

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 31 May 2021

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of May 28	As of May 31	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	143,581	144,289	708*
Total active cases in BC	3,441	2,953	-488
Currently in intensive care	79	78	-1
Currently hospitalized	292	249	-43
Total hospitalized to date	7,645	7,706	61
Total deaths in BC	1,692	1,703	11
Total recovered in BC	138,360	139,562	1,202

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of May 28	As of May 31	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	143,581	144,289	708*
Vancouver Coastal Health	34,726	34,866	140
Fraser Health	83,686	84,080	394
Island Health	5,041	5,059	18
Interior Health	12,289	12,402	113
Northern Health	7,641	7,683	42
Out of Canada	198	199	1
Total tests	2,749,205	2,766,403	17,198

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of May 28	As of May 31	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	7,507	7,549	42
Negative results	7,414	7,464	50
Pending results	9	1	-8

*The BC Government has reported 258 new COVID-19 cases May 29th, 238 May 30th, and 212 May 31st (708 total).

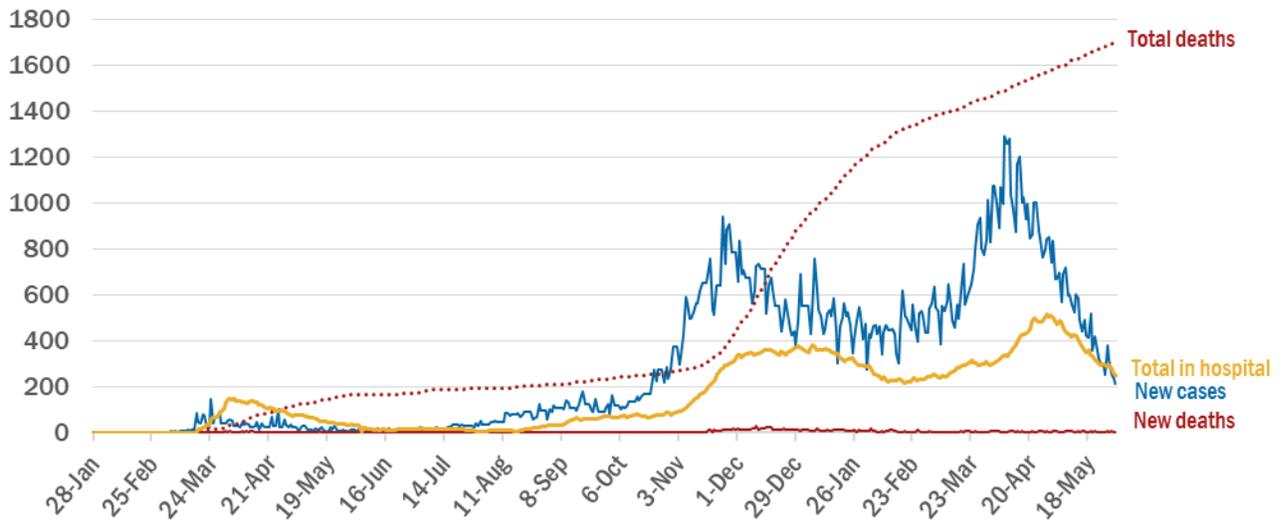
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE
CASES IN CANADA ³**

