

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 27 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 26	As of May 27	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	142,886	143,264	378
Total active cases in BC	3,580	3,543	-37
Currently in intensive care	97	88	-9
Currently hospitalized	296	286	-10
Total hospitalized to date	7,583	7,609	26
Total deaths in BC	1,683	1,690	7
Total recovered in BC	137,517	137,929	412

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of May 26	As of May 27	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	142,886	143,264	378
Vancouver Coastal Health	34,555	34,653	98
Fraser Health	83,334	83,523	189
Island Health	5,027	5,036	9
Interior Health	12,161	12,229	68
Northern Health	7,611	7,625	14
Out of Canada	198	198	0
Total tests	2,734,088	2,741,667	7,579*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of May 26	As of May 27	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	7,486	7,500	14
Negative results	7,390	7,399	9
Pending results	12	17	5

*The BCCDC has reported 7,500 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between May 26th and 27th.

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

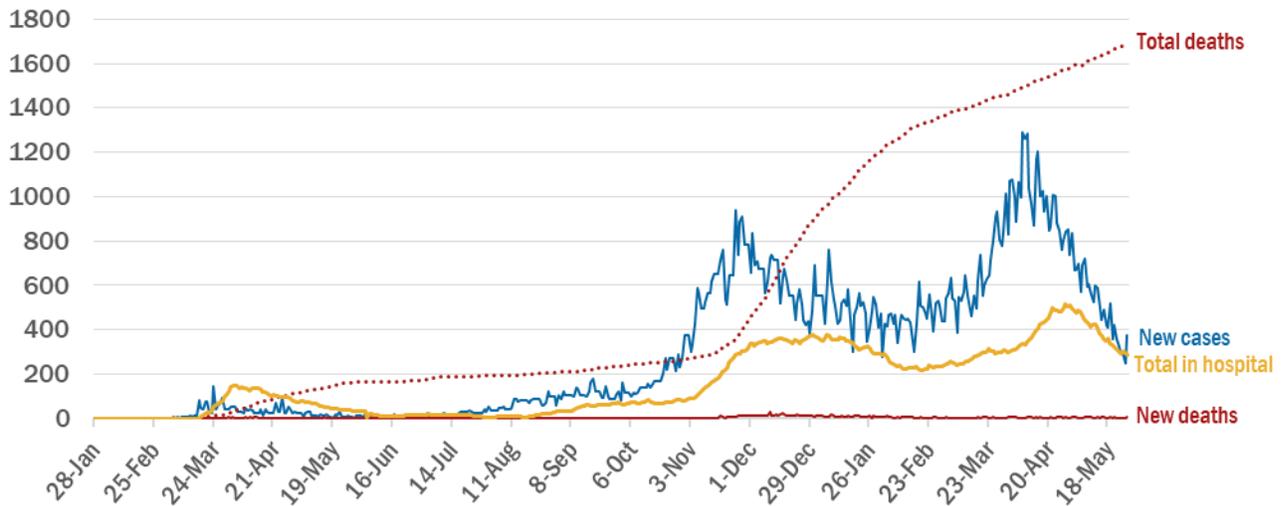
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA ³

	As of May 25	As of May 26	Change
Total confirmed cases	29,195	29,365	170
Total active cases	741	702	-39
Currently hospitalized	1,311	1,314	3
Total deaths	333	336	3
Total recovered	28,121	28,327	206
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,068	3,070	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



