

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 28 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 25	As of Jun 28	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	147,418	147,549	131*
Total active cases in BC	1,096	930	-166
Currently in intensive care	37	37	0
Currently hospitalized	108	107	-1
Total hospitalized to date	7,934	8,007	73
Total deaths in BC	1,749	1,754	5
Total recovered in BC	144,554	144,848	294

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Jun 25	As of Jun 28	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	147,418	147,549	131*
Vancouver Coastal Health	35,427	35,475	48
Fraser Health	85,713	85,781	68
Island Health	5,161	5,156	-5
Interior Health	13,112	13,130	18
Northern Health	7,800	7,800	0
Out of Canada	205	207	2
Total tests	2,903,876	2,918,054	14,178

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Jun 25	As of Jun 27**	Change
Total confirmed cases	264	308	44
Total active cases	108	124	16
Total deaths	4	-	
Total recovered	152	-	
Total individuals tested	9,254	-	
Negative results	8,915	-	
Pending results	91	-	

*The B.C. Government reported 57 new cases on June 26th, 50 cases June 27th, and 38 cases June 28th totalling 145, while also reporting a data correction, and so the change in new cases totals 131.

** The Yukon update for June 27th only included confirmed and active cases. No further update has been provided as of 6:00pm on 6/28/21.

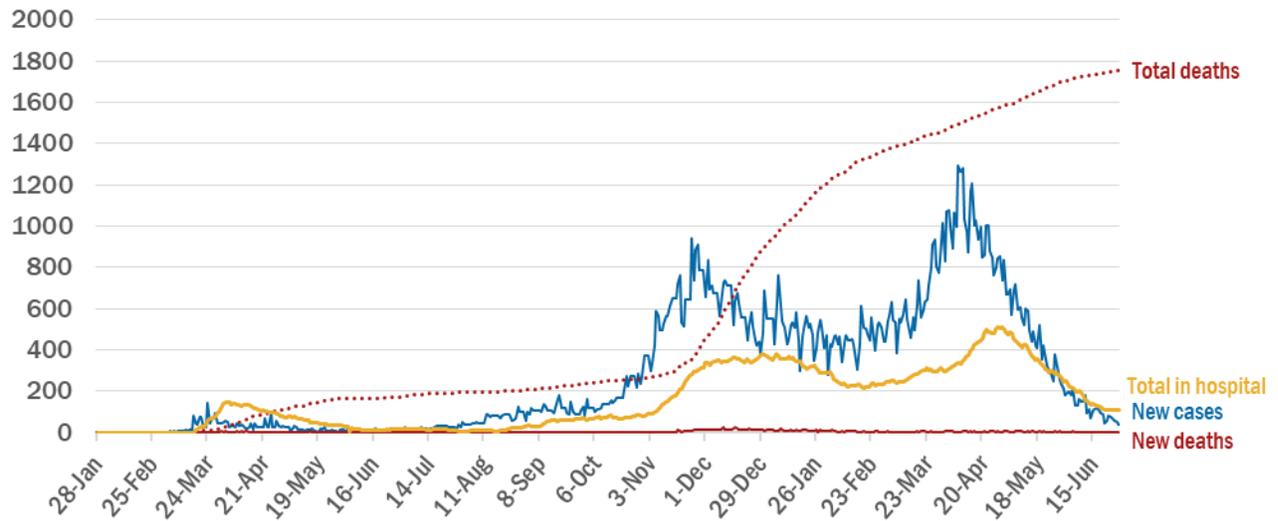
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE
CASES IN CANADA³**

