

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 08 July 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 Jul 07	As of Jul 08	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	147,856	147,919	63*
Total active cases in BC	624	653	29
Currently in intensive care	20	19	-1
Currently hospitalized	86	74	-12
Total hospitalized to date	8,059	8,062	3
Total deaths in BC	1,759	1,760	1
Total recovered in BC	145,455	145,491	36
CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Jul 07	As of Jul 08	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	147,856	147,919	63
Vancouver Coastal Health	35,515	35,531	16
Fraser Health	85,904	85,926	22
Island Health	5,166	5,171	5
Interior Health	13,254	13,273	19
Northern Health	7,802	7,803	1
Out of Canada	215	215	0
Total tests	2,965,106	2,972,495	7,389**
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Jul 07	As of Jul 08	Change
Total confirmed cases	446	456	10
Total active cases	138	123	-15
Total deaths	5	5	0
Total recovered	309	335	26
Total individuals tested	-	12,400	-
Negative results	-	9,787	-
Pending results	-	122	-

*The BC Gov announced 59 new cases of COVID-19 at 2 pm today, but the numbers reported here were updated using the BCCDC's 4:30 pm report.

**The BCCDC reported 6,974 new tests, but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between July 7th and 8th.

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

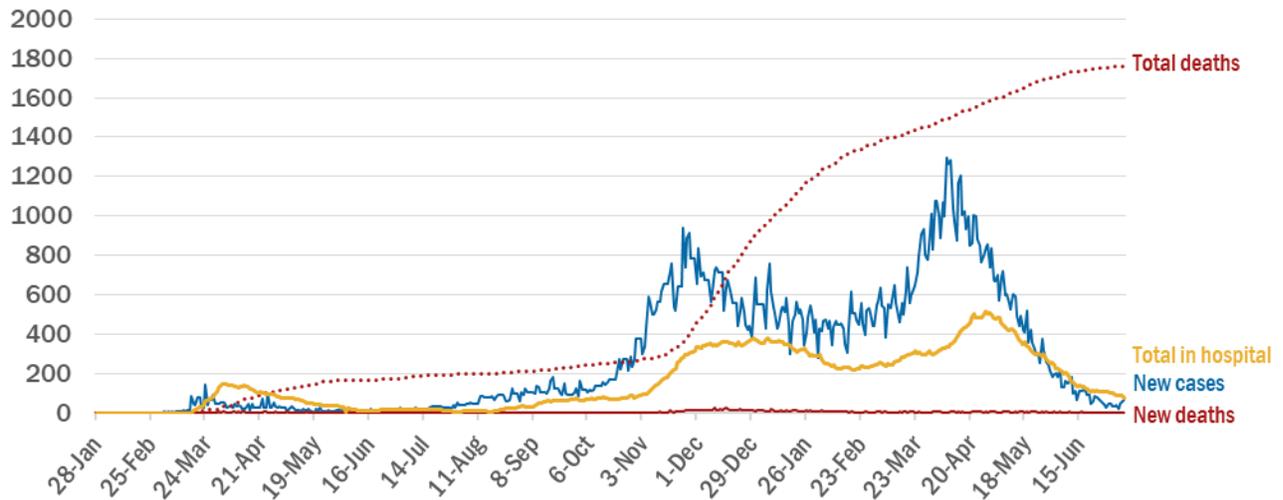
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA ³

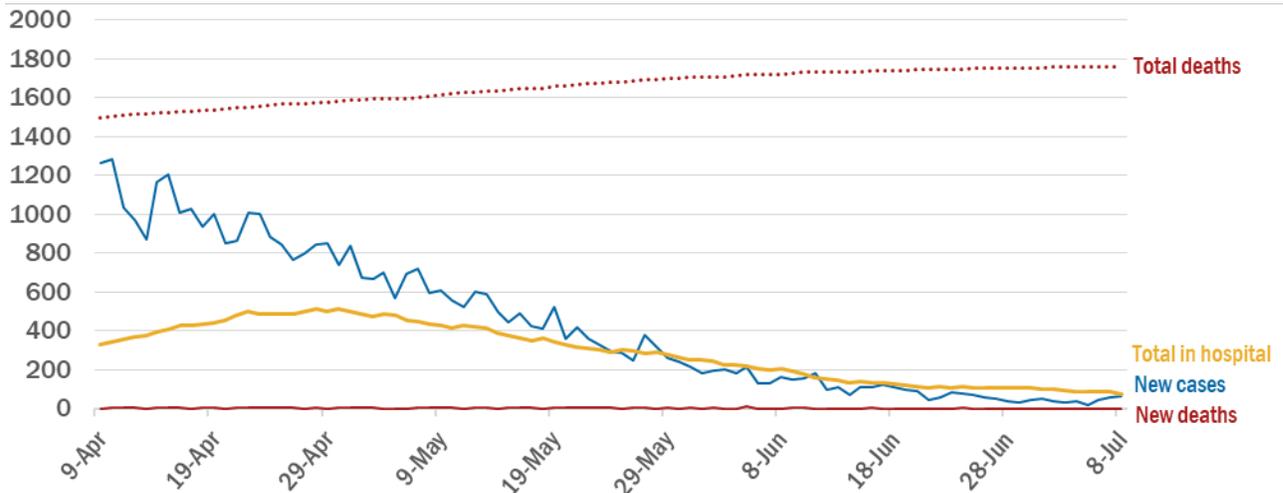
	As of Jul 06	As of Jul 07	Change
Total confirmed cases	32,328	32,368	40
Total active cases	415	419	4
Currently hospitalized	1,552	1,554	2
Total deaths	363	365	2
Total recovered	31,550	31,584	34
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,159	3,159	0

