

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 02 June 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 Jun 01</b>	<b>As of Jun 02</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	144,473	144,667	<b>194</b>
Total active cases in BC	2,800	2,662	<b>-138</b>
Currently in intensive care	80	70	<b>-10</b>
Currently hospitalized	254	246	<b>-8</b>
Total hospitalized to date	7,715	7,726	<b>11</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,703	1,707	<b>4</b>
Total recovered in BC	139,899	140,238	<b>339</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Jun 01</b>	<b>As of Jun 02</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	144,473	144,667	<b>194</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	34,914	34,947	<b>33</b>
Fraser Health	84,193	84,315	<b>122</b>
Island Health	5,060	5,062	<b>2</b>
Interior Health	12,421	12,454	<b>33</b>
Northern Health	7,685	7,689	<b>4</b>
Out of Canada	200	200	<b>0</b>
Total tests	2,771,709	2,778,754	<b>7,045*</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Jun 01</b>	<b>As of Jun 02</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	7,567	7,567**	<b>0</b>
Negative results	7,463	7,463**	<b>0</b>
Pending results	20	20**	<b>0</b>

\*The BCCDC has reported 6,862 new tests but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between Jun 1<sup>st</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

\*\* The Yukon Government has not provided updated data due to a change in reporting technology.

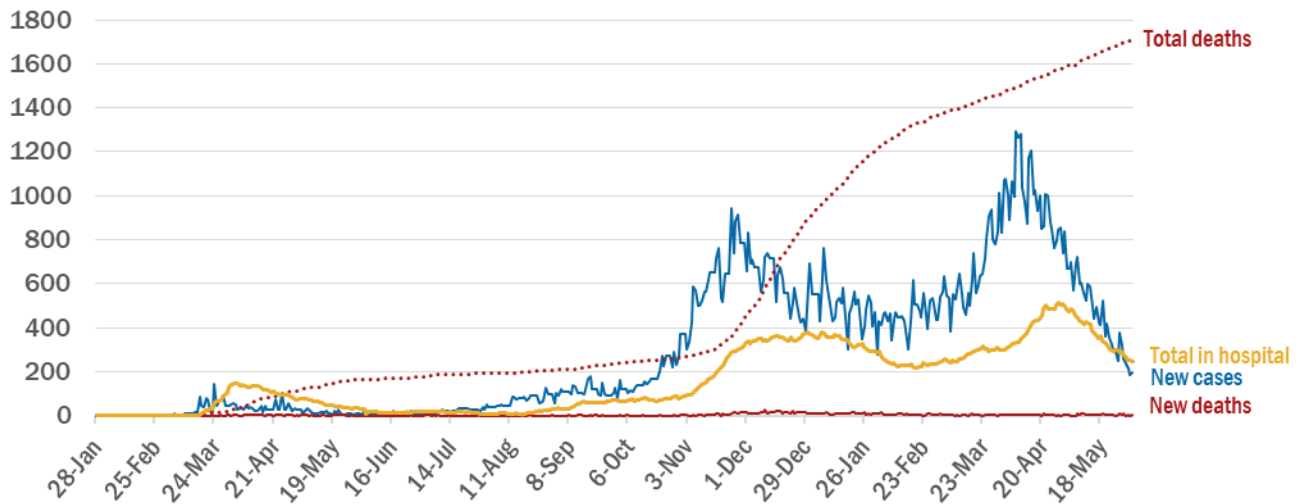
<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE  
CASES IN CANADA<sup>3</sup>**

