

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 30 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 29</b>	<b>As of Jun 30</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	147,578	147,621	<b>44*</b>
Total active cases in BC	876	816	<b>-60</b>
Currently in intensive care	34	34	<b>0</b>
Currently hospitalized	110	108	<b>-2</b>
Total hospitalized to date	8,011	8,019	<b>8</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,754	1,754	<b>0</b>
Total recovered in BC	144,931	145,032	<b>101</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Jun 29</b>	<b>As of Jun 30</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	147,578	147,621	<b>44*</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	35,482	35,494	<b>12</b>
Fraser Health	85,788	85,805	<b>17</b>
Island Health	5,159	5,160	<b>1</b>
Interior Health	13,140	13,154	<b>14</b>
Northern Health	7,800	7,799	<b>-1**</b>
Out of Canada	209	209	<b>0</b>
Total tests	2,921,862	2,927,192	<b>5,330*</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Jun 29</b>	<b>As of Jun 30</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	342	357	<b>15</b>
Total active cases	129	133	<b>4</b>
Total deaths	5	5	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	208	219	<b>11</b>
Total individuals tested	9,625	9,721	<b>96</b>
Negative results	9,204	9,279	<b>75</b>
Pending results	101	106	<b>5</b>

\*The B.C. Government announced 44 new cases and 5,042 new tests but this does not align with the differences between June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

\*\* The B.C. Government reported a negative change in confirmed cases for Northern Health due to a data correction.

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

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

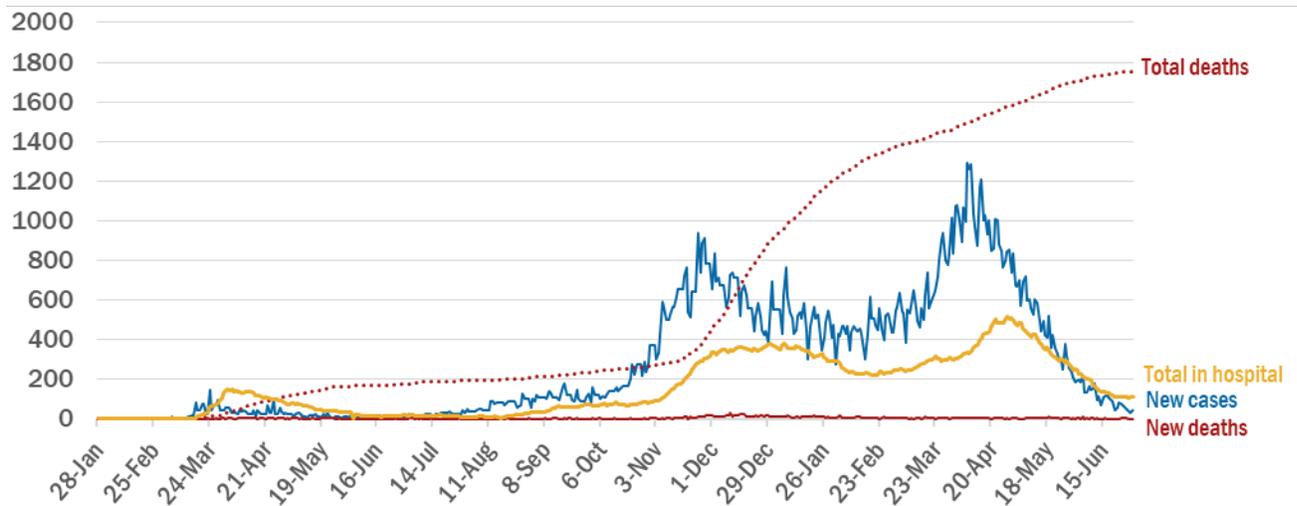
**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE**

**CASES IN CANADA <sup>3</sup>**

	As of Jun 25	As of Jun 29*	Change
Total confirmed cases	31,779	32,022	243
Total active cases	575	491	-84
Currently hospitalized	1,483	1,528	45
Total deaths	357	360	3
Total recovered	30,847	31,171	324
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,147	3,154	7

