

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 20 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 19	As of May 20	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	140,596	140,953	357
Total active cases in BC	4,815	4,636	-179
Currently in intensive care	118	113	-5
Currently hospitalized	340	331	-9
Total hospitalized to date	7,427	7,451	24
Total deaths in BC	1,658	1,661	3
Total recovered in BC	133,985	134,521	536

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of May 19	As of May 20	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	140,596	140,953	357
Vancouver Coastal Health	34,080	34,160	80
Fraser Health	81,969	82,179	210
Island Health	4,971	4,983	12
Interior Health	11,878	11,911	33
Northern Health	7,502	7,524	22
Out of Canada	196	196	0
Total individuals tested in BC	2,688,609	2,696,258	7,649*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of May 19	As of May 20	Change
Total confirmed cases	84	84	0
Total active cases	0	0	0
Total deaths	2	2	0
Total recovered	82	82	0
Total individuals tested	7,410	7,421	11
Negative results	7,304	7,317	13
Pending results	22	20	-2

*The BCCDC has reported 7,581 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between May 19th and 20th.

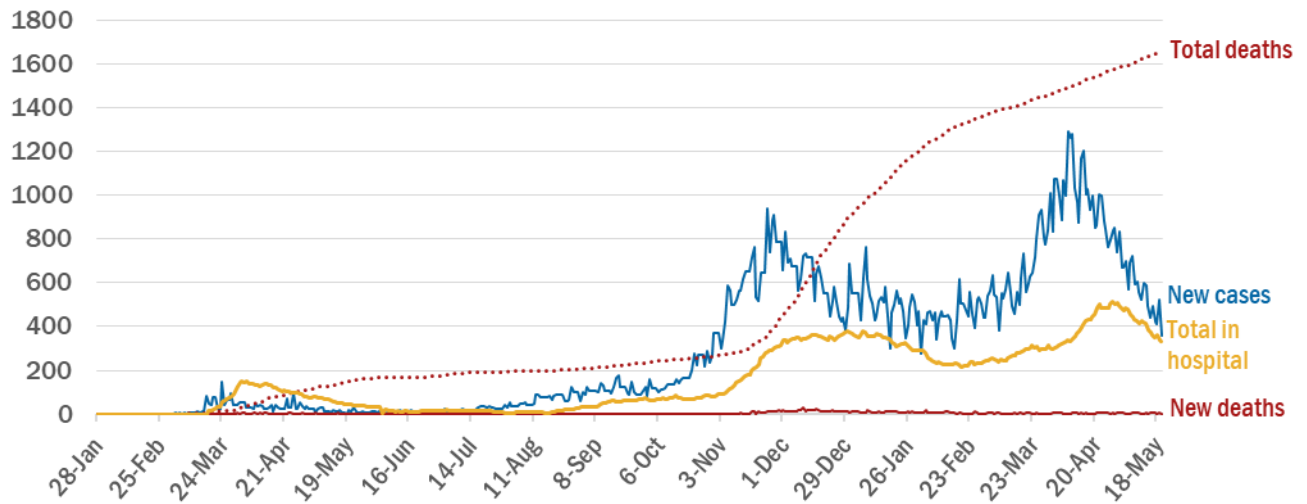
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

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

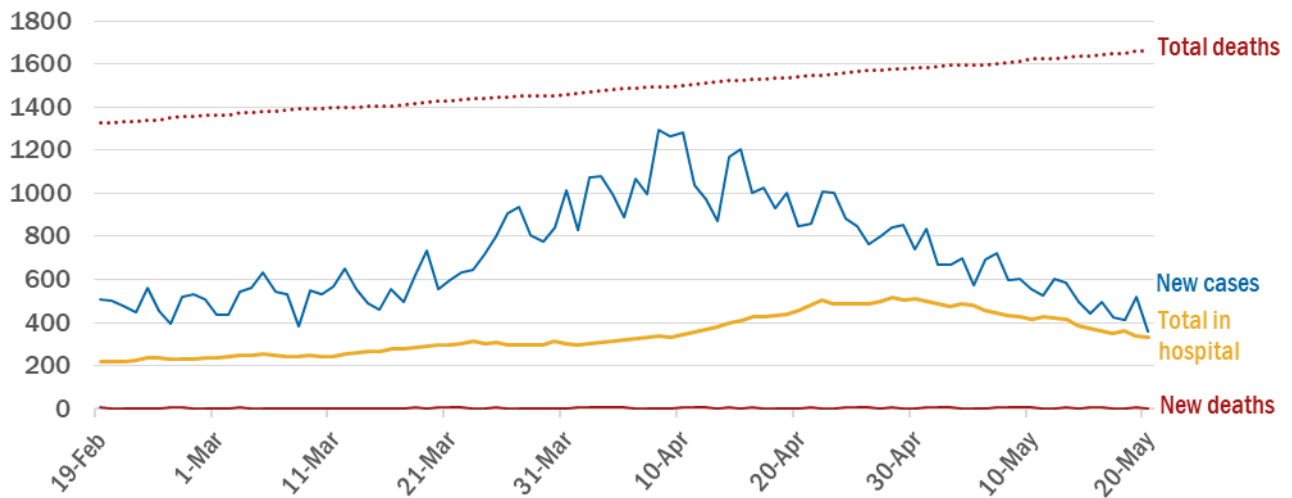
	As of May 18	As of May 19	Change
Total confirmed cases	28,710	28,781	71
Total active cases	864	867	3
Currently hospitalized	1,286	1,291	5
Total deaths	332	333	1
Total recovered	27,514	27,581	67
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,031	3,035	4