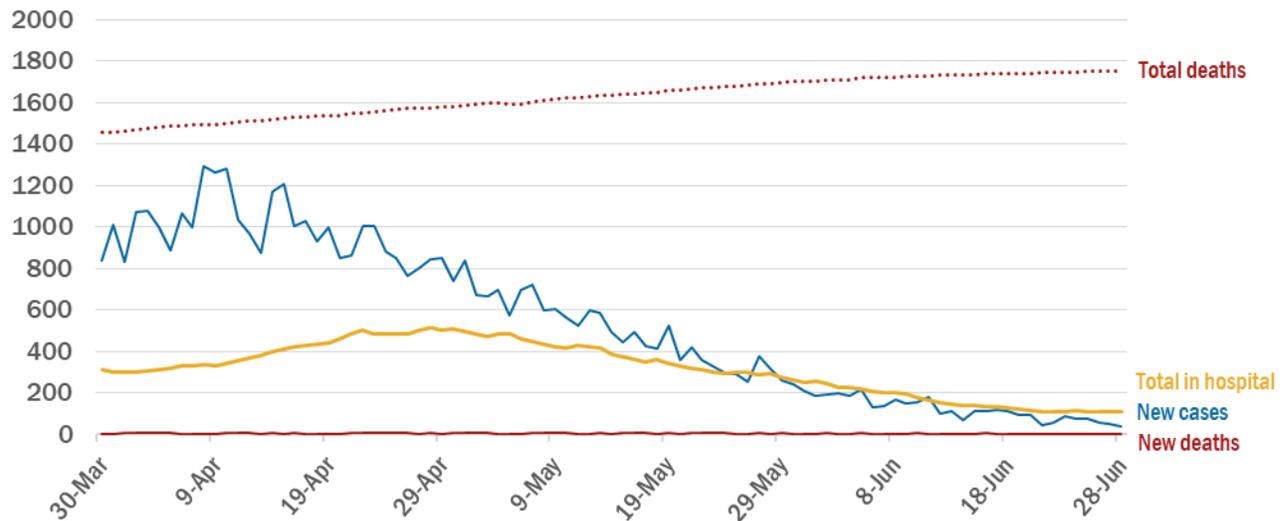
	As of Jun 24	As of Jun 25	Change
Total confirmed cases	31,715	31,779	64
Total active cases	617	575	-42
Currently hospitalized	1,451	1,483	32
Total deaths	357	357	0
Total recovered	30,741	30,847	106
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,150	3,147	-3

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>

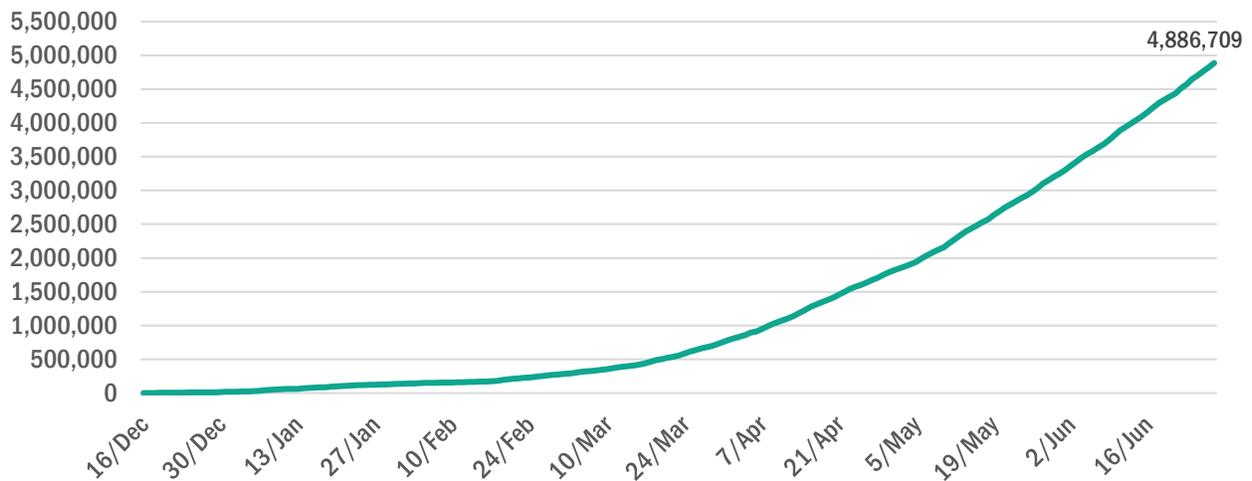
COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

