

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 21 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

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Jun 18	As of Jun 21	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	146,902	147,131	229*
Total active cases in BC	1,389	1,204	-185
Currently in intensive care	48	47	-1
Currently hospitalized	128	108	-20
Total hospitalized to date	7,894	7,907	13
Total deaths in BC	1,740	1,743	3
Total recovered in BC	143,748	144,153	405

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Jun 18	As of Jun 21	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	146,902	147,131	229*
Vancouver Coastal Health	35,310	35,361	51
Fraser Health	85,493	85,592	99
Island Health	5,145	5,150	5
Interior Health	12,971	13,031	60
Northern Health	7,780	7,793	13
Out of Canada	203	204	1
Total tests	2,873,426	2,889,581	16,155

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Jun 17	As of Jun 21	Change
Total confirmed cases	145	212	67
Total active cases	54	100	46
Total deaths	3	3	0
Total recovered	91	112	21
Total individuals tested	8,317	8,482	165
Negative results	7,996	8,155	159
Pending results	182	178	4

*The B.C. Government reported 94 new cases on June 19th, 90 cases June 20th, and 45 cases June 21st (229 total).

**Data from the Yukon Government for June 19th was the latest available at time of reporting.

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

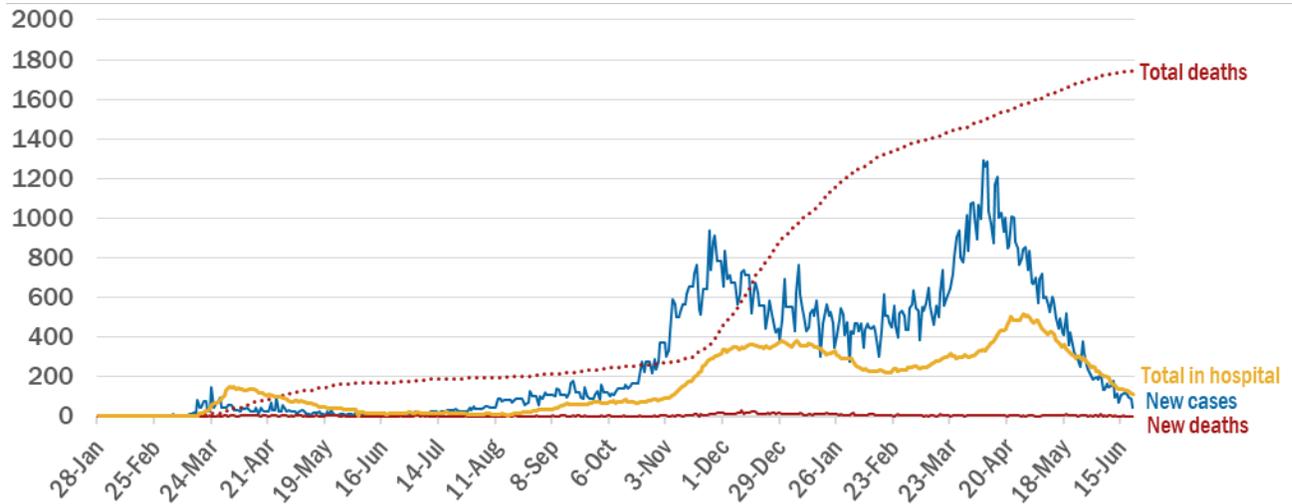
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA ³