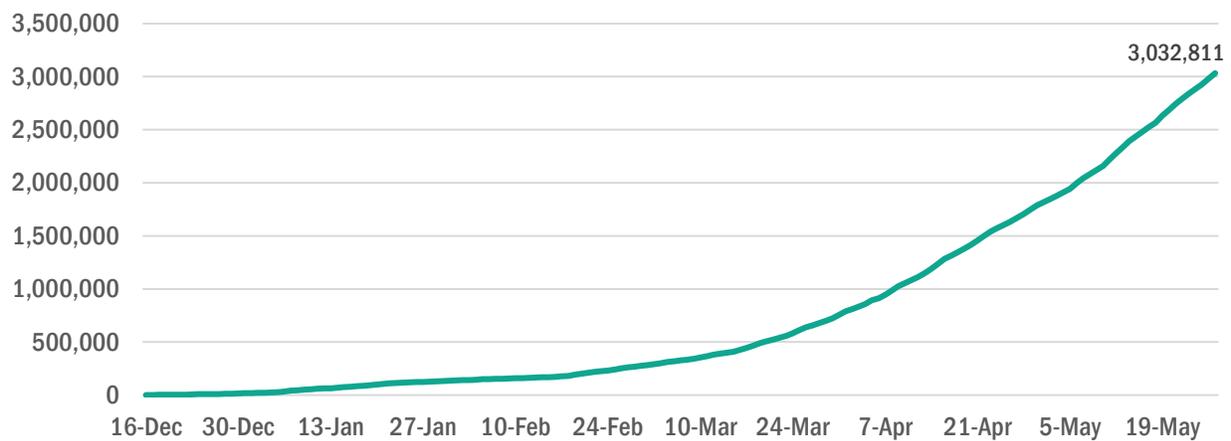
³ Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

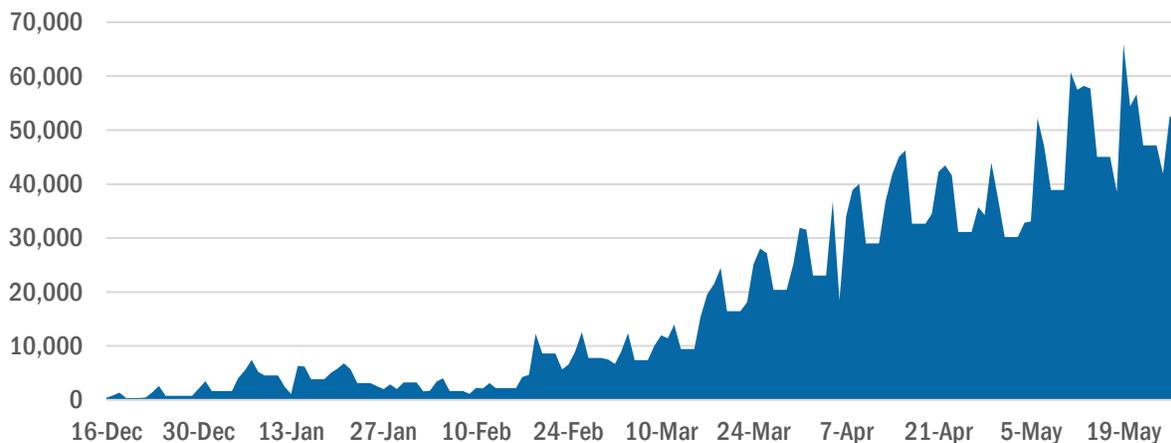
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁵
	Today	Total					
BC	52,860	3,032,811	3,511,360	86.37%	55.89%	156,730	3.05%
Yukon	175	52,535	57,020	92.13%	66.02%	24,691	58.09%
Canada	408,267	22,347,313	25,988,534	86.0%	54.04%	1,808,107	4.76%

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, held a live press conference regarding COVID-19 in BC.⁶ Highlights include the following:
 - **Regarding an amendment to the Order on Indoor Worship Services**
 - Earlier this week, the details of the B.C. restart plan were announced but there has since been an amendment to the Gathering and Events Order on Indoor Worship Services.
 - Indoor religious gatherings and worship services of up to 50 people are now permitted if public health measures are followed.
 - For guidance, on the amendment to the Order, please visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-variance-indoor-worship.pdf>
 - For guidance on holding Low Risk Worship Services, please visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-guidance-worship-services.pdf>
 - **Regarding the Order on Overnight Camps for Children and Youth**
 - In the coming days, there will be an amendment to the Order on overnight camps for children and youth, which will permit camps to operate this summer.
 - More details will be released as early as next week.
 - **Regarding B.C.'s Immunization Program**
 - B.C.'s Immunization Program has reached another milestone with over 3 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine delivered to British Columbians.
 - The interval between the first and second dose of the vaccine has been escalated and individuals can expect to receive the second dose 8 weeks after the first dose.
 - Rural and remote Indigenous communities will receive the second dose through established vaccine clinics, and do not need to register online.
 - People aged 70 years of age and older, or clinically vulnerable, can expect to receive a notification in the coming days to book an appointment.
 - For individuals who received the first dose before April 15th, and who are not registered online, a letter will be delivered by mail with an invitation to book an appointment.
 - Although it is preferred that individuals receive the same manufacturing brand of the vaccine, that is not always possible. There is sufficient evidence indicating that it is safe for individuals to receive the same type of vaccine (mRNA), regardless of the manufacturing brand.
 - This means that if an individual received Moderna as a first dose, Pfizer can be safely administered as a second dose, and vice versa.
 - For those that received the AstraZeneca vaccine through a pharmacy, more information will be made available in the coming weeks regarding supplies for the second doses.