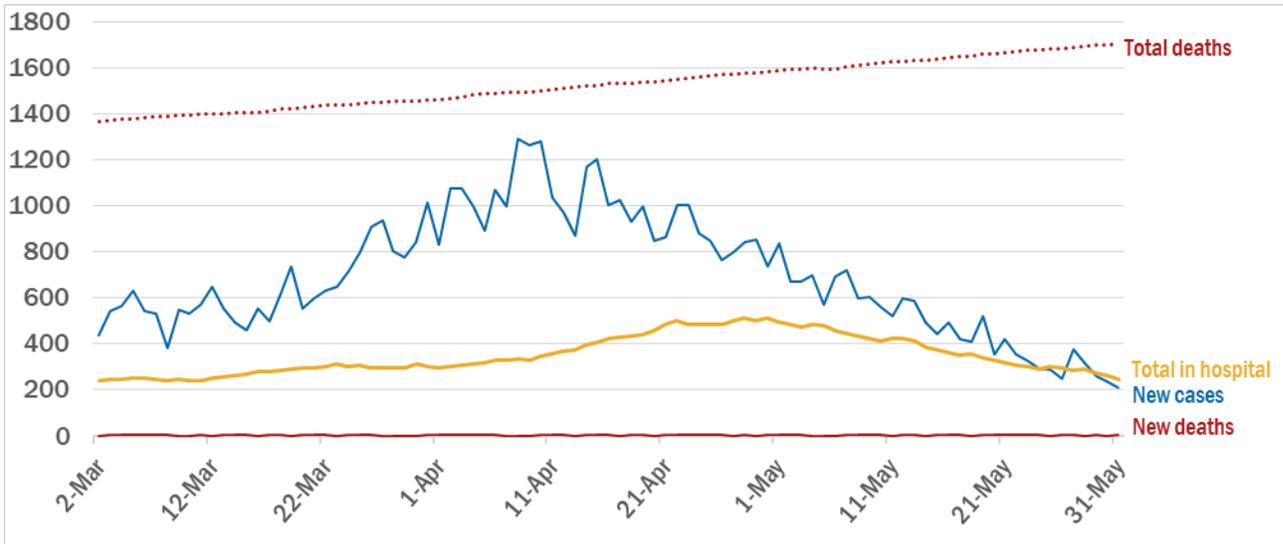
	As of May 27	As of May 28	Change
Total confirmed cases	29,445	29,548	103
Total active cases	688	670	-18
Currently hospitalized	1,346	1,349	3
Total deaths	336	337	1
Total recovered	28,421	28,541	120
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,071	3,082	11

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



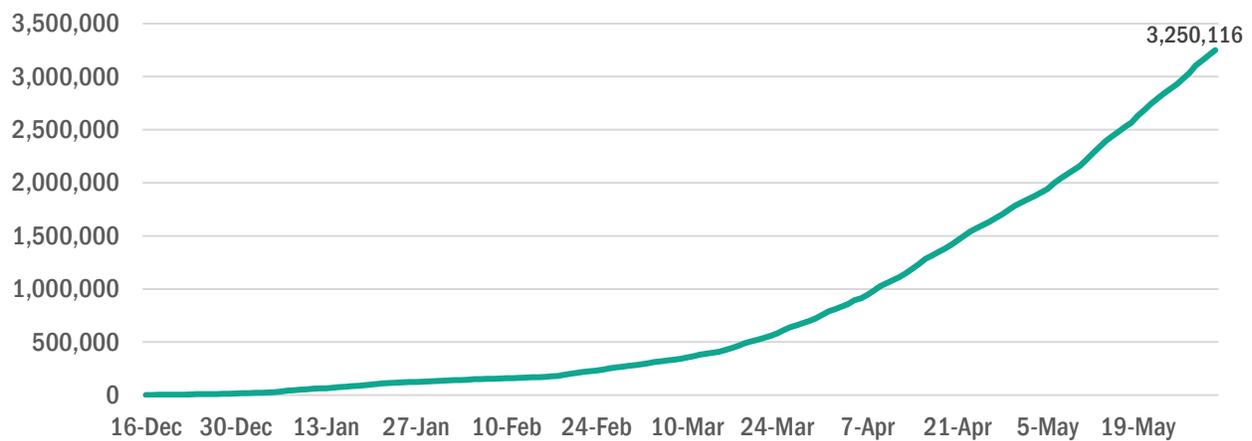
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

