 56.62%                               |
| <b>Canada</b> | 355,795                  | 19,444,593 | 22,177,544           | 87.70%                  | 47.25%                 | 1,486,018               | 3.91%                                |

### 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, issued a joint statement regarding COVID-19 in B.C. Highlights include the following:<sup>6</sup>
  - “Getting everyone in our province immunized is our pathway forward through the COVID-19 pandemic. This will ensure we have enough protection and community immunity to allow us to slowly lift public health and travel restrictions.”
  - “Today, young people 12 to 17 years old may register to receive their vaccine, with more details to come tomorrow.”
  - “For anyone immunized before April 15, prior to our online system launching, our immunization system has your vaccine information, but may not have your contact information. This is why it is important for everyone to register – to simplify notification for your second dose booking when it is your turn.”
  - To register, you can:
    - Call 1-833-838-2323; or
    - Visit <https://gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated>
  - If unsure, call 1-833-838-2323 to ensure you are registered, or register online at <https://gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated>
  - “If you have yet to book your first dose of vaccine, go online today and join the millions of people who have received their vaccine or booked their appointment for the coming days.”
  - “Help us put the pandemic behind us by staying small and local, and ensuring you are registered and booked for your vaccine today.”

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon provided an update on measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which included the following information regarding vaccinations:<sup>7</sup>
  - Online vaccination bookings for youth between 12 and 17 years old open Thursday, May 20, 2021.
    - To book an appointment and find more information, visit: <https://yukon.ca/en/this-is-our-shot>
  - A 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 Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; on Wednesdays it is open from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
  - Residents aged 18 and older in rural Yukon can call their local clinics for an appointment or receive a vaccination in Whitehorse.

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<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0037-000981>

<sup>7</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/may-19-2021-covid-19-update>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) provided the following COVID-19 update for Indigenous Peoples and communities:<sup>8</sup>
  - “With warmer weather approaching and more people spending time outside, it remains essential that everyone 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.”
  - “Across the country, the vaccine roll-out is well underway. Increased efforts are in place to enhance vaccine confidence to promote the uptake of vaccines in areas that may be experiencing hesitancy, a high number of cases and low vaccine coverage.”
  - “Provinces and territories are making plans to vaccinate youth following Health Canada’s recent authorization of the Pfizer vaccine for those aged 12 to 15.”
  - “To support youth vaccination, the Indigenous Youth COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake Working Group was established by ISC and Indigenous partners. The group is comprised of Indigenous youth from across the country and works collaboratively to provide advice to the Government of Canada and other organizations to increase vaccine uptake among First Nations, Inuit and Métis youth.”
- Today, Health Canada provided a statement regarding the authorization of more flexible storage conditions for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, providing more storage options and allowing for more flexibility in distribution plans.<sup>9</sup>
  - Health Canada has authorized this vaccine to be stored at regular refrigerated temperatures (2-8°C) at the point of use for up to one month.
    - After conducting a thorough review of the submission [from Pfizer-BioNTech], the Department determined that undiluted COVID-19 vaccine remains stable when stored at standard refrigerated temperatures for 31 days.
  - Since the initial authorization of the vaccine, the manufacturer has continued to develop additional, longer-term data on the stability of the product under different conditions. As a result of this research, Pfizer provided additional data to support more flexible storage conditions.

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

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/05/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities1.html>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/05/health-canada-authorizes-more-flexible-storage-conditions-for-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine.html>