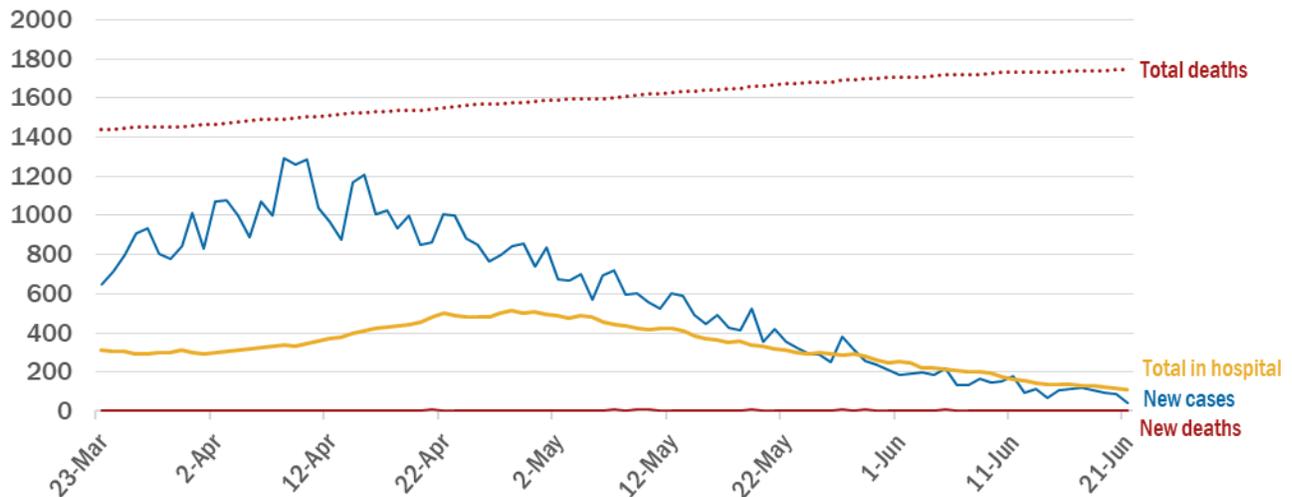
	As of Jun 17	As of Jun 18	Change
Total confirmed cases	31,315	31,424	109
Total active cases	868	896	28
Currently hospitalized	1,439	1,441	2
Total deaths	354	354	0
Total recovered	30,093	30,174	81
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,140	3,146	6

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>

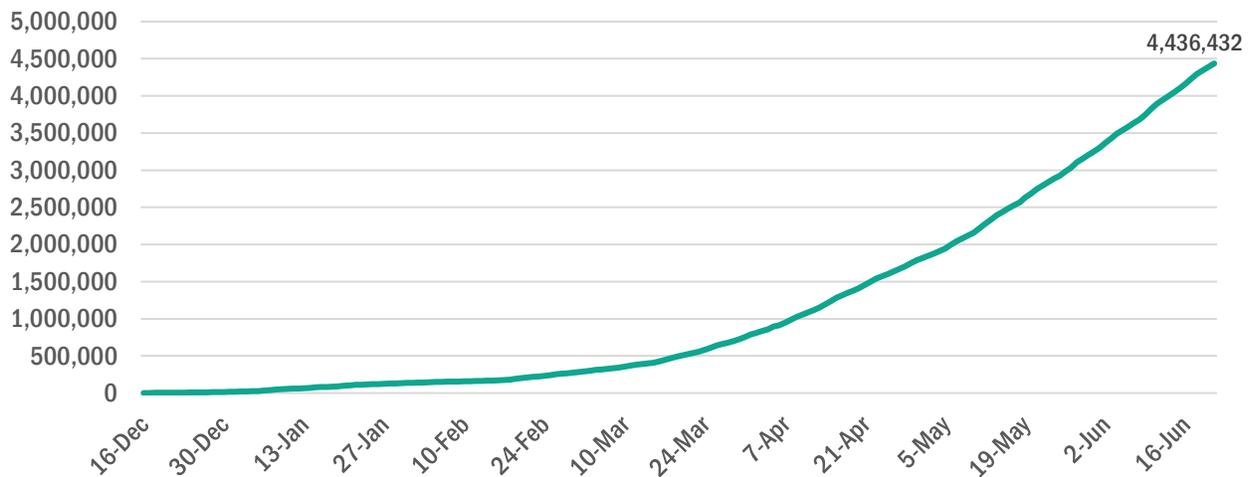
COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