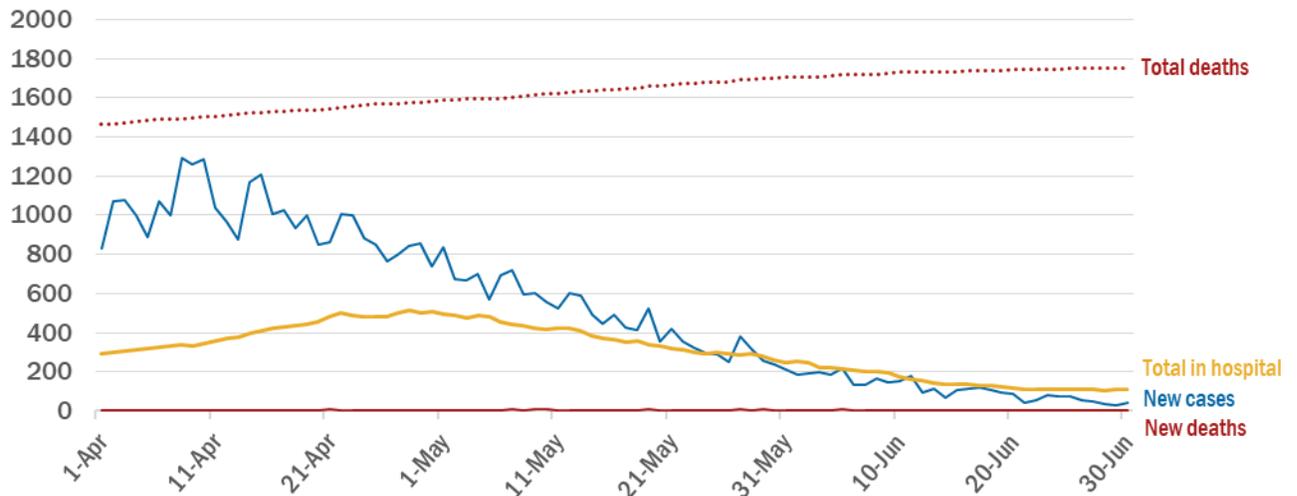
\*Data for June 30<sup>th</sup> was not available at time of reporting.

**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**



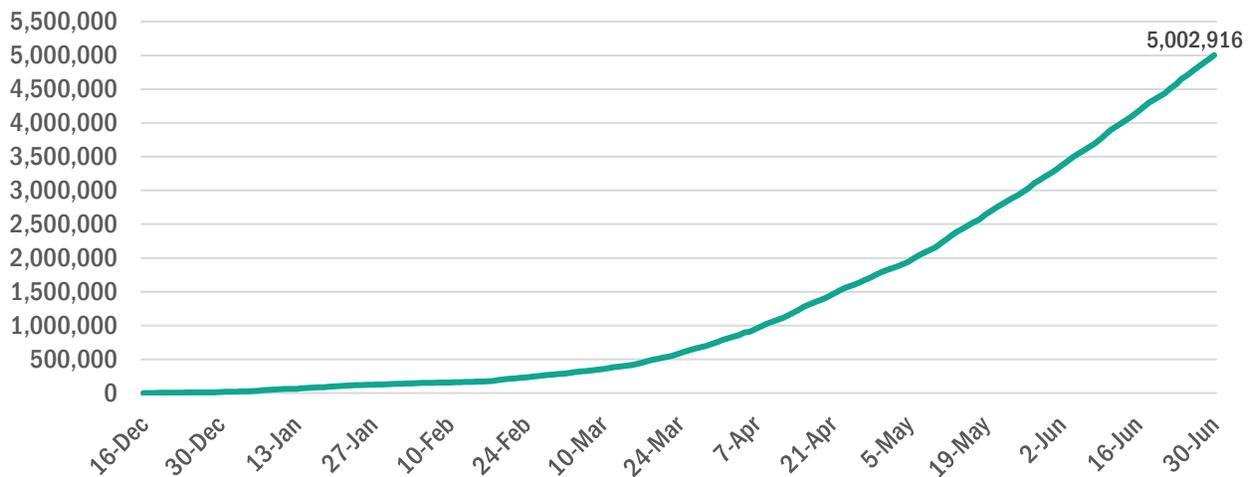
<sup>3</sup> Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

