

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 26 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 25	As of May 26	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	142,636	142,886	250
Total active cases in BC	3,782	3,580	-202
Currently in intensive care	93	97	4
Currently hospitalized	301	296	-5
Total hospitalized to date	7,558	7,583	25
Total deaths in BC	1,680	1,683	3
Total recovered in BC	137,062	137,517	455

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of May 25	As of May 26	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	142,636	142,886	250
Vancouver Coastal Health	34,471	34,555	84
Fraser Health	83,225	83,334	109
Island Health	5,018	5,027	9
Interior Health	12,121	12,161	40
Northern Health	7,603	7,611	8
Out of Canada	198	198	0
Total tests	2,728,254	2,734,088	5,834*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of May 25	As of May 26	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	7,469	7,486	17
Negative results	7,380	7,390	10
Pending results	5	12	7

*The BCCDC has reported 5,766 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between May 25th and 26th.

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

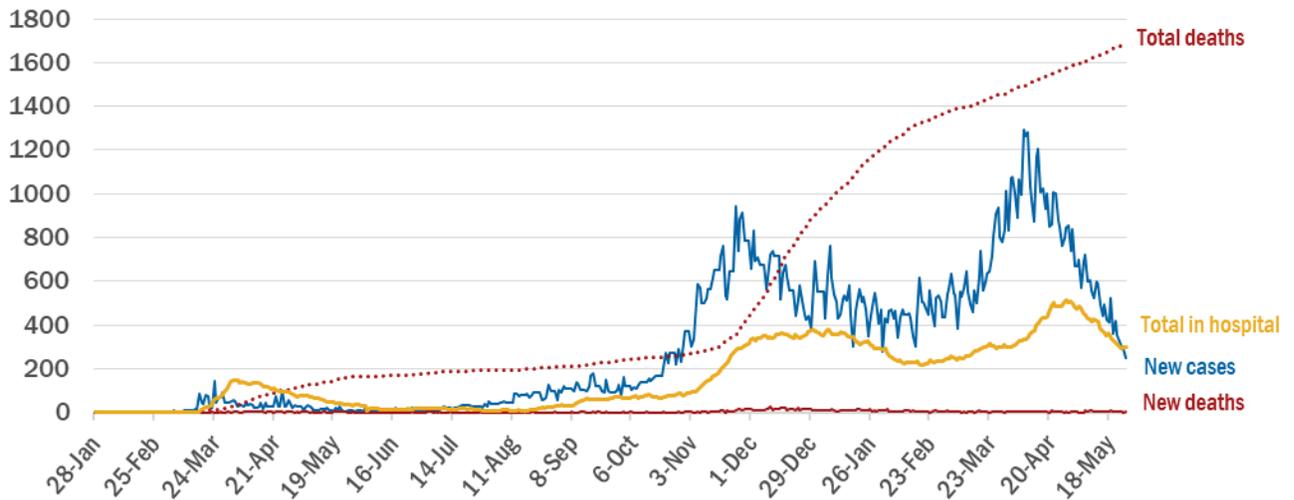
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA ³

	As of May 23	As of May 25	Change
Total confirmed cases	29,065	29,195	130
Total active cases	774	741	-33
Currently hospitalized	1,299	1,311	12
Total deaths	334	333	-1
Total recovered	27,957	28,121	164
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,043	3,068	25

