

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 23 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 20	As of August 23	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	158,919	160,630	1,711*
Total active cases in BC	6,345	5,056	-1,289
Currently in intensive care	59	80	21
Currently hospitalized	129	133	4
Total hospitalized to date	8,400	8,471	71
Total deaths in BC	1,785	1,801	16**
Total recovered in BC	150,657	153,627	2,970

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of August 20	As of August 23	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	158,919	160,630	1,711*
Vancouver Coastal Health	37,264	37,554	290
Fraser Health	88,610	89,029	419
Island Health	5,853	5,986	133
Interior Health	18,697	19,465	768
Northern Health	8,264	8,364	100
Out of Canada	231	232	1
Total tests	3,392,077	3,426,402	34,325

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of August 20	As of August 23	Change
Total confirmed cases	674	681	7
Total active cases	52	41	-11
Total deaths	8	8	0
Total recovered	619	635	16
Total individuals tested	11,153	11,224	71
Negative results	10,423	10,510	87
Pending results	70	39	-31

*The B.C. Government reported 724 new COVID-19 cases August 21st, 545 cases August 22nd, and 442 cases August 23rd (1,711 total).

**The Interior Health Authority has reported 14 deaths, which includes updated reporting of deaths from August 1st.

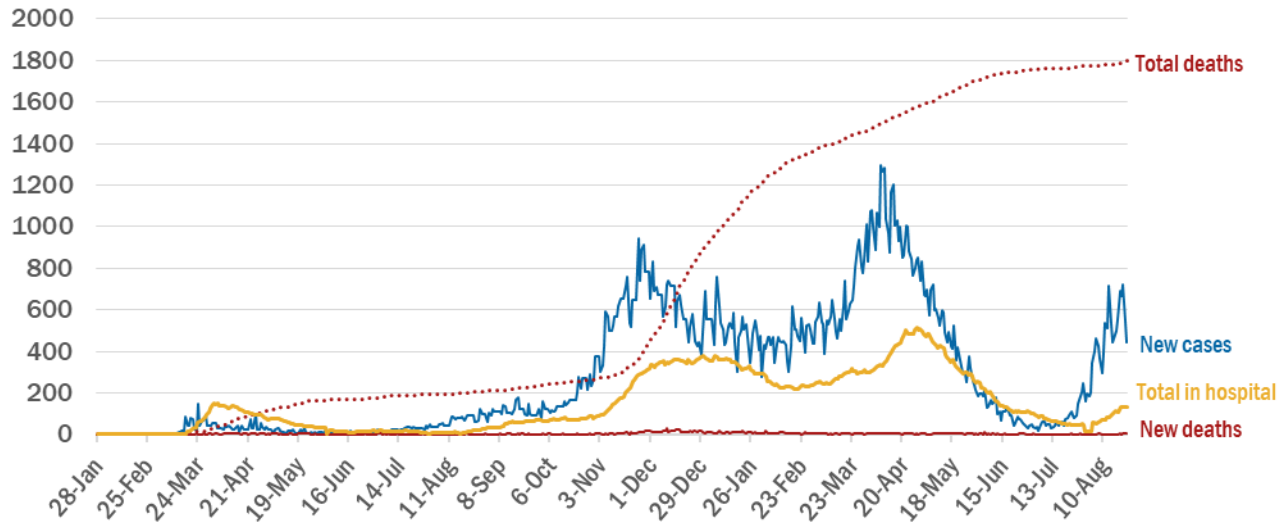
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

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

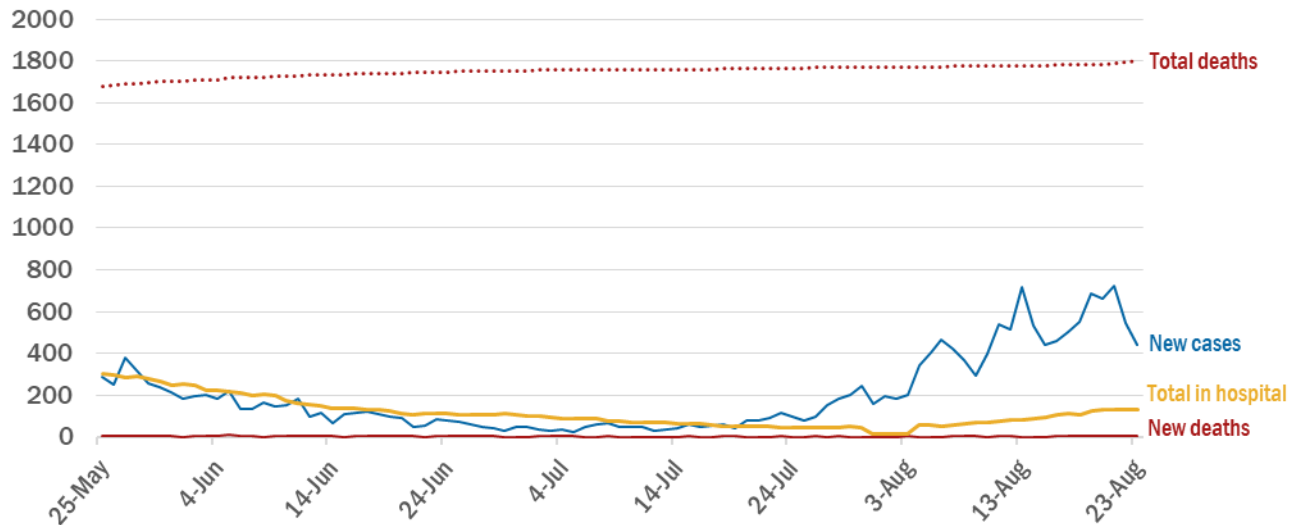
	As of August 19	As of August 20	Change
Total confirmed cases	33,882	33,940	58
Total active cases	493	508	15
Total hospitalized	1,621	1,622	1
Total deaths	385	386	1
Total recovered	33,004	33,046	42
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,304	3,304	0

