

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 25 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 21</b>	<b>As of May 25</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	141,373	142,636	<b>1,263*</b>
Total active cases in BC	4,507	3,782	<b>-725</b>
Currently in intensive care	107	93	<b>-14</b>
Currently hospitalized	319	301	<b>-18</b>
Total hospitalized to date	7,468	7,558	<b>90</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,667	1,680	<b>13</b>
Total recovered in BC	135,068	137,062	<b>1,994</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of May 21</b>	<b>As of May 25</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	141,373	142,636	<b>1,263*</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	34,244	34,471	<b>227</b>
Fraser Health	82,419	83,225	<b>806</b>
Island Health	4,990	5,018	<b>28</b>
Interior Health	11,969	12,121	<b>152</b>
Northern Health	7,555	7,603	<b>48</b>
Out of Canada	196	198	<b>2</b>
Total tests	2,704,418	2,728,254	<b>28,836</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of May 21</b>	<b>As of May 25</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>0</b>
Total individuals tested	7,431	7,469	<b>38</b>
Negative results	7,328	7,380	<b>52</b>
Pending results	19	5	<b>-14</b>

\*The BC Government has reported 356 new COVID-19 cases May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 325 May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 293 May 24<sup>th</sup>, and 289 May 25<sup>th</sup> (1,263 total).<sup>3</sup>

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

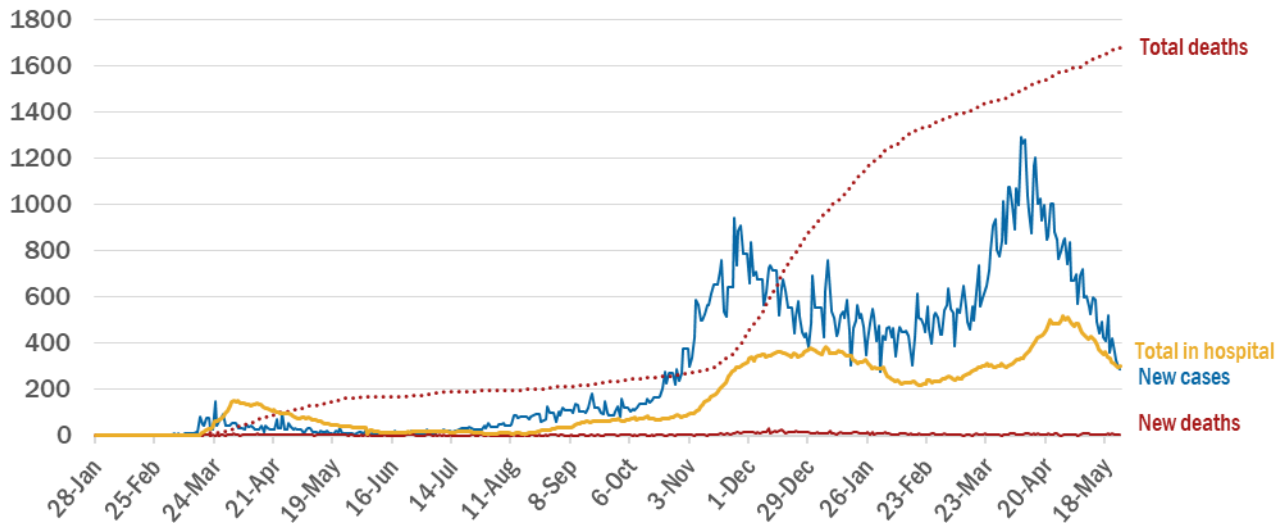
<sup>2</sup> Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

<sup>3</sup> Source (May 22 to 24): <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0037-001006>

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE  
CASES IN CANADA <sup>4</sup>**