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



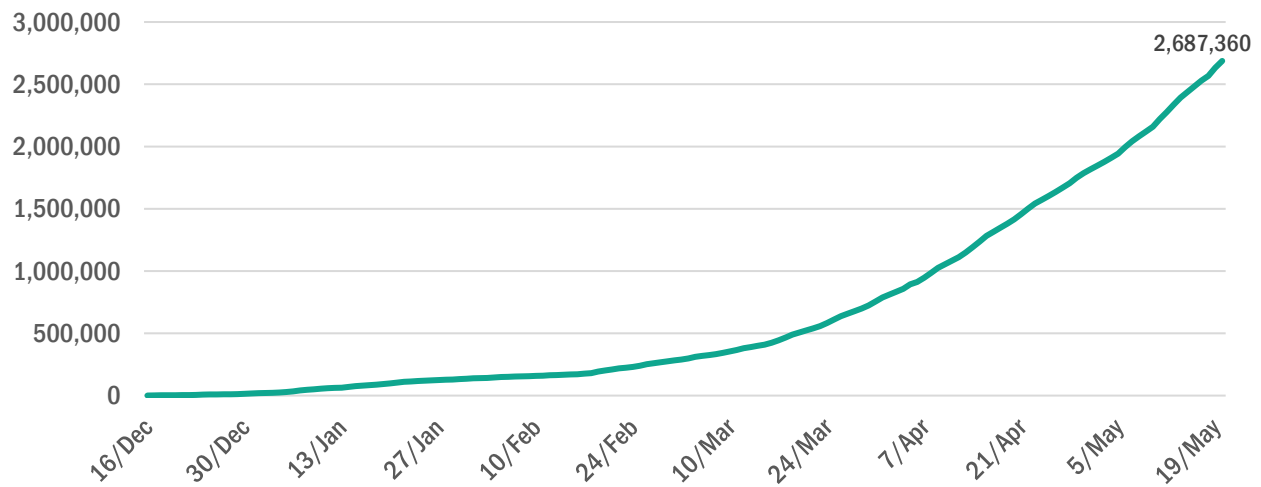
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

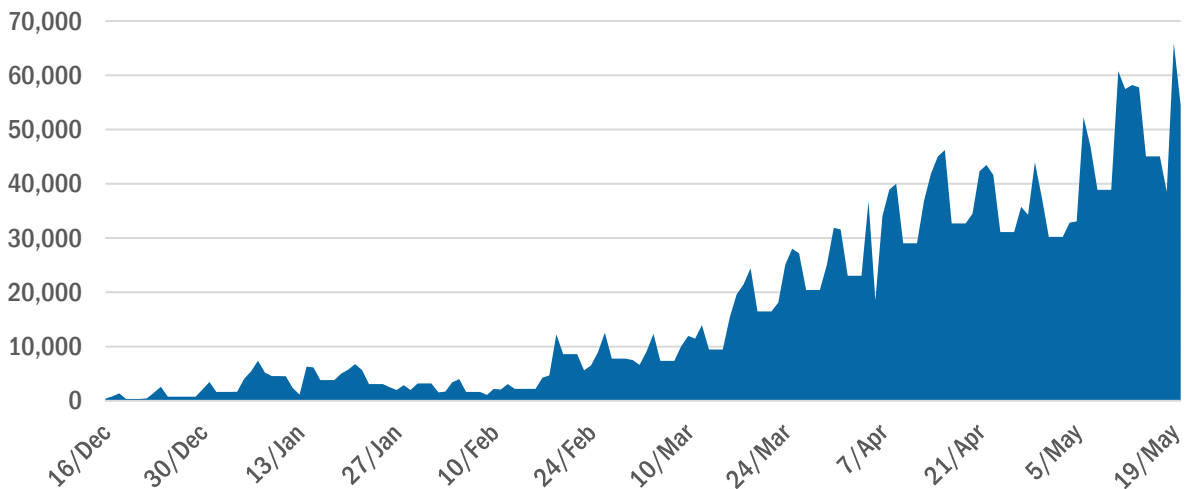
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁵
	Today	Total					
BC	54,453	2,687,360	3,105,610	86.53%	49.52%	138,906	2.70%
Yukon	169	51,534	57,020	90.37%	64.92%	24,153	56.82%
Canada	396,969	19,841,562	22,932,424	86.50%	48.18%	1,529,541	4.02%