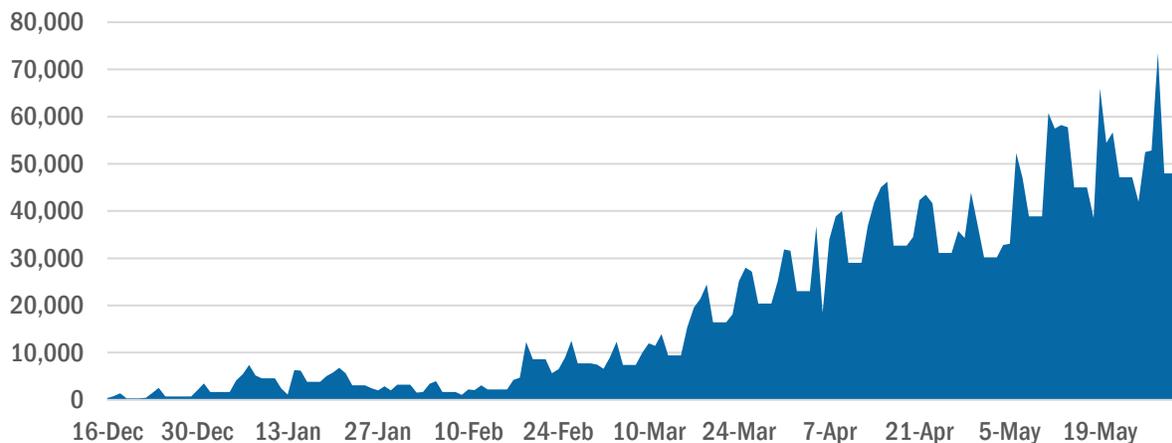
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁵
	Today	Total					
BC	47,949	3,250,116	3,511,360	92.56%	59.66%	179,954	3.50%
Yukon	88	52,913	57,020	92.79%	66.33%	24,937	58.67%
Canada	390,136	23,861,352	26,018,434	91.70%	57.32%	2,077,573	5.47%

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 B.C. Highlights include the following:⁶
 - “Our vaccines, as we have come to know, are safe and highly effective but they're not 100 percent – at least, not yet.”
 - “This is why it is incredibly important for us to make sure people get second doses, and over this weekend over 300,000 people have now booked their second doses.”
 - “A second dose is necessary to maximize our protection, and for the maximum amount of time.”
 - “This is very good news for all of us that we are on that road. We expect to receive more of both Moderna and the Pfizer vaccines in the coming weeks and we will be moving out to communities as well to start the second dose.”
 - “This week on Thursday I will provide the details of our dose-two approach for those who have received the AstraZeneca vaccine so people can make the best decision for them around which vaccine they want to receive for their second dose.”
 - “While we are making significant headway in our immunization efforts and that is reflected in the decreasing case counts in our in our communities, and in our hospitals, it is still a time of caution for all of us. New strains are circulating, and outbreaks are still occurring in schools, in hospitals, in long-term care, and in our communities.”
 - “We are in the midst of the post-long weekend incubation period, which means anyone who may have contracted the virus at that period of time will be starting to see symptoms now. And it is important if you have any symptoms to get tested right away – our testing sites are still up and running and active. We can support you to be isolated, to get the care that you need, and contain further spread.”
 - “We have seen a few new outbreaks in these recent days, and we all need to take our precautions to prevent more. Using our layers of protection is something we have talked about for a very long time, and we all know they are just as important today as they were a month ago, or six months ago.”
 - “While the circuit breaker may have ended, our cautious behavior is still very much with us and needs to continue to be, and that as encouraging as B.C.'s restart launch last week is, we have to continue to follow Public Health guidance and public health orders. Even though the number of cases is down, being cautious in our actions and getting our shots will make next weekend even better, and the weekends even after that, even better and more restorative.”
 - Regarding online registrations for either first or second dose of vaccine:
 - Individuals who received their first dose prior to April 15 are reminded to still register online, to be notified when they are eligible to receive their second dose.
 - If you are unsure if you are already registered go online and register again – if you are already registered in the system, you will be notified automatically.
 - B.C. has reported its third case of vaccine induced thrombotic thrombocytopenia (VITT):
 - The man, in his 30's, is currently receiving treatment in the Island Health region.

