

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 22 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 21	As of Jun 22	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	147,131	147,187	56
Total active cases in BC	1,204	1,150	-54
Currently in intensive care	47	41	-6
Currently hospitalized	108	111	3
Total hospitalized to date	7,907	7,911	4
Total deaths in BC	1,743	1,743	0
Total recovered in BC	144,153	144,263	110

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Jun 21	As of Jun 22	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	147,131	147,187	56
Vancouver Coastal Health	35,361	35,373	12
Fraser Health	85,592	85,610	18
Island Health	5,150	5,153	3
Interior Health	13,031	13,046	15
Northern Health	7,793	7,800	7
Out of Canada	204	205	1
Total tests	2,889,581	2,884,562	4,202*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Jun 21	As of Jun 22	Change
Total confirmed cases	212	220	8
Total active cases	100	125	25
Total deaths	3	3	0
Total recovered	112	125	23
Total individuals tested	8,482	8,890	408
Negative results	8,155	8,546	391
Pending results	178	140	-38

*The B.C. government has reported negative changes in total test numbers due to a data correction.

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

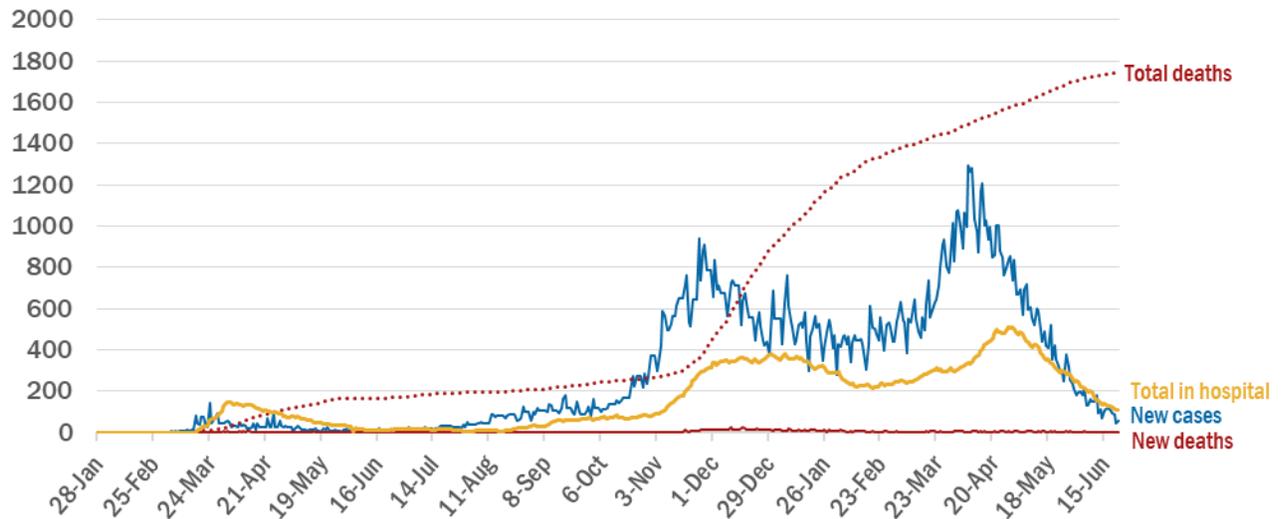
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA³