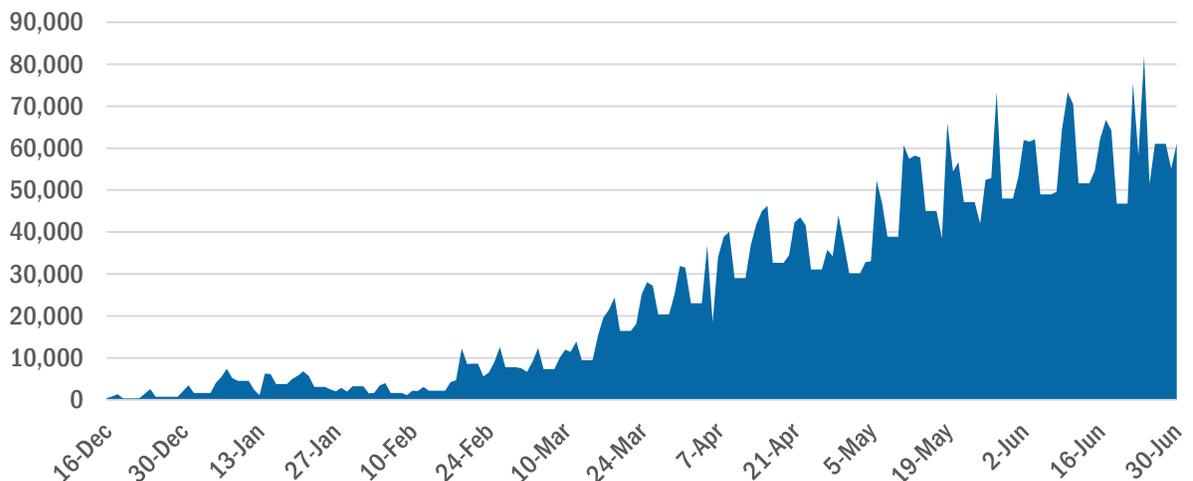
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	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>	61,121	5,002,916	5,915,520	84.57	69.21	1,421,506	27.47
<b>Yukon</b>	779	58,871	65,690	89.61	73.46	27,580	64.75
<b>Canada</b>	608,885	37,384,318	45,834,650	81.56	67.46	11,661,721	30.58

### 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, 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.<sup>6</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - “With the start of Step 3 of the BC’s Restart plan coming into effect tomorrow, it is a time of renewal and reflection for all of us. While many of the orders will be amended or no longer be in effect, it is about the gradual restart of our province, moving at a pace that works for each of us.”
  - “Even with the changes, masks remain an important layer of protection, and we should all continue to wear them in all indoor public spaces until we have immunity from the second dose of vaccine.”
- Today, the B.C. Government announced \$555,000 in funding to Anxiety Canada to develop resources to support children and teens who are experiencing anxiety and stress due to COVID-19.<sup>7</sup>
  - This funding will help create a number of free resources, including the *Behind the Mask campaign*, a provincewide mental health literacy video series based on children and teens struggles during the pandemic.
  - The video series will build awareness about anxiety and will provide children and teens with information and tools to manage anxiety.
- Today, the B.C. Government announced the beginning of the B.C. Budget 2022 consultation.<sup>8</sup>
  - Residents of British Columbia are being encouraged to share their needs and priorities for B.C.’s economic recovery.
  - People can share their views by completing the survey, sending in written comments, or presenting to the committee.
    - Organizations and individuals interested in presenting must complete a request form by July 16, 2021.
    - The deadline to receive all submissions is Sept. 30, 2021, at 5 p.m. (Pacific time).
    - Public input will be included in the committee’s report to the legislative assembly, expected to be released by Nov. 15, 2021.
  - For more information on the consultation process, including the online survey, please visit: <https://www.leg.bc.ca/content-committees/Pages/Finance-Budget-Consultation.aspx>
- Today, the B.C. Government announced the permanent extension of authorized retail hours for liquor stores to ensure the safety and convenience of customers during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.<sup>9</sup>
  - In April 2020, the B.C. government temporarily authorized liquor retailers, such as wine stores and private liquor stores, to open as early as 7 a.m., to facilitate physical distancing for seniors and those who are immunocompromised.
  - This temporary authorization was set to expire on June 30, 2021. However, to ensure businesses can continue to support customers who have benefitted from this convenience,

<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0045-001284>

<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021MMHA0029-001247>

<sup>8</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021FIN0043-001265>

<sup>9</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0056-001235>

- the province is permanently allowing liquor retailers to operate between 7:00 a.m. and 11 p.m. daily.
- This change does not override any additional requirements or limitations placed on hours of liquor service by local governments or First Nations.