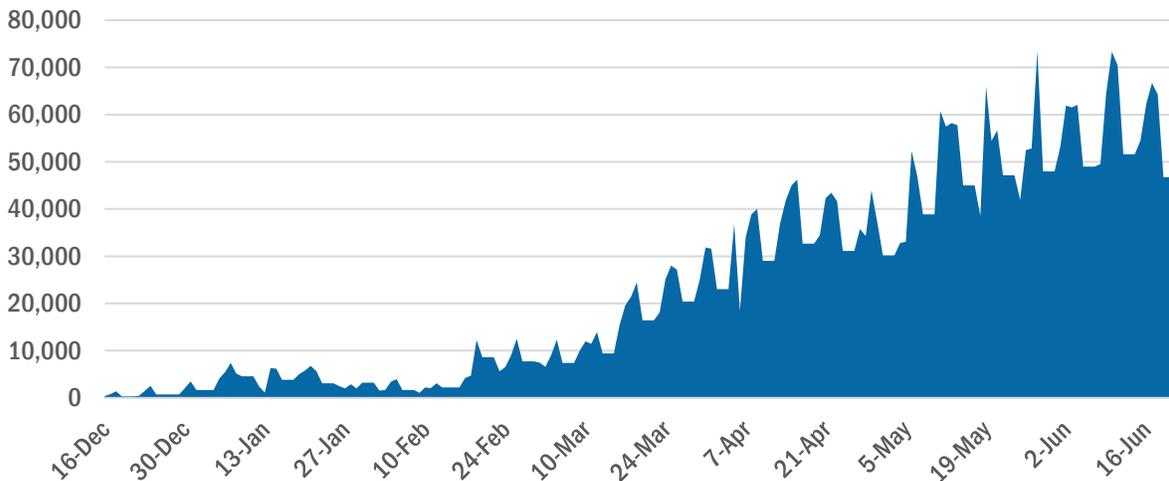
	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁵
	Today	Total					
BC	46,760	4,436,432	5,005,680	88.62	67.66	935,401	18.08
Yukon*	-	56,640	65,690	86.22	71.32	26,262	61.65
Canada	396,995	32,586,269	35,376,760	92.10	66.04	7,404,928	19.42

*Data for the Yukon Government for June 21st was unavailable at time of reporting.

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 updates on the COVID-19 response in B.C.⁶ Highlights include the following:
 - “Today, on National Indigenous Peoples Day, we honour First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples everywhere and take this day to recognize the strength and resilience that has been shown through the COVID-19 pandemic.”
 - “On what is also the first day of summer, we encourage everyone to start your summer off right by ensuring you have your first dose, if you have not already done so. Dose 1 drop-in clinics are open at a number of locations around the province.”
 - “In particular, as the school year comes to a close, we encourage all eligible youth, those 12 and older, to get your first dose before the summer holidays begin. This will allow you and your family to enjoy your summer even more, knowing you have protection from COVID-19.”
 - “While we are progressing through BC’s Restart plan, let’s remember that the virus is still circulating in communities, here in B.C. and in neighbouring provinces and territories. If you are planning a trip, ensure you are vaccinated before you go – it is your ticket to safe travel this summer.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Dr. Brendan Hanley, Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, announced the following regarding cases of COVID-19 in the territory:⁷
 - There have been thirty new confirmed cases of COVID-19 since Saturday afternoon.
 - There are now 100 active cases of COVID-19 and based on screening results so far, all cases are positive for the Gamma (P.1) variant.
 - COVID-19 is widespread throughout Yukon, primarily affecting unvaccinated people and it is now present in most Yukon communities.
 - Dr. Brendan Hanley stated:
 - “If you have symptoms that feel like a cold right now, you should consider that it is COVID-19. You should isolate immediately and arrange for a test. We expect to see many more cases as the virus moves through our unvaccinated population.”
 - “To get through this, people must get tested when symptoms appear and stay home if at all unwell. Isolating people with symptoms, identifying contacts, and testing will bring us through this outbreak. Vaccination will prevent the next one.”
- On June 18th, Dr. Brendan Hanley announced the following regarding exposures to COVID-19:⁸
 - Grade 12 students who attended the F.H. Collins prom event on Friday, June 11th, are being directed to self-isolate until the end of day on Friday, June 25th at 11:59 p.m.
 - One of the nine new confirmed cases of COVID-19 for June 18th is a student at the school who attended the event.
 - Everyone who attended the F.H. Collins Cap and Gown event on Thursday, June 10th, are being directed to self monitor and letters will be sent to all students involved.