⁶ Dr. Bonnie Henry via live press conference 14:00 27/05/2021

- Today, the B.C. Government announced the launch of *B.C. Safety Assured For Everyone (BSAFE)*, a COVID-19 safety certificate program that provides health and safety training to workers in the tourism and hospitality sector.⁷
 - BSAFE participants will receive training on:
 - Understanding modes of COVID-19 transmission.
 - Resolving conflict situations arising from non-compliance of safety protocols.
 - Identifying employee and employer responsibilities to ensure a safe work environment.
 - Demonstrating high-quality safety standards.
 - B.C. organizations participating in the training program will receive a decal for proof of completion.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Yukon Government announced the extension of the State of Emergency for 90 days.⁸
 - The State of Emergency is extended under the Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA) and allows the Yukon Government to adapt to the changes of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Today, the Yukon Government announced the following information regarding two programs designed to encourage Yukoners to travel within the territory to help generate revenue for businesses impacted by COVID-19.⁹
 - **On Yukon Time: Great Yukon Summer Edition funding program**
 - A total of \$500,000 in new funding is now available for festivals, events, and other summer activities to entertain Yukoners.
 - Up to \$250,000 will be offered to the organizers of events already receiving funding through the Arts Fund or the Arts Operating Fund to help amplify and increase the reach of these events.
 - A minimum of \$250,000 will be available for applicants, with up to \$15,000 available to be delivered to non-profit societies, industry and community associations, First Nations, Yukon businesses, and municipal governments.
 - **Great Yukon Summer Yukoner Travel Rebate program**
 - To encourage Yukoners to vacation in the territory, a 25 percent rebate will be available for packaged tourism experiences between June 4th and September 30th
 - Local tourism businesses will offer packages, starting at \$250 per person.
 - Eligible packages will be available at: <https://www.travel yukon.com/greatyukonsummer>
 - Yukoners must pay for the package up front but can submit an application with receipts and a declaration of proof of residency by October 31st.
 - All Yukon tourism businesses and operators who provide a package for the program are eligible to receive up to \$2,000 for advertising and promoting the package.

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021TACS0040-001023>

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/yukon-extends-state-emergency>

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/2021-year-great-yukon-summer>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) announced the following information regarding self-employed workers who applied for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).¹⁰
 - Self-employed workers whose net self-employment income was less than \$5,000 will not be required to repay the CERB if:
 - Income tax returns for 2019 and 2020 are filed by December 31, 2022.
 - Gross employment income was \$5,000 or more in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the initial application.
 - All other CERB eligibility criteria are met.
 - Self-employed workers who meet the remission criteria and who had voluntarily repaid all or part of the CERB can request a reimbursement from the CRA.
 - To complete a form electronically or by mail, please visit:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/forms/t180.html>
 - Applications will be processed after June 15th and eligible Canadians can expect reimbursements within approximately 90 days after application.
- Today, the Government of Canada announced \$8.3 million in funding to five tourism business support organizations in B.C. to help with operation costs and compliance with public health measures during COVID-19.¹¹
 - The tourism business support organizations receiving support include:
 - Destination B.C.
 - Greater Victoria Visitors & Convention Bureau
 - Metro Vancouver Convention and Visitors Bureau
 - Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association
 - Tourism Industry Association of B.C.
 - This funding will help address the burdens caused by COVID-19 and ensure that the businesses will be ready to welcome back visitors when it is safe to do so.

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

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2021/05/government-of-canada-to-reimburse-self-employed-workers-who-repaid-the-cerb.html>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/western-economic-diversification/news/2021/05/government-of-canada-regional-relief-and-recovery-fund-saving-tourism-jobs-in-british-columbia.html>