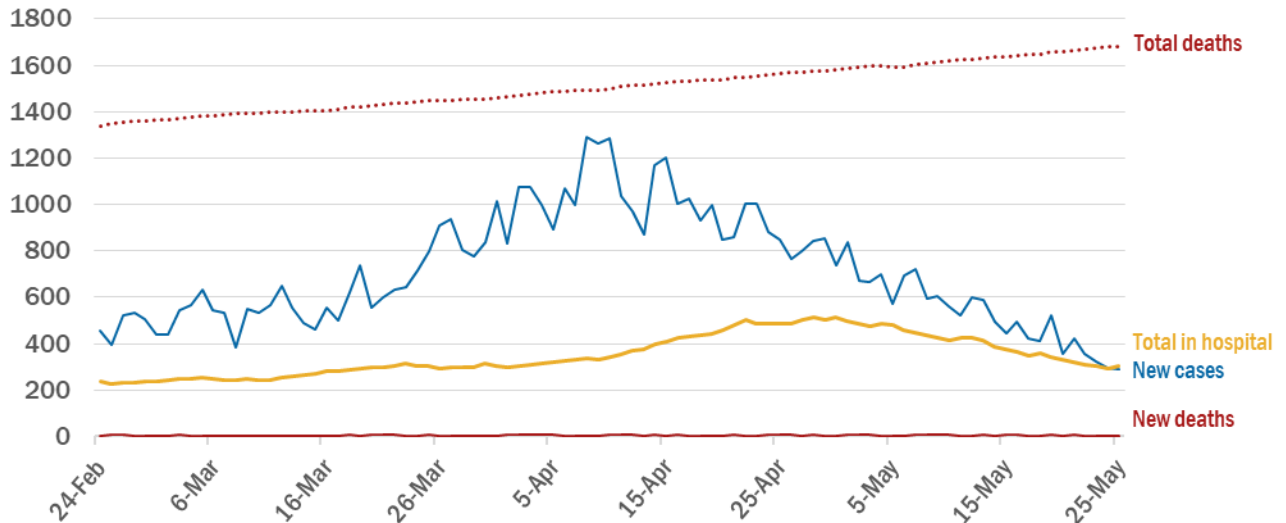
	As of May 20	As of May 23	Change
Total confirmed cases	28,788	29,065	277
Total active cases	887	774	-113
Currently hospitalized	1,293	1,299	6
Total deaths	335	334	-1
Total recovered	27,656	27,957	301
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,041	3,043	2

**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**



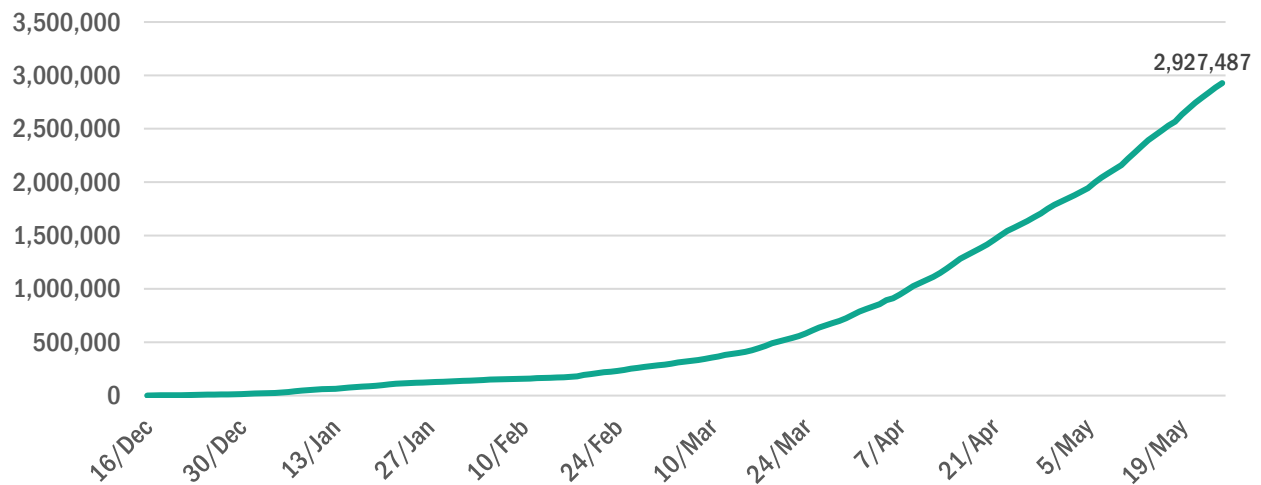
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## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