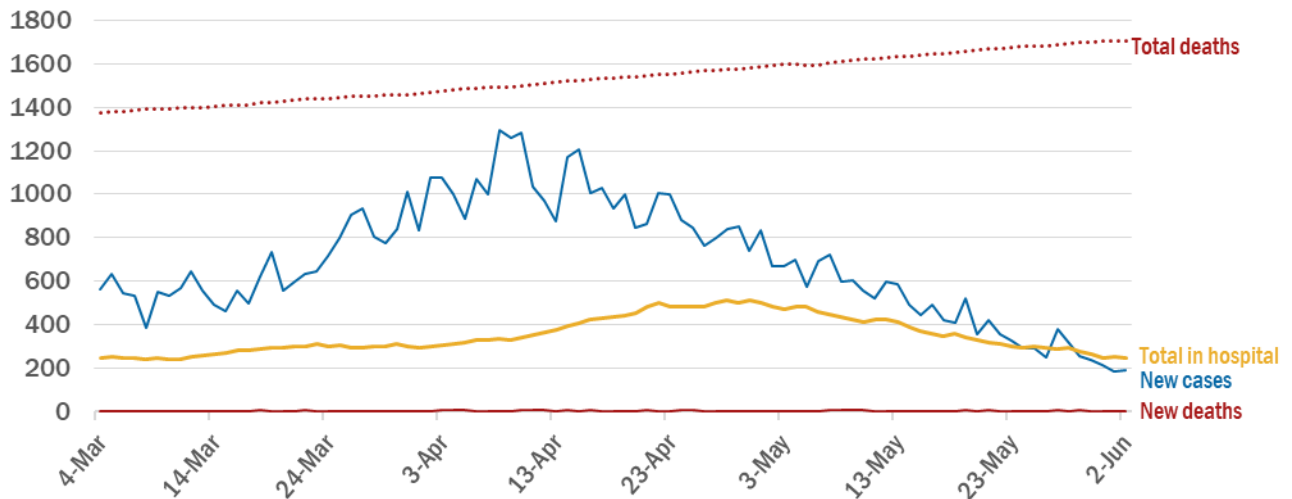
	As of May 31	As of Jun 01	Change
Total confirmed cases	29,806	29,865	59
Total active cases	705	700	-5
Currently hospitalized	1,355	1,356	1
Total deaths	341	343	2
Total recovered	28,756	28,822	66
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,098	3,102	4

**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**



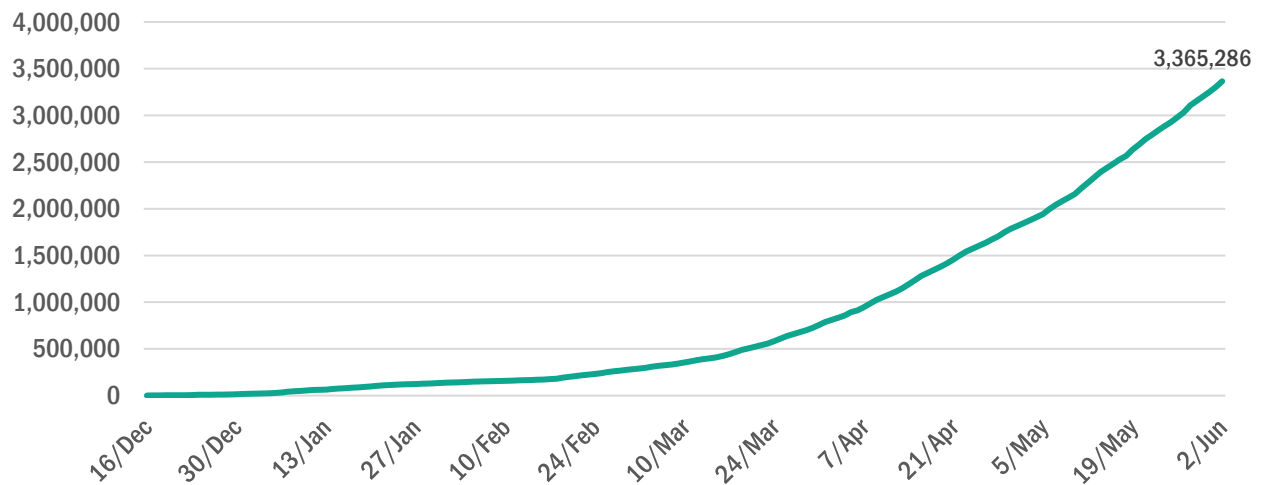
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## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

