

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 20 August 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 August 19	As of August 20	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	158,256	158,919	663
Total active cases in BC	5,982	6,345	363
Currently in intensive care	56	59	3
Currently hospitalized	121	129	8
Total hospitalized to date	8,375	8,400	25
Total deaths in BC	1,784	1,785	1
Total recovered in BC	150,377	150,657	280

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of August 19	As of August 20	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	158,256	158,919	663
Vancouver Coastal Health	37,129	37,264	135
Fraser Health	88,448	88,610	162
Island Health	5,799	5,853	54
Interior Health	18,423	18,697	274
Northern Health	8,226	8,264	38
Out of Canada	231	231	0
Total tests	3,367,304	3,392,077	24,773*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of August 19	As of August 20	Change
Total confirmed cases	671	674	3
Total active cases	50	52	2
Total deaths	8	8	0
Total recovered	616	619	3
Total individuals tested	11,096	11,153	57
Negative results	10,384	10,423	39
Pending results	54	70	16

*The BCCDC reported 12,407 new tests, but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between August 19th and August 20th.

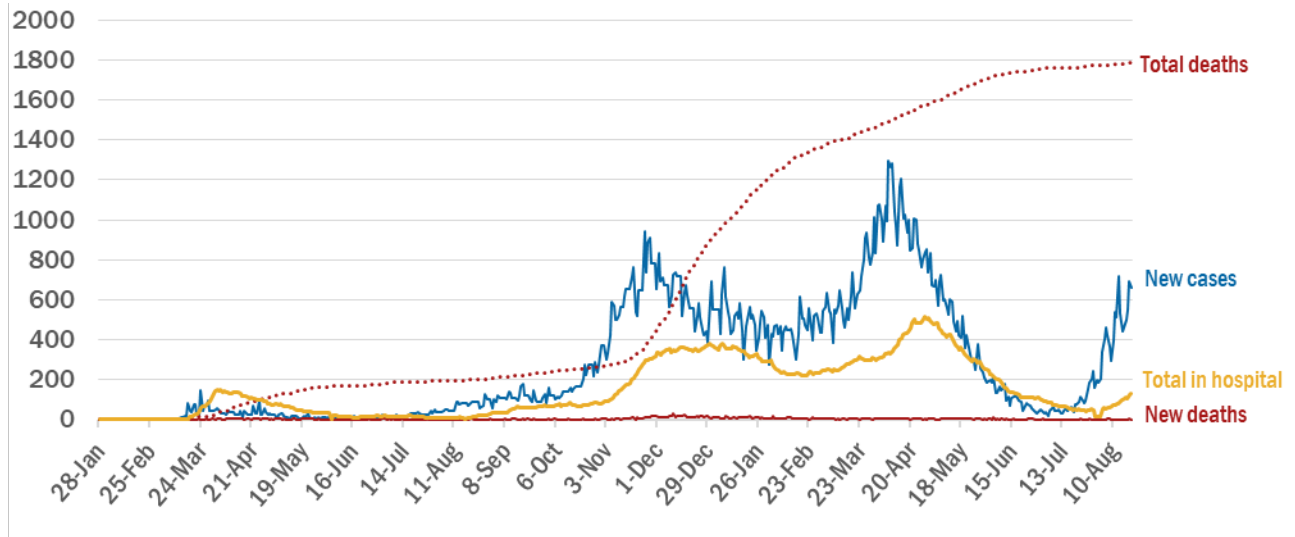
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE
CASES IN CANADA ³**