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



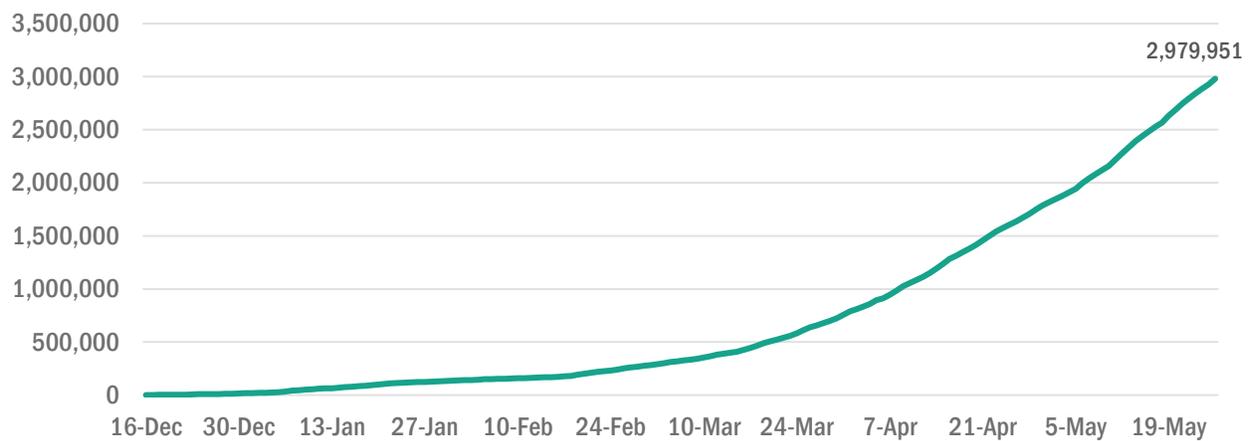
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

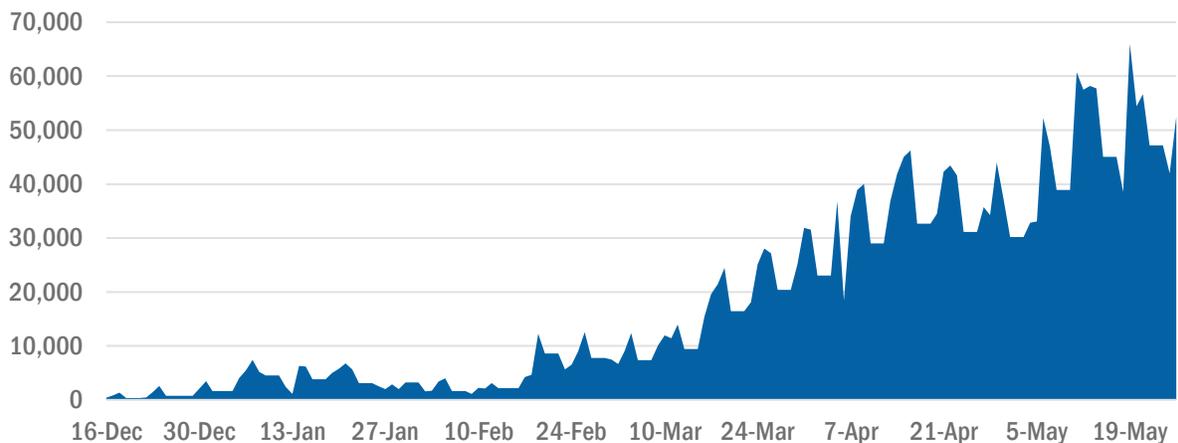
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁵
	Today	Total					
BC	52,464	2,979,951	3,499,560	85.15%	54.96%	152,010	2.95%
Yukon	252	52,360	57,020	91.82%	65.87%	24,579	57.82%
Canada	301,323	21,939,046	25,617,132	85.60%	53.13%	1,743,718	4.59%

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:
 - “BC's Restart plan provides a clear path for our future; one that will allow us to move forward and safely resume activities that have been on hold, without compromising the progress we have made in reducing COVID-19 community transmission.”
 - “We are now in Step 1 of the plan and are closely monitoring our progress to ensure we stay on track. As immunization is the foundation of our approach, it's crucial to our success that we all get registered and vaccinated.”
 - “Equally important is that our approach be purposeful and measured when spending time with others – keeping our socializing to a small number of people, going outside as much as possible and taking extra precautions if our family and friends are higher risk.”
 - “Every day, we're getting closer to where we want to be, so let's keep going with our individual and collective efforts. Together, we will restart B.C. and put COVID-19 behind us.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon provided an update on Yukon measures being taken in response to COVID-19.⁷ Highlights include the following:
 - As of the end of the day Tuesday, May 25, there were 52,108 doses of the Moderna vaccine administered in Yukon. This number includes 27,673 first doses and 24,435 second doses.
 - The percentage of residents who have received a second dose is:
 - 69 per cent in North Yukon
 - 76 per cent in West Yukon
 - 48 per cent in Central Yukon
 - 56 per cent in Southeast Yukon
 - 69 per cent in Whitehorse.
 - For more information on Yukon vaccination data and progress reporting, please visit: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0037-001019>