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0042-001206>

⁷ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/june-19-2021-new-covid-19-cases-confirmed-community-transmission-among-unvaccinated>

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/june-18-2021-fh-collins-prom-attendees-directed-self-isolate-case-count-continues-increase>

- Students in four Grade 9 classes at Porter Creek Senior Secondary are being directed to self-isolate until the end of the day on Friday, June 25th at 11:59 p.m.
 - Letters were sent to students and parents and anyone who did not receive a letter by June 18th is not required to isolate.
- Dr. Brendan Hanley stated:
 - “We have identified both these two Whitehorse high schools because of the sheer number of people who are affected. We are seeing other school cases but are so far able to focus our contact tracing and advice to students and parents.”
 - “Fortunately, we are not yet seeing evidence of transmission within the schools but rather young people acquiring COVID-19 in the community and then going to school. The fact that school is now over is also helping us.”
- In addition, exposure notices are being sent to the staff and students at the following schools due to confirmed COVID-19 case linkages:
 - Kluane School in Destruction Bay
 - Whitehorse Elementary
 - J.V. Clark School in Mayo
 - Holy Family Elementary School in Whitehorse
 - Takhini Elementary School in Whitehorse
 - Grade 10 classes at Porter Creek Senior Secondary

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, issued the following statement acknowledging the impacts COVID-19 has had on Indigenous communities:⁹
 - “Today, on National Indigenous Peoples Day, it is important that we acknowledge the inequitable impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on Indigenous Peoples across the country.”
 - “Indigenous communities were some of the hardest hit. The challenges experienced by Indigenous Peoples of Canada, such as barriers to accessing quality care, have been exacerbated during the pandemic.”
 - “As well, COVID-19 infection rates have disproportionately affected Indigenous Peoples—as of June 1, 2021, the rate of reported active cases of COVID-19 in First Nations people living on a reserve was 188% higher than the rate for the general Canadian population.”
 - “Throughout the pandemic, numerous Indigenous leaders, from youth to Elders, have risen to the challenge to connect with communities and provide accurate vaccine information in meaningful, creative and culturally appropriate ways.”
 - “I’m happy to report that as of June 18, 2021 over 76% of individuals aged 12 years or older in First Nations, Inuit and Territorial communities have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, and over 47% have received two doses.”
 - “Going forward from COVID-19 and working on other critical public health issues, it will be important that we collectively advance a public health system that purposefully engages First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and reflects the insights from Indigenous traditions, practices and ways of knowing.”

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/06/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-june-21-2021.html>

- Today, the Government of Canada announced that the first phase of easing border restrictions for fully-vaccinated travellers will begin on July 5th.¹⁰
 - *Phase 1* authorizes fully vaccinated travellers, who are permitted to enter Canada under the current travel restrictions, to be exempt from the federal requirement to quarantine, stay at a government-authorized hotel or take a COVID-19 test on day 8 of quarantine.
 - To be considered fully vaccinated, a traveller must have received the full series of a vaccine, or a combination of vaccines that are accepted by the Government of Canada at least 14 days prior to entering Canada.
 - Proof of vaccine must be in English, French, or a certified translation.
 - At this time, approved vaccines include those manufactured by Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson).
 - All travellers must be asymptomatic and meet all other mandatory requirements, including pre-and on-arrival testing, and a presentable quarantine plan in case they do not meet the exemption requirements.
 - There are no changes to Canada's current border measures for travellers who are not fully vaccinated.
- Today, the Government of Canada announced that foreign nationals who hold a valid *Confirmation of Permanent Residence (COPR)* are now permitted to travel to Canada.¹¹
 - Under the previous rules, foreign nationals who held a valid COPR issued on or before March 18, 2020, were exempt from Canada's travel restrictions. Those who held a valid COPR issued after March 18, 2020, could only come to Canada if they met another exemption or were coming from the US to settle permanently in Canada.
 - This change to the travel restrictions is to help ensure that Canada has the labour force in place to support with the economic recovery from COVID-19.
- Today, the Government of Canada announced \$1 million in funding to the Government of Yukon to support the continuation of essential air services in remote Yukon communities during COVID-19.¹²
 - COVID-19 has created unprecedented challenges for Northern and remote communities and this funding will ensure continued access to transportation, essential goods and services, and medical care.

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

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/06/government-of-canadas-first-phase-to-easing-border-measures-for-travellers-entering-canada3.html>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2021/06/individuals-approved-for-permanent-residence-may-travel-to-canada-as-of-june-21.html>

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/06/government-of-canada-providing-additional-funding-to-support-essential-air-services-for-remote-communities-in-yukon.html>