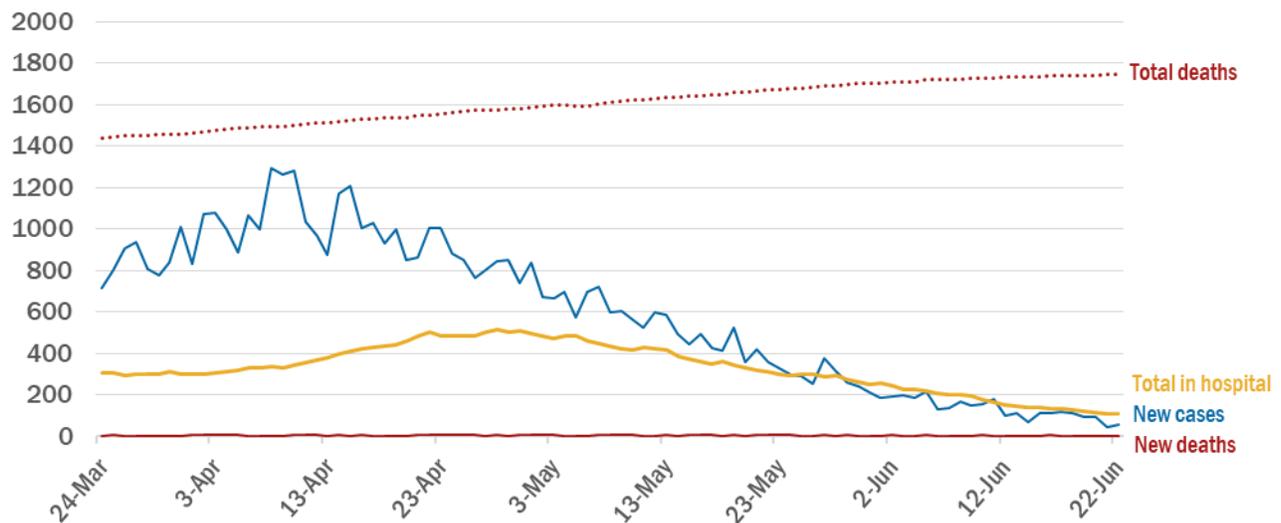
	As of Jun 18	As of Jun 21	Change
Total confirmed cases	31,424	31,607	183
Total active cases	896	789	-107
Currently hospitalized	1,441	1,442	1
Total deaths	354	355	1
Total recovered	30,174	30,463	289
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,146	3,146	0

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>

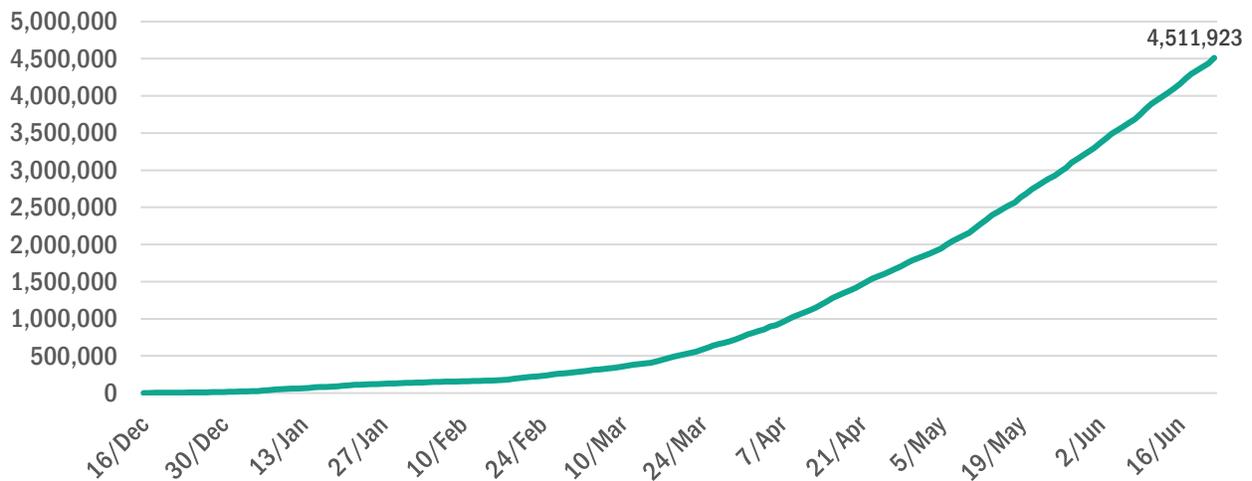
COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