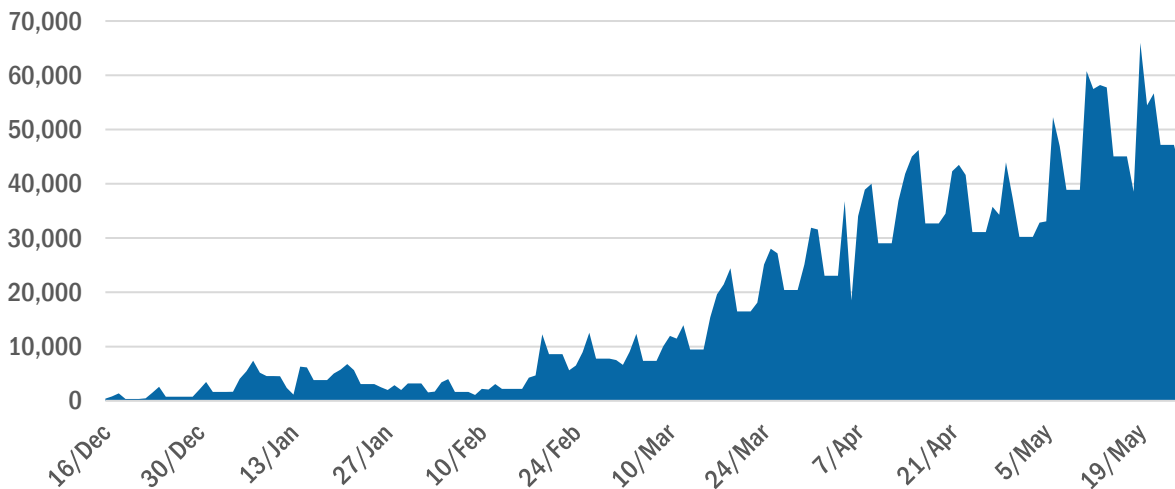
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>5</sup>

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated <sup>6</sup>
	Today	Total					
<b>BC</b>	41,999	2,927,487	3,499,660	83.65%	54.00%	148,580	2.89%
<b>Yukon</b>	350	52,758	57,020	91.38%	65.61%	24,435	57.48%
<b>Canada</b>	256,179	21,637,723	25,396,102	85.20%	52.47%	1,695,594	4.46%

### TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED



### DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC EACH DAY



<sup>5</sup> Source: N. Little. COVID-19 Tracker Canada (2020), COVID19Tracker.ca

<sup>6</sup> Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/track-vaccinations-across-canada-1.5870573>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Premier John Horgan, Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation, Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, and Dr. Bonnie Henry, BC's provincial health officer, held a live press conference and provided guidance regarding B.C.'s four-step plan to safely restart the province.<sup>7</sup>
  - “The circuit breaker restrictions that we put in place 6 weeks ago have accomplished what they set out to do. We’ve seen these restrictions reduce transmission rates and give our vaccine rollout time to take effect.”
  - “We have made tremendous strides with our vaccination program, and we are now in a position where we can move forward with a plan to slowly bring us back together.”
  - BC’s Restart Plan is a four-step plan that will be a slow and gradual return to normal life.
    - Safety and health protocols such as mask-wearing and physical distancing will remain in place and mandatory during the initial two steps of the plan.
    - While there are approximate dates, **the plan will be guided by data, not dates, and will not proceed to the next step until it is safe to do so** based on guidance from public health and the latest available data.
    - Progressing through the steps will be measured by the number of adults vaccinated, case counts, hospitalizations and deaths, taking into account clusters and outbreaks.
  - **Step 1: May 25**
    - Requirement:
      - 60% of adult population with Dose 1
      - COVID-19 cases stable, hospitalizations stable
    - Maximum of five visitors or one household allowed for indoor personal gatherings
    - Maximum of 10 people for outdoor personal gatherings
    - Maximum of 10 people for seated indoor organized gatherings with safety protocols
    - Maximum of 50 people for seated outdoor organized gatherings with safety protocols
    - Indoor fitness facilities are to return to the existing safety protocols that were in place prior to the circuit breaker restrictions.
      - Indoor high intensity group exercise is prohibited.
      - Indoor low intensity group exercise is allowed.
      - Personal training sessions can occur as long as they have a COVID-19 Safety Plan that is strictly followed.
    - Restaurants, bars, and pubs, may resume indoor and outdoor dining with the following safety protocols:
      - Capacity limits based on physical distancing requirements, including a maximum of 6 people at a table (not restricted to household or bubble)
      - Individuals must wear a mask when not at a table
      - Events are prohibited
    - Recreational travel only within travel region
      - Non-essential travel between travel regions continues to be restricted
    - Hotels and accommodation providers may welcome guests from inside their region

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<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PREM0037-001008>