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, the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) released information regarding the announcement of vaccine registration and appointment eligibility for youth aged 12 years of age and older.⁶
 - All youth in B.C. aged 12 years of age and older are now able to register for a COVID-19 first dose vaccination appointment.
 - This announcement provides an opportunity for First Nations youth who live away from home to be vaccinated, and for youth who live in First Nations communities that were not previously eligible to receive the vaccine.
 - Youth will have the opportunity to receive the vaccine in clinics organized by the FNHA, in partnership with B.C. First Nations communities.
 - Communities will be notified if youth clinics are available when adults are scheduled.
 - Households or family units can now be vaccinated together at one appointment at all provincial clinics.
 - Youth aged 12 years of age and older can consent to receive medical treatment, including vaccinations, without parental approval as long as the health care provider has determined the treatment is in the youth's best interest.
- Today, the B.C. Government announced that all youth between 12 and 17 years of age are now eligible to register and receive a COVID-19 vaccination appointment.⁷
 - Registration and appointment booking can be completed:
 - Online at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register>
 - By telephone at 1-833-838-2323
 - In person at any Service B.C. centre
 - Household and group vaccination options are available to make it easy for households to be immunized at the same time.
 - Youth accompanying adults to the adult's appointment can register on site and do not need to be registered or booked in advance.
- Today, Premier John Horgan, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, held a live press conference regarding COVID-19 in B.C.⁸
 - **Regarding the B.C. Immunization Program**
 - The B.C. Immunization Program is proving very effective, and it has been shown that 3-4 weeks after an individual receives a first dose, illness from COVID-19 has reduced by 70 percent.
 - **Regarding the current Public Health restrictions**
 - The current Public Health restrictions do not expire until after the long weekend, which serves as a reminder to stay small and stay local.
 - The next steps for B.C. will be announced on Tuesday, May 25th.

⁶ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/covid-19-vaccinations-now-available-to-youth-age-12-and-older>

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PREM0037-000986>

⁸ Dr. Bonnie Henry via live press conference 05/20/2021

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Territory

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Public Health Agency of Canada shared information and resources regarding how to reduce COVID-19 infection and spread.⁹ Highlights include the following:
 - **Stay informed, be prepared, and follow the advice of your local public health authority**
 - This includes advice on gatherings of size limits and non-essential trips outside of your home or community.
 - **Stay home and isolate if you have any COVID-19 symptoms**
 - Even if your symptoms are mild, contact your local public health authority about testing and care.
 - **Use layers of effective personal protective practices**
 - This includes minimizing non-essential in-person interactions, improve indoor air quality in shared spaces through increased ventilation, wear properly fitted face masks, and avoid crowded spaces.
 - **Obtain quality COVID-19 information**
 - There is misleading information circulating online and it is important to fact check against trusted and credible sources.
 - Credible information can be obtained from: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>
 - To learn more about and report COVID-19 scams, frauds, and misleading claims, please visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/campaigns/covid19.html>
- Today, Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, announced a one-year extension of the temporary regulations that support employers to manage and maintain a registered pension plan (RPP) or deferred salary leave plan (DSL) during COVID-19.¹⁰
 - This extension of the temporary relief will continue to ensure:
 - Employees who postponed a leave of absence because of COVID-19 do not face adverse tax consequences for staying on the job.
 - RPP sponsors and the beneficiaries have flexibility to administer plans and support employees through pandemic-related disruptions.

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/07/information-and-resources-on-covid-19-epidemiology-and-reducing-your-risks-for-infection-and-spreading-the-virus.html>

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/05/government-extends-relief-for-registered-pension-plans-and-deferred-salary-leave-plans.html>

- Today, Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) announced \$600,000 in funding to eight agriculture and food-related projects across Yukon to support the agriculture and food sector during challenges of COVID-19.¹¹
 - This funding will help Yukon organizations increase food production, build and improve infrastructure, access new markets, upgrade equipment to increase productivity, and grow businesses.

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

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/northern-economic-development/news/2021/05/government-of-canada-continues-to-support-the-innovation-of-yukons-agri-food-sector.html>