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>

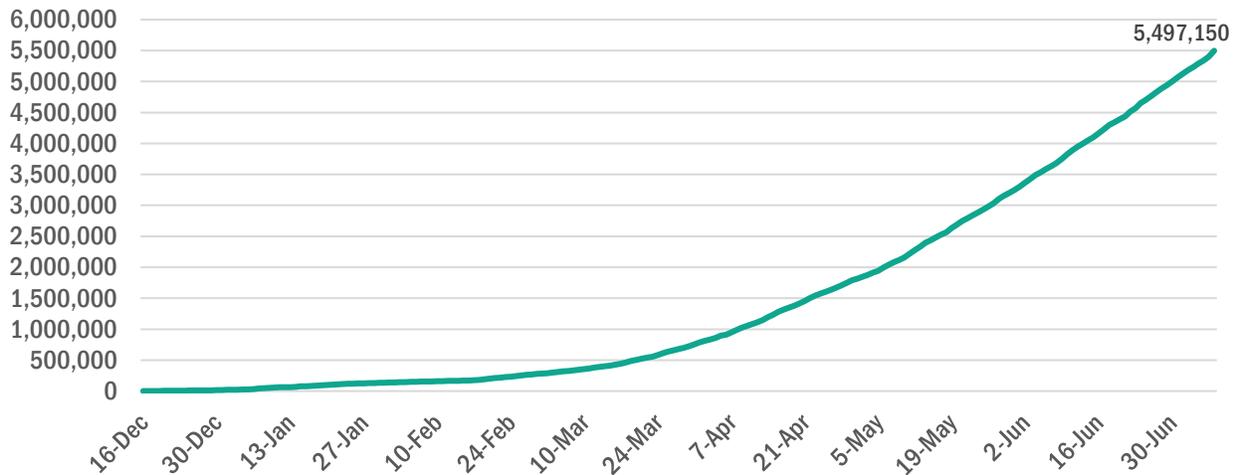
COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

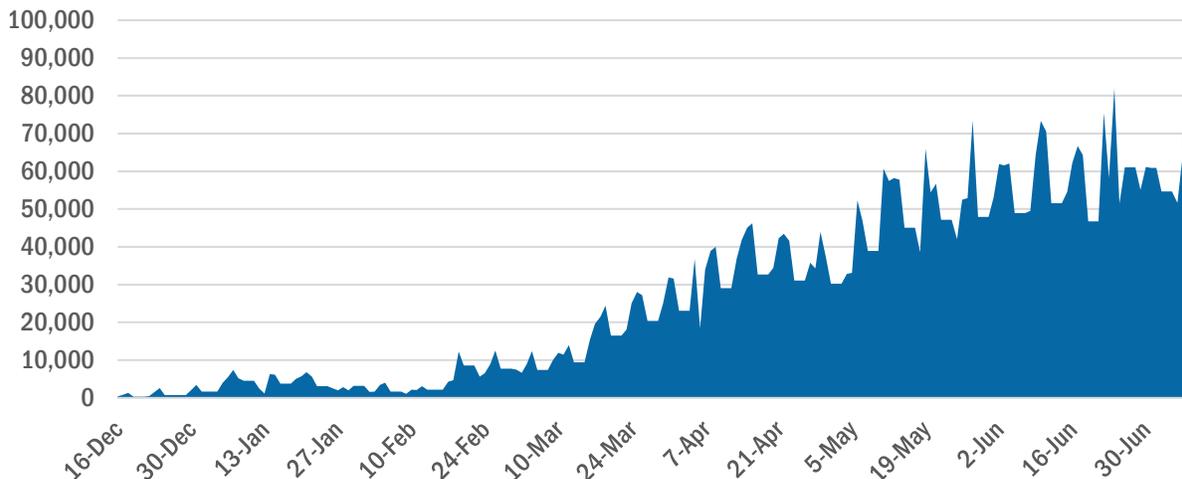
	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁵
	Today	Total					
BC	93,103	5,497,150	6,559,520	83.80	70.40	1,854,387	35.84
Yukon*	-	60,372	65,690	91.90	74.64	28,580	67.10
Canada	621,201	41,312,866	50,532,018	81.80	68.43	15,219,854	39.92