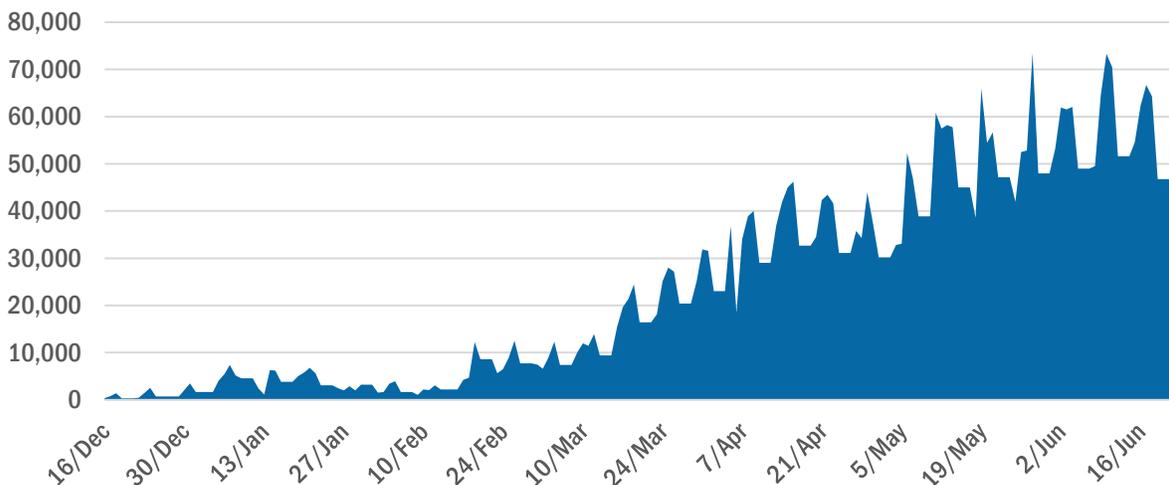
	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁵
	Today	Total					
BC	75,491	4,511,923	5,005,680	90.13	67.84	1,001,192	19.35
Yukon*	-	56,640	65,690	86.22	71.32	26,262	61.65
Canada	480,749	33,067,018	37,037,640	89.30	66.22	7,817,112	20.50

*Data for the Yukon Government for June 22nd 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, the B.C. Government announced the extension of the provincial state of emergency through the end of the day on July 6, 2021.⁶
 - This measure allows health and emergency management officials to continue to use extraordinary powers under the Emergency Program Act (EPA) to support the Province's COVID-19 pandemic response.
- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, held a live press conference regarding updates on the COVID-19 response in B.C.⁷ Highlights include the following:
 - “We are confident that both mRNA vaccines are safe and effective and can be used interchangeably. If you are offered the other mRNA vaccine [different from your first dose], please be assured that it is safe, and it is effective, to have either one of these products.”
 - “British Columbia is a diverse province, and we know that while we have all been in the same COVID storm, the experiences in each region have been very different. In smaller, more rural, communities the risks may be smaller with fewer people coming and going, but we also know that communities across the north are very connected.”
 - “And as we have seen, if the unwelcome guest of COVID-19 enters a community, it can have a tremendous and sometimes devastating impact. Over the past months, when that happened, we know that great work has been done by Northern Health, by everyone, to respond, to try and protect those most at risk, particularly our seniors and Elders in communities, in First Nations communities to support isolation and care of people, in the ICUs and the hospitals, who provided that extra care for those who needed it.”
 - “And of course, the essential work of the transfer teams when it was necessary to move people south for care. We know how hard that was on families and communities when that needed to happen, and I just wanted to say my thanks and my gratitude to all of the teams that have been working so hard, and the communities who've made it through this really challenging year.”
 - “But this is also why, for many communities across the north, we have taken a whole-of-community approach to immunization. We know that by protecting all of us, we protect our communities and our families to ensure that no community and no person is left behind.”
 - “Our progress on dose one immunizations is steady, and dose twos are rapidly increasing. But the virus is still with us, and we have seen in other communities around the world, in the UK and Israel, in our neighboring territory in the Yukon, where it can still cause disease and illness and spread, and some people can get seriously ill. Vaccines are our best protection.”
 - “To make this a summer one we can all enjoy, I encourage everybody to make sure your children are immunized before the summer holidays get underway, encouraged your family members near and far to do the same, and book your second appointment as soon as you are eligible.”