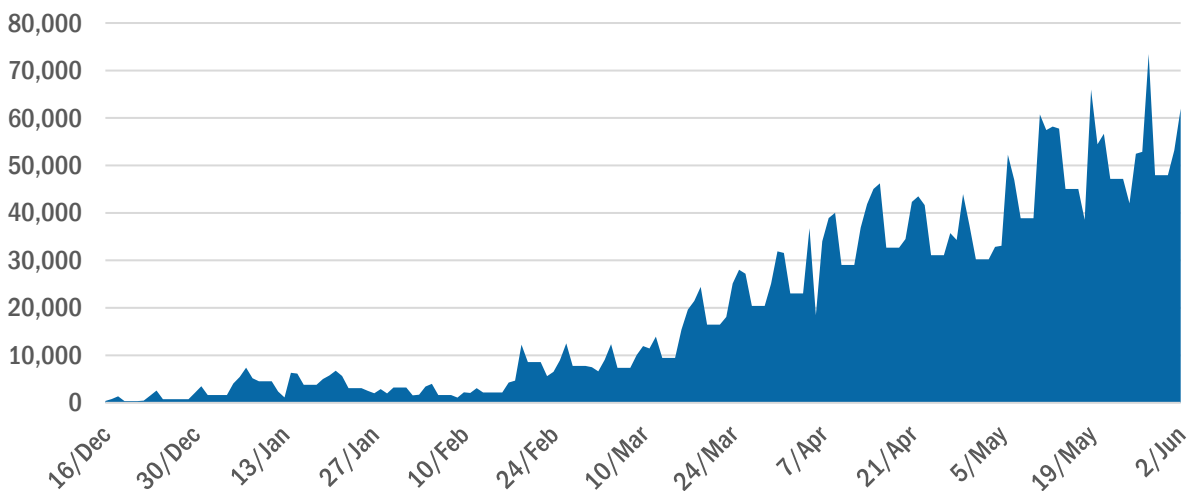
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated <sup>5</sup>
	Today	Total					
<b>BC</b>	61,952	3,365,286	3,847,200	87.47%	58.56%	208,145	4.04%
<b>Yukon</b>	426	53,339	64,520	82.67%	67.08%	25,049	58.93%
<b>Canada</b>	352,718	24,522,064	28,149,594	87.10%	58.56%	2,263,786	5.96%

### TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED



### DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC EACH DAY



<sup>4</sup> Source: N. Little. COVID-19 Tracker Canada (2020), COVID19Tracker.ca

<sup>5</sup> Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/track-vaccinations-across-canada-1.5870573>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) shared a message from Dr. Helena Swinkels, Office of the Chief Medical Officer, and Marion Guenther, Clinical Nurse Specialist for Immunizations, regarding B.C.'s Restart Plan.<sup>6</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - “The details of the recently announced four-step Restart Plan are tantalizing, including a return to indoor and outdoor personal gatherings, Canada-wide recreational travel, and no group limit for indoor and outdoor dining. If all goes well, those options will be on the table as early as July 1.”
  - “That's hopeful and exciting, however, this depends on all of us being able to keep up our pandemic prevention momentum. Being able to progress through each phase at the earliest dates depends on declining COVID-19 case counts, hospitalizations and deaths. “
  - “It also depends on the population meeting vaccination targets. The good news is that getting vaccinated has never been faster or easier. Last week, the province announced that British Columbians will be eligible to get their second doses as early as eight weeks after their first.”
  - “More than half of second-dose clinics in BC First Nations communities have already taken place and all of these clinics are expected to be completed by the end of June.”
  - “If you haven't had your first dose yet, and you have questions about the vaccines, speak with a health care provider. Or speak to friends and family members who have been vaccinated and listen to their reasons.”
  - “The end is in sight for the pandemic. We have a plan. It's up to all of us to follow through with it.”
- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, issued a statement regarding updates to the COVID-19 response in B.C.<sup>7</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - “With B.C.'s Restart plan progressing, we are slowly and cautiously moving forward through Step 1, and in the weeks ahead, activities that have been on hold will resume once again.”
  - “Many are excited about this transition, but there can also be fear and anxiety about what this may mean for you and your loved ones. “
  - “Even as we move forward, businesses will still be required to have a workplace safety plan, based on the individual risks in their business and we must also be respectful that some people and communities will take more time to welcome visitors, based on their own vulnerabilities.”
  - “The restart plan is the playbook for our best path forward. It is about keeping community transmission low as we safely and confidently restart our province.”
- Today, the B.C. Government announced \$1.5 million in funding to the Royal Canadian Legion B.C. and Yukon Command to support its members in B.C. with the impacts of COVID-19.<sup>8</sup>
  - The Royal Canadian Legion generates a portion of revenue through food and beverage sales to fund their services, but this has been impacted by the circuit-breaker public health orders and this funding aims to offset the associated economic impacts.

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/vaccines-and-vigilance-key-to-putting-the-pandemic-behind-us>

<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0038-001073>

<sup>8</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PREM0040-001066>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon provided an update on the COVID-19 response in Yukon.<sup>9</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - As of the end of the day Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, there were 52,913 doses of the Moderna vaccine administered in Yukon.
    - This number includes 27,976 first doses and 24,937 second doses.
  - By region, the percentage of residents who have received a second dose is:
    - 71 per cent in North Yukon
    - 78 per cent in West Yukon
    - 51 per cent in Central Yukon
    - 57 per cent in Southeast Yukon
    - 72 per cent in Whitehorse