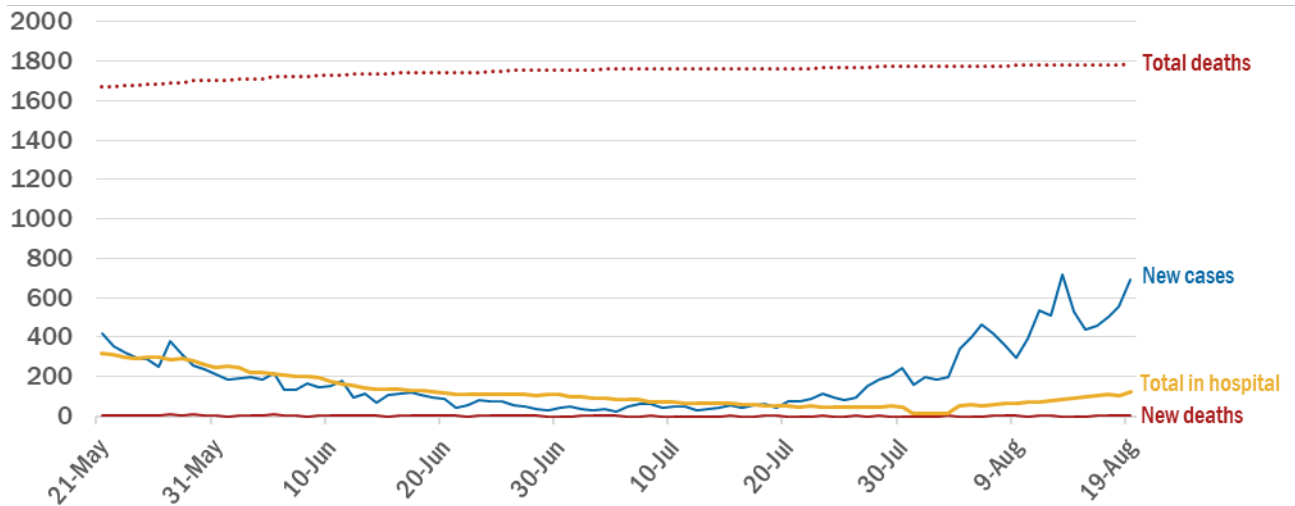
	As of August 18	As of August 19	Change
Total confirmed cases	33,795	33,882	87
Total active cases	442	493	51
Total hospitalized	1,619	1,621	2
Total deaths	385	385	0
Total recovered	32,968	33,004	36
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,286	3,304	18

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>

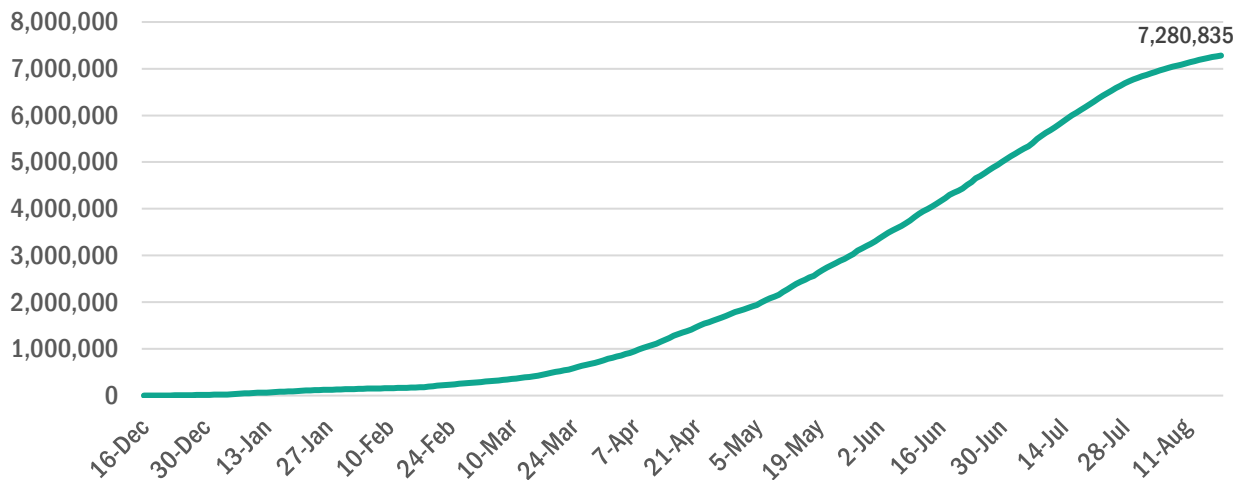
COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