- Resume outdoor sports (games) with no spectators, low-intensity fitness allowed with safety protocols
- Start gradual return to workplaces
- Provincewide mask mandate, business safety protocols, and physical distancing measures and protocols for schools and daycares remain in place
- Return of indoor in-person faith-based gatherings (reduced capacity) based on consultation with public health
- **Step 2: Mid-June (June 15 – earliest date)**
  - Requirement:
    - 65% of adult population with Dose 1
    - Cases declining, COVID-19 hospitalizations declining
  - Maximum of 50 people for outdoor social gatherings
  - Maximum of 50 people for seated indoor organized gatherings (banquet halls, movie theatres, live theatre) with safety protocols
  - Consultation process required to prepare for larger indoor and outdoor gatherings with safety protocols
  - No travel restrictions within B.C. – check local travel advisories
    - Hotels and other accommodation providers can accept guests from throughout the province
  - Indoor sports (games) and high-intensity fitness with safety protocols
  - Spectators for outdoor sports (50 maximum)
- All updated workplace safety plans should be ready by July 1, prior to shifting into Step 3. These plans will be based on updated sector guidelines.
- **Step 3: Early July (July 1 – earliest date)**
  - Requirement:
    - 70% of adult population with Dose 1
    - Cases low, COVID-19 hospitalizations declining
  - Provincial state of emergency and public health emergency lifted
  - Returning to normal for indoor and outdoor personal gatherings
  - Increased capacity for indoor and outdoor organized gatherings, with safety plans
  - Nightclubs and casinos reopen with capacity limits and safety plans
  - New public health and workplace guidance around personal protective equipment, physical distancing, and business protocols
- **Step 4: Early September (September 7 – earliest date)**
  - Requirement:
    - More than 70% of adult population with Dose 1
    - Cases low and stable (contained clusters), COVID-19 hospitalizations low
  - Returning to normal social contact
  - Increased capacity at larger organized gatherings
  - No limits on indoor and outdoor spectators at sports
  - Businesses operating with new safety plans

- Further information on B.C.'s Restart Plan can be found here:
  - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restart>
  - <https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/BCRestartPlan.pdf>
- Today, the B.C. Government announced the extension of the provincial state of emergency through the end of the day on June 8, 2021.
  - This measure allows health and emergency management officials to continue to use extraordinary powers under the Emergency Program Act (EPA) to support the Province's COVID-19 pandemic response.
  - Under the EPA, the province continues to use the support of police and other enforcement officials to issue tickets for owners, operators, and event organizers who host an event or gathering contravening the Provincial Health Officer's orders.

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY**

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

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, released a statement regarding COVID-19 in Canada which included the following highlights:<sup>8</sup>
  - "With 4.5 million COVID-19 vaccine doses delivered before the long weekend and Canadians continuing to roll up their sleeves as vaccination clinics expand across the country, our fastest moving trend is happily that of vaccination coverage."
  - "To continue to make the progress we need, each of us has a key role to play on the vaccines runway. By getting vaccinated as soon as we're able and keeping up with essential precautions, such as masking and spacing, we can sustain our strong and steady progress, while more vaccines rollout to help us bring this curve in for a landing!"
  - "Regardless of your vaccinations status, following the advice of your local public health authority, choosing lower risk activities and settings, and keeping up with essential precautions will help protect the progress we've made and set us up for a better summer, while we get our house in order for a safer fall."
- On May 22, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, released a statement regarding COVID-19 in Canada which included the following highlights:<sup>9</sup>
  - "A key factor supercharging our Canadian vaccination efforts is the local ownership and leadership that knows best how to bring community members together, providing access and building confidence and cultural comfort tailored to the populations they serve."
  - "Among the many inspirational examples, is the partnering of the Indigenous Primary Health Care Council with the National Reconciliation Program at Save the Children to lead an Indigenous youth vaccine advocacy program."
  - "For this initiative, youth participants created their own innovative social media strategy to share videos about how COVID-19 has affected them and their reasons for getting vaccinated. Their videos can be found on several social media platforms by searching for their hashtags including #IndigenousYouth4Vaccine and #SmudgeCOVID."

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<sup>8</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/05/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-may-25-2021.html>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/05/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-may-22-2021.html>

- “Among other great examples of local ownership, are the many vaccination clinics that are using music to create a welcoming atmosphere, such as the vaccination clinic organised by the Black Creek Community Health Centre.”
- “These initiatives remind us that working together, is the best way to support each other in our shared goal of building the vaccines bridge to take us to a better summer and safer fall.
- “We are making steady progress, with over 30% fewer active cases compared to the peak of the third wave in mid-April. However, as COVID-19 activity remains elevated in many jurisdictions, strong public health measures must be sustained where COVID-19 is circulating and individual precautions are important everywhere to drive infection rates down to low and manageable levels, while getting our vaccination rates as high as possible.”

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