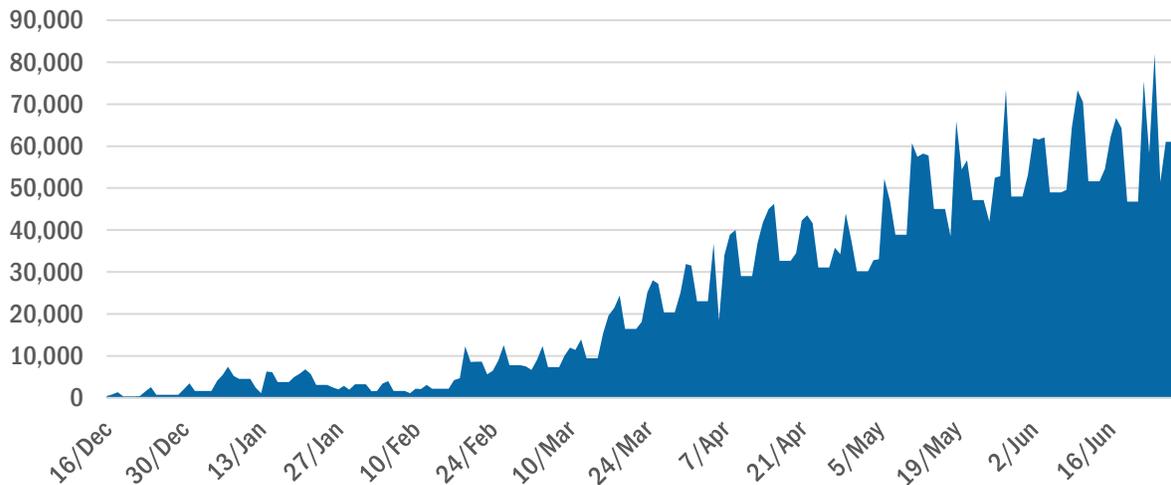
	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁵
	Today	Total					
BC	61,054	4,886,709	5,713,860	85.52	68.92	1,320,194	25.51
Yukon*	-	58,092	65,690	88.43	72.86	27,055	63.52
Canada	702,513	36,198,334	42,841,502	84.50	67.16	10,588,485	27.77

*Data for the Yukon Government for June 28th 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, held a live press conference regarding the COVID-19 response in B.C.⁶ Highlights include the following:
 - Due to the extreme levels of heat across the province, several COVID-19 vaccine clinics and appointments were adjusted to keep those providing and receiving vaccines safe. Despite this challenge, over 95% of appointments proceeded as scheduled.
 - Anyone whose appointment was affected by this will have been contacted to re-book their appointment.
 - The number of new cases continues to decrease across the province, with many communities reporting no new cases.
 - The dramatic fall in cases is a lagging indicator of the success of increased vaccination across all age groups. This is also shown in the levelling-off of COVID-19 related deaths, which have primarily occurred in the Elders and seniors of B.C.'s population.
 - As vaccination levels increase, transmission from infected individuals has decreased.
 - While some clusters of new cases continue to be seen, these are generally in areas where there are low vaccination levels.
 - With the current data and trends, the province is currently on track to maintain our progress in BC's Restart plan.
- Today, Northern Health announced its plans to return to pre-pandemic passenger eligibility for the Northern Health Connections (NHC) medical bus travel as of July 5, 2021.⁷
 - This is contingent upon the BC Pandemic Restart Plan for Step 3, which is tentatively scheduled for July and may change.
 - Northern Health Connections will return to standard seating with enhanced safety measures.
 - Some changes implemented during the pandemic will be permanent, including:
 - All travel must now be booked at least 24 hours in advance. Passenger manifests are required for safety and contact tracing purposes. NHC will not accept any walk-on passengers.
 - Pre-booked assigned seating will be required (similar to air travel).
 - People will be screened for COVID-19-like symptoms both when booking, and prior boarding; anyone with symptoms will not be allowed to travel.
 - Enhanced COVID cleaning and infection control measures will be ongoing.
 - Passenger partitions will remain in place (for the immediate future – to be assessed).