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY**

- Today, Dr. Brendan Hanley, Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, provided a statement reporting 15 new cases of COVID-19 for today.<sup>10</sup>
  - Of the fifteen confirmed cases, seven cases are in Whitehorse and eight cases are in rural communities.
  - Dr. Hanley is also strongly recommending that Yukoners take steps to limit contacts over the next four to six weeks.
  - Yukoners are being asked to:
    - “Stick to six”: limit social gatherings to a maximum of six people indoors and out.
    - Limit organized gatherings to 10 people indoors with masking, 20 outdoors with physical distancing. If possible, consider postponing events.
    - In bars and restaurants, do not visit among tables, follow rules of the establishment, do not crowd the bar and when finished, go home.
    - Do not go to work if you are sick or exhibiting any symptoms; at the workplace, follow handwashing, masking and distancing guidelines.
    - Daycares: if you are not an essential or critical worker and you can keep your children at home, please do so.
    - Check with communities when travelling to see what they are positing and limit social visits between communities.
  - There will be no case update on July 1, 2021.

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

- Today, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) provided a COVID-19 update for Indigenous peoples and communities.<sup>11</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - “As of June 29, 2021, over 79% of individuals aged 12 and older have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in First Nations, Inuit and territorial communities.”
  - “Of this group, over 52% have received their second dose. According to the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), 75% of individuals aged 12 and older have received one dose.”
  - “We thank all those who have received their first dose of the vaccine. We remind all Canadians to be sure to book an appointment for your second dose to increase the effectiveness of reducing severe disease outcomes such as hospitalization and death.”
  - “Misinformation about COVID-19 vaccines continues to accelerate on social media, including the fear that immunization could affect fertility, despite no evidence to support these false claims.”

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<sup>10</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/june-30-2021-covid-19-case-count-update>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/06/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities-week-of-june-28.html>

- “The Government of Canada encourages individuals who may have concerns about the COVID-19 vaccines’ effects on pregnancy and fertility to consult with a trusted health care expert, who can explain how the vaccines work and how there is no link between the vaccine and infertility.”
- Today, the Government of Canada announced the increase of the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour support Canada’s economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>12</sup>
  - This change will come into effect on December 29, 2021.
  - The changes will affect workers in the federally regulated private sector.
  - The federally regulated private sector includes industries such as interprovincial and international transportation, telecommunications, banking, uranium mining, most federal Crown corporations, grain services and Indigenous band councils.
- Today, Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister of Finance, and Mona Fortier, Minister of Middle Class Prosperity and Associate Minister of Finance, announced the expansion of the Canada Workers Benefit (CWB) to support more Canadians during COVID-19.<sup>13</sup>
  - The Canada Workers Benefit is a refundable tax credit to help people and families who are working and earning a low income.
  - The expansion will make the benefit available to Canadians with incomes up to:
    - \$32,244 as a single individual, without children
    - \$42,197 as single-earner families
    - \$56,195 as double-earner families
  - This expansion will also allow secondary earners to exclude up to \$14,000 of their working income when calculating the benefit to access a more generous tax refund.
- Today, Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue, announced the launch of an online calculator to help eligible businesses apply for the new Canada Recovery Hiring Program (CRHP).<sup>14</sup>
  - This calculator will integrate the CRHP with the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) to show applicants which subsidy will provide more support.
  - The CRHP and the CEWS both the support payroll of eligible employers affected by COVID-19, however, the CRHP is designed to encourage businesses to rehire and grow as the economy recovers.
  - The CRHP and the CEWS are both based on four week claim periods and eligible employers can apply for either subsidy (not both), based on whichever subsidy provides larger support.
  - Eligible employers can begin applications for the CRHP on July 7, 2021 with payments distributed during the week of July 12, 2021.
  - For applications and details on eligible requirements, payment periods, and how the CRHP is calculated, please visit:  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenueagency/services/subsidy/recovery-hiring-program.html>

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

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/06/nr---minimum-wage.html>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/06/government-expands-canada-workers-benefit-to-support-one-million-more-canadians.html>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2021/06/the-government-of-canada-launches-online-calculator-to-help-businesses-apply-for-the-new-canada-recovery-hiring-program.html>