*Data for July 8th was not available 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, B.C. Minister of Health, announced an easing of visitation rules and some additional protections for long-term care homes.⁶
 - Following the success of the province's COVID-19 immunization program, visitation restrictions in long-term care and seniors' assisted living will be eased as of July 19th.
 - Changes to long-term care and seniors' assisted living include:
 - Visitors no longer need to schedule or book a visit in advance, and the limit on the number of visitors for each resident will be removed.
 - Fully immunized visitors can visit residents without wearing a mask.
 - Larger, facility-wide social events or gatherings are safe to resume.
 - Indoor gatherings may include residents and staff across units of a facility, while outdoor gatherings may include family and friends.
 - Adult day programs and in-facility respite can fully resume.
 - The screening of visitors and practices such as hand hygiene, use of medical masks and physical distancing will remain in place when visitation restrictions are eased. It is strongly recommended that visitors choose to get fully immunized against COVID-19, in order to lower the risk to people in long-term care settings.
 - At the same time, officials announced new public health requirements around vaccinations to add protection for people in long-term care. New requirements, effective July 19, include:
 - All long-term care and seniors' assisted living facilities are required to provide public health with information on immunization status of all residents, staff, personal service providers and volunteers.
 - Workers who are not fully vaccinated will be required to wear a mask at work and be tested for COVID-19 regularly using rapid tests.
 - Volunteers and personal service providers entering long-term care settings must be fully vaccinated.
 - Masks are required for visitors who are not fully vaccinated. Masks will not be required for visitors who are fully vaccinated, except when travelling through common areas.
 - Each site will continue to maintain a sign-in list for contact tracing purposes and actively promote adherence to all infection prevention control protocols.
- Today, Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, and John Horgan, Premier of B.C., announced an agreement to help improve early learning and childcare in the province.⁷
 - As part of this agreement, the Government of Canada will invest \$3.2 billion over the next five years to help improve regulated early learning and child care in B.C. This funding aims to create 30,000 new spaces for children under the age of 6 within five years.
 - The governments of Canada and British Columbia will work together towards achieving an average parent fee of \$10 per day for all regulated child care spaces for children under 6 by the end of the five-year agreement.
 - The investment in new regulated early learning and childcare spaces is intended to create new jobs and driving economic growth during recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0124-001331>

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/stories/canada-announces-historic-first-early-learning-and-child-care-agreement>

- Today, the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) shared the following information regarding their recently launched *Harm Reduction Campaign*.⁸
 - “The number of First Nations people dying from toxic drugs has risen dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic, with First Nations people dying at over five times the rate of other BC residents.”
 - “The FNHA recently launched the Harm Reduction Campaign to reduce overdose deaths by amplifying the voices of First Nations people affected by toxic drug use and overdose. It's a campaign that focuses on harm reduction, an approach that prioritizes empowering individuals to find the supports they are looking for at different points on their healing journey.”
 - “Taking the first step to healing means being alive to take that step. Harm reduction sites and services are open, safe and expanding to more locations in BC.”
 - For more information and access to the Harm Reduction Campaign, please visit: <https://harmreduction.fnha.ca/>
- Today, the B.C. Government announced \$45,000 in funding to Stigma-Free Society to expand the reach of its Stigma-Free program and mental health toolkit in B.C. schools during COVID-19 and beyond.⁹
 - The Stigma-Free program and mental health toolkit were created by certified professionals to equip youth from grades 4-7 and grades 8-12 with techniques to address mental health challenges and address stigmas associated with conditions, such as anxiety and depression.
 - With the COVID-19 pandemic, the B.C. restart plan, and return to normal activities affecting the mental health of youth throughout the province, this funding is intended to provide mental health supports to young people at a critical time.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Yukon Government today.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) provided a COVID-19 update for Indigenous Peoples and communities.¹⁰ Highlights include the following:
 - “As of July 6, 2021, over 80% 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 54% have received their second dose. According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, over 76% of individuals aged 12 and older have received one dose.”
 - “ISC is working with other federal departments to respond to the request for assistance from the Government of Yukon. The department has also reached out to the Council of Yukon First Nations to determine whether there are any specific needs for First Nations communities that could be supported by the Indigenous Communities Support Fund.”

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

⁸ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/how-harm-reduction-can-save-lives>

⁹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021MMHA0032-001325>

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/07/government-of-canada-covid-19-update-for-indigenous-peoples-and-communities-week-of-july-5.html>