⁶ Live press conference on July 28th, 2021

⁷ <https://stories.northernhealth.ca/news/northern-health-connections-returns-pre-pandemic-passenger-eligibility>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- On June 27th, Dr. Brendan Hanley, Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, provided a statement regarding the 44 new cases of COVID-19 since Friday afternoon as well as further guidance on the current outbreak across the territory, labelling this the first true “wave” Yukon has seen.⁸
 - As of June 27th, Yukon’s total case count was 308 with the majority of new cases located in Whitehorse.
 - “COVID-19 continues to spread widely in Yukon, mostly amongst unvaccinated adults, youth and children. We now have an outbreak involving the Whitehorse Emergency Shelter. This is Yukon’s first true COVID wave. We must pull together, by:
 - Staying calm, and staying kind;
 - Sticking to six - keeping any informal gatherings to no more than 6 people;
 - Keeping your contacts small and consistent;
 - Strictly observing all current public health measures; and
 - Staying away from others and arranging for testing when you have symptoms.”
 - **Childcare programs** (This recommendation does not apply to day camps)
 - Several daycare centres have been identified as exposure locations for COVID-19.
 - For the next 2 weeks, it is recommended that parents keep children home from childcare programs if able.
 - Daycare operators are reaching out directly to parents of any children who were exposed to COVID-19 at a daycare centre.
 - **Whitehorse Emergency Shelter**
 - An outbreak has been declared at the Whitehorse Emergency Shelter. Approximately 15 cases of COVID-19 have now been confirmed in shelter guests and staff and testing for COVID-19 is available for staff and guests on an ongoing basis.
 - The shelter has a COVID-19 operational plan and is working with Yukon Communicable Disease Control and the CMOH to ensure practices align with the evolving COVID-19 situation.
 - **Update on access to hospitals**
 - Only go to the hospital emergency department if you need urgent care.
 - Starting June 28, 2021, new visitor restrictions will be in effect: No visitors or support persons will be allowed – with only a few, limited exceptions.
 - Some non-urgent hospital services will be limited or postponed: surgeries may be rescheduled, or lab test appointments may be delayed.
 - Additional questions will be asked by the screening team upon arrival at the hospital – please continue to be patient and kind.
 - You will be asked to wear a hospital-provided mask and keep it on in all areas of the hospital – even if you bring your own personal mask. This is to provide everyone the same level of protection.
 - These limited measures will be in place for two weeks and reassessed at that time.

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/june-27-2021-new-covid-19-cases-confirmed-further-guidance-outbreak-provided>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Chief Public Health Officer, issued a statement regarding COVID-19 and vaccines in Canada.⁹ Highlights include the following:
 - “The latest epidemiology and modelling update, shows that we are continuing to make significant progress in bringing COVID-19 disease activity down and raising vaccination coverage up. Over the next two months, as many jurisdictions begin to ease public health measures, we expect cases to continue to decline nationally.”
 - The latest national-level data for June 18-24 shows a continued downward trend in disease activity:
 - The average of cases reported daily is down 33% compared to the week prior
 - The average number of people with COVID-19 being treated in Canadian hospitals each day, down 22%
 - People being treated in intensive care units (ICU) is down 18%
 - An average of 18 deaths were reported daily, down 9%
 - “However, with current rates of vaccination and the increased transmissibility and severity of the Delta variant, resurgence is still possible if easing of public health measures proceeds too quickly and in-person contact rates across the community increase by 50% or more.”
 - “If the Delta variant becomes predominant, modelling suggests we may be at risk of a greater than expected resurgence this fall and/or winter.”
 - “But by continuing to work together, we can reduce the risk of a strong resurgence that could overwhelm hospital capacity by achieving higher vaccination coverage, especially in younger populations. This is why it is more important than ever for as many people as possible to get fully vaccinated across Canada.”
- On June 27th, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, issued a statement regarding the potential mental health impacts of COVID-19 on Canadians.¹⁰
 - “Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a diagnosable mental health disorder that may occur after exposure to psychological stressors during one or more potentially psychologically traumatic events.”
 - “In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, increased stressors and heightened risks have made many frontline and health workers susceptible to trauma and posttraumatic stress.”
 - “Since symptoms of PTSD may take months or even years to develop, we may not know the full impact of the pandemic on Canadians’ mental health for some time.”
 - “It is important to check in with those close to us, to acknowledge how the past months of challenges and sacrifices have affected us, and to support each other during this time.”
 - “If you need support for your mental health or substance use, you can visit Wellness Together Canada for free help and resources.”
<https://wellnesstogether.ca/>

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

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/06/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-june-28-2021.html>

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/06/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-june-27-2021.html>