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) released a COVID-19 update for Indigenous Peoples and communities in Canada.<sup>10</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - “June marks the beginning of National Indigenous History Month, a month where we shine a light on the history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis in Canada.”
  - “The tragic discovery of children's remains last week near the former Kamloops Indian Residential School unveils a difficult truth, reminding us of the importance of this month.”
  - “Canada must continue to face its colonialist legacy and continue its journey toward meaningful and enduring reconciliation. The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed, once again, the persistent socioeconomic and health disparities experienced by Indigenous Peoples that have resulted from this legacy of ongoing racism and discrimination.”
  - “Vaccination has reached an important milestone, with more than three-quarters of the adults in First Nations, Inuit and territorial communities having received at least one vaccine dose and 43% having received a second dose.”
  - “Indigenous leadership, including the guidance offered by Elders, Grandmothers and Knowledge Keepers, has been central in promoting vaccine confidence and uptake, as well as ensuring that people have the information and resources needed to stay healthy and combat COVID-19.”
  - “As of June 1, 2021, more than 27,955,492 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been distributed across the country. As of June 1, 508,883 vaccine doses have been administered to adults in 687 First Nations, Inuit and territorial communities. “
  - “Based on Statistics Canada's 2020 population projections, over 79% of adults in First Nations communities and adults living in the territories have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.”

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<sup>9</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/june-2-2021-covid-19-update>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/06/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities.html>

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Medical Health Officer, released a statement regarding the interchangeability of authorized COVID-19 vaccines.<sup>11</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - “In Canada, both mRNA and viral vector vaccines are available with sufficient supply to allow choice of second dose for those who had a first dose of AstraZenaca vaccine.”
  - “Some individuals who started their vaccine series with AstraZenaca/COVISHIELD may want to complete their series with this product; others may prefer to receive an mRNA vaccine for their second dose.”
  - “Individual decisions should assess risks and benefits based on individual circumstances and preferences. We will ensure that information is provided to support this decision-making.”
  - “We are adjusting vaccine dose intervals based on vaccine supply, epidemiology and circulation of variants of concern, population immunity, ongoing monitoring of vaccine safety and effectiveness and operational considerations in our vaccine roll-out strategies.”
  - “As Chief Medical Officers of Health, our goal is to keep everyone in Canada safe and healthy. We will continue to work together to provide clear and evidence-informed public health advice, including on COVID-19 vaccination, as the science and COVID situation in Canada continue to evolve.”
  - “The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommendations were informed by current international studies of the safety and immune response produced from mixed vaccine schedules, the rate of severe blood clots with low blood platelets, referred to as Vaccine-Induced Immune Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia (VITT), associated with the use of viral vector vaccines, as well as the current and projected supply of mRNA vaccines.”
- Today, Marc Miller, Minister of Indigenous Services Canada, provided the following update on the \$760.8 million in funding that was proposed in Budget 2021 through the Indigenous Community Support Fund (ICSF).<sup>12</sup>
  - Of the total funding, \$200 million will be allocated to Indigenous communities this month and an additional \$200 million will be allocated in Fall 2021.
  - With each distribution, \$148.3 million will support First Nations communities, \$31 million will support Inuit communities and \$20.7 million will support Métis communities.
  - This funding will ensure Indigenous leaders and organizations receive the necessary support to ensure the health, safety, and well being of Indigenous peoples during COVID-19.
- Today, the Government of Canada announced the extension of the Business Credit Availability Program and Highly Affected Sectors Availability Program to December 31, 2021.<sup>13</sup>
  - This extension will ensure businesses have the economic support necessary during the recovery of COVID-19.

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<sup>11</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/06/statement-from-the-council-of-chief-medical-officers-of-health-ccmoh-interchangeability-of-authorized-covid-19-vaccines.html>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/06/government-of-canada-reopens-call-for-requests-continues-to-support-indigenous-communities-and-organizations.html>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/06/government-of-canada-announces-details-of-the-new-canada-recovery-hiring-program-and-extension-of-business-support-programs.html>

- Today, Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, announced that proposal application are now being accepted for the Women’s Employment Readiness (WER) pilot program.<sup>14</sup>
  - Racialized and or/Indigenous women, women with disabilities, and women from the LGBTQ2 community have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and projects under this program will support these groups’ economic participation, especially during the recovery from COVID-19.
  - The WER pilot program will fund organizations to provide and test pre-employment and skills development supports for marginalized women to assist with the transition into the workforce.
  - Eligible organizations are invited to submit applications until June 30, 2021 at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/womens-employment-readiness-pilot-program.html>

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

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<sup>14</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/06/government-of-canada-launches-new-pilot-program-aimed-at-removing-barriers-to-womens-employment.html>