⁷ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/may-26-2021-covid-19-update>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, the Auditor General of Canada, Karen Hogan, released two new reports related to COVID-19. The reports address securing personal protective equipment and pandemic support to Indigenous communities⁸. Highlights from the reports are provided below:
 - **Report 10—Securing Personal Protective Equipment and Medical Devices**
 - The Public Health Agency of Canada was not as prepared as it could have been to respond to the surge in provincial and territorial needs for PPE and medical devices brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Federal organizations worked together to address provinces’ and territories’ needs for protective and medical equipment.
 - The Public Health Agency of Canada should develop and implement a comprehensive National Emergency Strategic Stockpile management plan.
 - **Report 11—Pandemic Support to Indigenous Communities—Indigenous Services Canada**
 - Indigenous Services Canada adapted quickly to respond to Indigenous communities’ increased needs during the pandemic.
 - Despite expanding access to contract nurses and paramedics, over half of requests for additional health care staff to respond to COVID-19 needs were not met.
 - Indigenous Services Canada needs to better manage its PPE stockpile.
 - Indigenous Services Canada should work with remote and isolated First Nations to address the community nurse shortage.
- Today, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) released the following:
 - **A COVID-19 update for Indigenous Peoples and communities:**⁹
 - “As of May 25, 459,380 vaccine doses have been administered in 687 First Nations, Inuit and territorial communities. In Indigenous communities, 75% of the adult population have been vaccinated with one dose.”
 - “In British Columbia, everyone aged 12 and older can now register to be vaccinated. This is a chance for First Nations youth who live off reserve to be vaccinated, as well as youth in First Nations communities who were not eligible when the clinics across the province were held.”
 - **A statement regarding the Auditor General’s report on health resources for Indigenous communities:**¹⁰
 - “Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) thanks the Office of the Auditor General of Canada for its report on Health Resources for Indigenous communities specific to the COVID-19 pandemic, which was issued on May 26.”
 - “We welcome the two recommendations set out in the report. We are pleased that the Auditor General’s report notes that ISC leveraged its strong partnerships with First Nations, Inuit and Métis partners to act and adapt quickly to the emerging challenges of this unprecedented pandemic.”

⁸ https://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca/internet/English/parl_oag_202105_e_43832.html

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/05/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities2.html>

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/05/government-of-canada-welcomes-auditor-generals-report-on-health-resources-for-indigenous-communities.html>

- “ISC will continue to collaborate with Indigenous partners and communities to address shortages, including working to find the right balance of health professional resources to support the needs of diverse communities.”
 - “To continue to address the unique challenges faced by Indigenous communities beyond the pandemic, Budget 2021 invested \$354 million over five years to increase the number of nurses and other medical professionals in remote and isolated First Nations communities.”
 - “In addition, ISC has committed to identifying and maintaining optimal amounts of PPE in the department’s stockpile to address the needs of First Nations communities, but also to work with provincial, territorial and federal partners in identifying the ideal amount of PPE required to protect all Indigenous Peoples, regardless of where they live in Canada.”
- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, released a statement on COVID-19 in Canada.¹¹ Highlights regarding vaccination safety include the following:
 - “As vaccine eligibility expands, Canadians are urged to get vaccinated and support others to get vaccinated as vaccines become available to them.”
 - “For more information regarding the risks and benefits of vaccination, I encourage Canadians to reach out to your local public health authorities, healthcare provider, or other trusted and credible sources, such as <https://www.canada.ca/en.html> and <https://immunize.ca/>.”
 - “Working together, Health Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization, Canada’s Chief Medical Officers of Health and other health professionals across the country are closely monitoring vaccine safety, effectiveness and optimal use to adapt approaches.”
 - “As the science and situation evolves, we are committed to providing clear and evidence-informed guidance in order to keep everyone in Canada safe and healthy.”

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

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/05/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-may-26-2021.html>