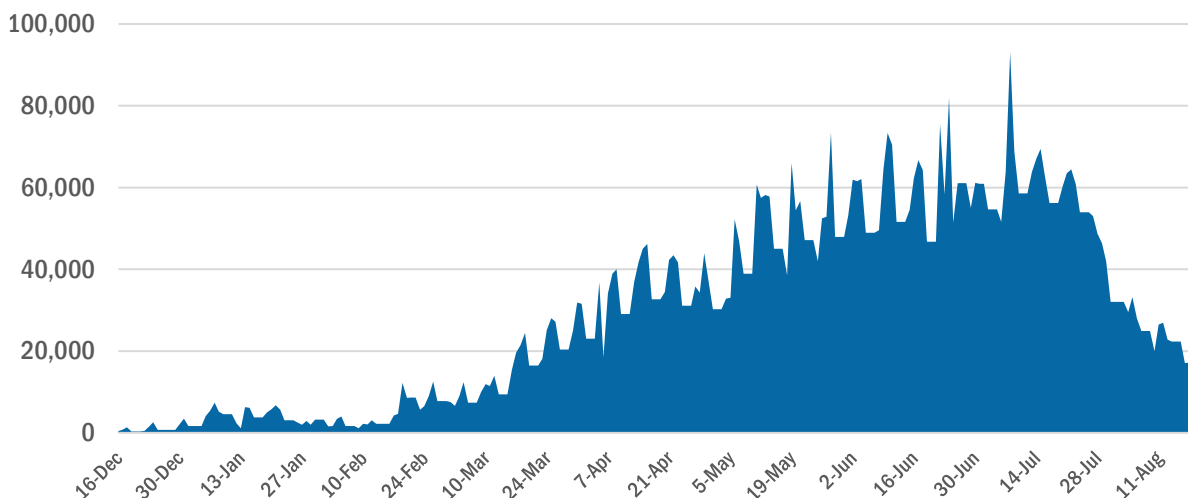
	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated
	Today	Total					
BC*	15,613	7,280,835	7,778,200	93.60	74.40	3,431,103	66.31
Yukon*	-	64,398	66,670	96.59	77.58	31,353	73.61
Canada	109,086	52,183,856	63,479,258	82.20	72.29	24,617,646	64.56

*The Government of Yukon and the Government of British Columbia did not provide updated vaccine information at time of reporting (August 20th at 5:00 p.m.).

TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED



DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC EACH DAY



⁴ Source: N. Little. COVID-19 Tracker Canada (2020), COVID19Tracker.ca

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- No significant updates from the Government of British Columbia.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon released *Forging Ahead*, a framework outlining Yukon's ongoing response to the pandemic as it begins its transition from pandemic to endemic.⁵ Highlights include the following:
 - "The approach focuses on living with COVID-19 while managing and containing future cases, clusters, and outbreaks within the territory."
 - "The purpose of this plan is to provide guidance as the Yukon moves forward and as Yukoners begin to adapt to living with the risk of COVID-19."
 - "This plan relies on six pillars that will help manage, contain and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the territory without widespread public health measures."
 - "Each pillar has been carefully assessed and selected to provide details on how the Yukon will transition out of the State of Emergency with a mostly vaccinated population and how citizens can begin living sustainably with the virus as part of their everyday lives."
 - "The new approach highlights two goals as the Yukon enters this phase, with the first being to reduce the severe illness amongst vulnerable populations and the second to enhance Yukoners' overall wellbeing."
 - "This strategy will be a living document that may undergo changes in order to adapt to the evolving situations."
 - The full report can be found here: <https://yukon.ca/en/forging-ahead-yukons-continuing-response-covid-19-document>
 - An associated infographic can be found here: <https://yukon.ca/en/forging-ahead-yukons-continuing-response-covid-19-infographic>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- *A federal election was called on August 14th, and scheduled for September 20th; updates from the Government of Canada during this period may be limited and at a reduced frequency.*
- Today, Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, provided a COVID-19 update⁶. Highlights include the following:
 - "Since the start of the pandemic, there have been 1,462,906 cases of COVID-19 and 26,783 deaths reported in Canada."
 - "The latest national 7-day average of 2,216 new cases reported daily (August 13th – August 19th) is an increase of 38% over the previous week."
 - "After several weeks of rising case counts in some of Canada's most populous jurisdictions, national severity trends have begun to increase, primarily involving unvaccinated people."

⁵ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/forging-ahead-yukons-continuing-response-covid-19>

⁶ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/08/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-august-20-2021.html>

- “The latest provincial and territorial data show that an average of 648 people with COVID-19 were being treated in Canadian hospitals each day during the most recent 7-day period (Aug 13-19), which is 22% higher than last week.”
 - “This includes, on average 262 people who were being treated in intensive care units (ICU), 24% more than last week and an average of 5 deaths were reported daily (Aug 13-19).”
- “During this fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada, infections and severe outcomes have several key features:
 - “Nationally, the highly contagious Delta Variant of Concern (VOC), accounts for the majority of recently reported cases, is associated with increased severity, and may reduce the effectiveness of vaccines.”
 - “Most reported cases, hospitalizations and deaths are occurring among unvaccinated people.”
 - “Virus spread in areas with low vaccination coverage presents an ongoing risk for emergence of and replacement by new VOCs, including a risk of VOCs with the ability to evade vaccine protection.”

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