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0043-001208>

⁷ Live press conference June 22, 2021

- Today, the Province of B.C. announced it is extending BC Hydro’s Customer Crisis Fund (CCF) to continue providing support for people in financial crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic and help avoid disconnections of their electricity service.⁸
 - The CCF program allows eligible BC Hydro customers who are facing a financial hardship due to a job loss, injury, illness or loss of a family member, and possible disconnection of their service, to access grants of up to \$600 to pay their BC Hydro bill.
 - For more information on the program, including how to apply, visit:
<https://app.bchydro.com/accounts-billing/bill-payment/ways-to-pay/customer-crisis-fund.html>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Dr. Brendan Hanley, Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, provided an update regarding COVID-19 in the territory and announced eight new confirmed cases of COVID-19:⁹
 - There are now 125 active cases in the territory with recoveries expected.
 - Since June 4, 2021, screening results received so far indicate all cases are positive for the Gamma (P.1) variant.
 - Of the new cases, 7 cases are in Whitehorse and 1 in rural communities.
 - Investigation and contact tracing is under way.
 - There are currently no active exposure notices in Yukon.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, issued a statement regarding COVID-19 and vaccines in Canada. Highlights include the following:¹⁰
 - “The progress we’ve made in just 10 weeks since the peak of the third wave is gratifying to see. By keeping up with precautions and weathering restrictions, we have reduced national case counts by over 90% and significantly reduced hospitalisation numbers, which is helping the health system as it begins to recover.”
 - “This is thanks to a rapid increase in vaccine uptake as Canadians have come forward in record numbers, adapting to new information, navigating through new systems, and creating information sharing networks and supports. These efforts have helped elevate Canada to the top 10% of countries with the highest per capita number of vaccine doses given worldwide.”
 - “Based on the latest unofficial numbers, we have already surpassed our initial targets with over 75% of the population 12 years or older with at least one dose and over 20% fully vaccinated.”
 - “Meeting these initial targets has brought us greater safety, allowing jurisdictions to start the cautious easing of restrictions that will give us the better summer we’ve worked so hard for. However, the job is not done, with COVID-19 still circulating in Canada and worldwide, we need to remain vigilant, while keeping up the momentum to build a higher wall of vaccination protection for the fall.”

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021EMLI0043-001196>

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/june-22-2021-new-covid-19-cases-confirmed-community-transmission-among-unvaccinated>

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/06/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-june-22-2020.html>

- Today, François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, announced the completion of construction of the new Biologics Manufacturing Centre on the National Research Council of Canada's (NRC) Royalmount site, part of the Government of Canada's efforts to build Canada's pandemic resilience.¹¹
 - The efforts to build Canada's pandemic resilience includes partnering with industry and academic partners to protect Canadians from COVID-19 to increase the country's domestic capacity to produce critical vaccines and therapeutics, and to build biomanufacturing capacity as part of the recovery plan.
 - The Centre will have full end-to-end manufacturing capabilities and a production capacity of approximately 24 million doses of a vaccine per year, varying based on the specific vaccine requirements.
 - The Centre will be able to produce cell-based biopharmaceuticals like vaccines and other biologics, including viral vector, protein subunit, virus-like particles, and other recombinant proteins.
 - The NRC is continuing to work with Novavax, Inc. to produce their COVID-19 vaccine at the Biologics Manufacturing Centre once both the vaccine candidate and the facility receive Health Canada approvals.

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

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/national-research-council/news/2021/06/minister-champagne-marks-the-completion-of-construction-of-the-biologics-manufacturing-centre-in-montreal.html>