⁶ Live press conference May 31, 2021

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

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

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- On May 30th, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, released a statement regarding the COVID-19 response in Canada and what Canadians can expect looking further into 2021:⁷
 - “The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) recently issued a roadmap on what is expected to happen over the coming months as vaccination rates increase and COVID-19 rates decline.”
 - “It is ‘data, not dates’ that should drive the easing of public health measures at the local level. In general, jurisdictions look for several indicators before relaxing public health measures, including that:
 - COVID-19 transmission is controlled to a manageable level;
 - there is sufficient public health capacity to test, trace, isolate and quarantine a high proportion of cases and contacts;
 - sufficient health care capacity exists (including substantial clinical care capacity) to respond to surges; and
 - risk-reduction measures are in place for high-risk populations and settings.”
 - “Along with epidemiological trends, vaccination coverage plays an important role in determining when pandemic restrictions may be lifted. The more people who get vaccinated, the fewer people who are likely to get infected, and the better control we have on the pandemic.”
 - “If COVID-19 cases continue to decrease and vaccination coverage rates continue to rise, we can look forward to measures relaxing throughout the summer. PHAC modelling shows us that if 75% of people eligible for vaccines have their first dose, and 20% have their second dose, sticking to **outdoor** activities as much as possible is the safest approach until most of the population is fully vaccinated.”
 - “Moving **towards the fall**, we can look forward to doing more safely **indoors**, if the positive trends continue. If 75% of the eligible population are fully vaccinated, modelling indicates that jurisdictions will be able to lift additional measures that allow for indoor activities with wider groups of people without overwhelming our hospitals. This includes things like attending school, college, and university in person, participating in indoor sports, and holding larger family gatherings.”
 - “We need to keep in mind that how quickly we are able to return to our normal activities really depends on our continued combined efforts to protect one another. We will get there faster together *if* we continue to follow public health measures to help stop the spread of the virus and by getting vaccinated.”

⁷ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/05/cpho-sunday-edition--may-30-2021.html>

- On May 29th, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, released a statement on COVID-19 in Canada. Highlights include the following:⁸
 - **Regarding data on available vaccines:**
 - “Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) continues to review new evidence on COVID-19 vaccines. There has been encouraging real-world evidence that COVID-19 vaccines, primarily mRNA vaccines, have been well-tolerated in populations not included in the original clinical trials.”
 - “NACI has reviewed this new data, as well as COVID-19 risks for these populations, and has updated their guidance so that recommendations for people who are immunosuppressed, have an autoimmune condition, or who are pregnant or breastfeeding are now the same as the recommendations for the general adult population.”
 - “NACI has also reviewed up-to-date information on vaccine effectiveness from Canada and the United Kingdom, where extended intervals are being used. While NACI continues to recommend that jurisdictions maximize the number of individuals benefiting from the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by extending the interval between doses up to four months, in the context of increasing COVID-19 vaccine supply in Canada, the Committee recommends that second doses be offered as soon as possible.”
 - “NACI recommends that priority for second doses should be given to those at highest risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 disease after – or at the same time as – first doses are offered to all remaining eligible populations.”
 - **Regarding variants of concern:**
 - “We are continuing to monitor and assess genetic variants of the virus and their impacts in the Canadian context. Overall, variants of concern (VOCs) represent the majority of recently reported COVID-19 cases across the country.”
 - “While all four VOCs (B.1.1.7, B.1.351, P.1, and B.1.617) have been detected in most provinces and territories, the B.1.1.7 variant continues to account for the majority of genetically sequenced VOCs in Canada.”
 - “While the impact of all VOCs continues to be monitored in Canada, we know that vaccination, in combination with public health and individual measures, are working to reduce spread of COVID-19.”
- On May 29th, Health Canada approved an extension to the expiry dates of two lots of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine by 30 days, from May 31, 2021, to July 1, 2021.⁹
 - Health Canada had previously approved a shelf life of six months for AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine, with this extension now approving a seven-month shelf life, ensuring that provinces and territories are able to use up their existing inventory and provide Canadians access to much needed doses of the vaccine.

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

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/05/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-may292021.html>

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/05/health-canada-extends-expiry-date-of-two-lots-of-the-astrazeneca-vaccine-by-an-extra-month.html>