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>

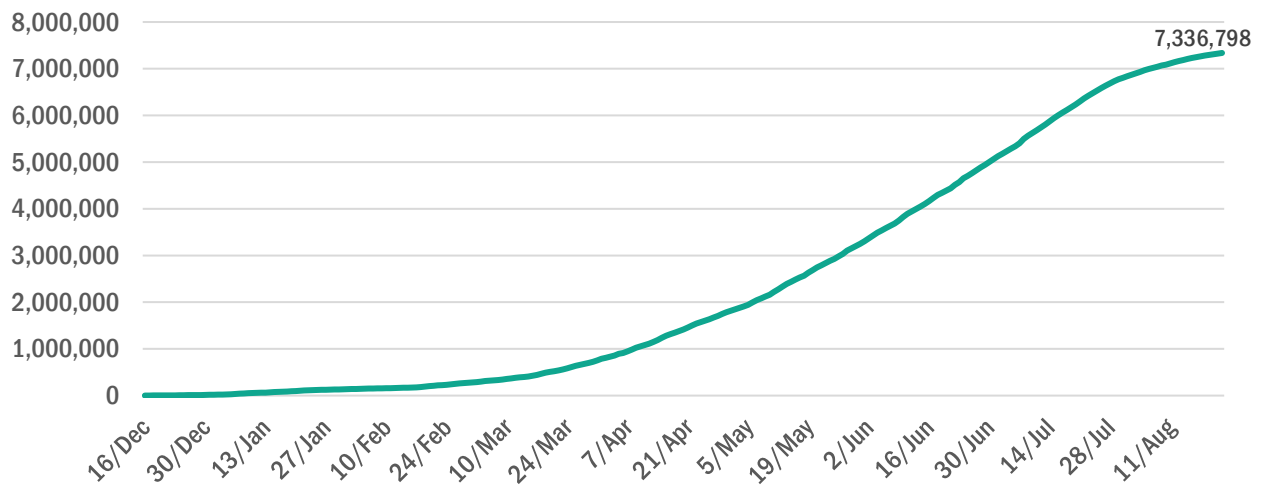
COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

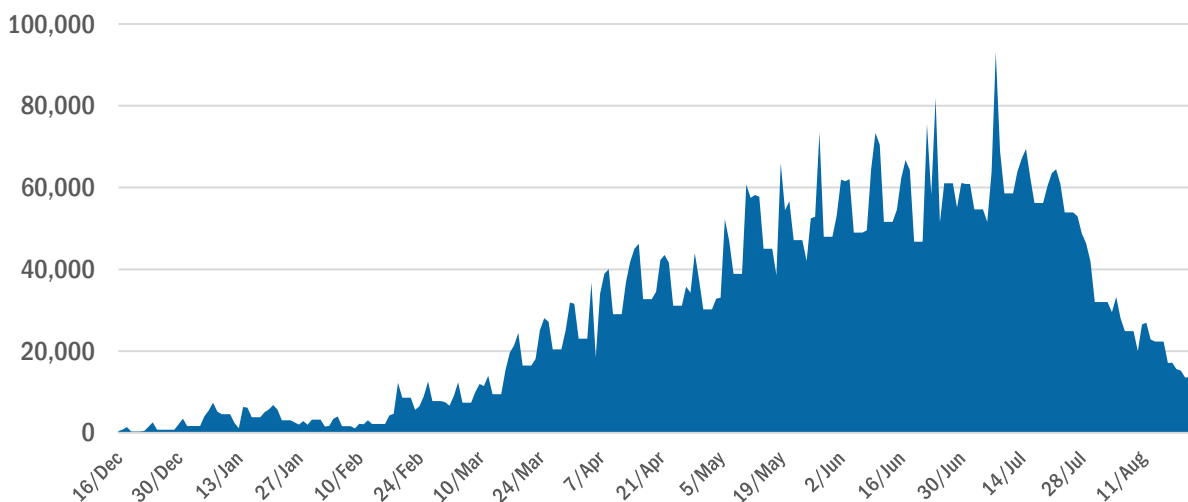
	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated
	Today	Total					
BC	13,567	7,336,798	7,780,710	94.29	74.66	3,473,215	67.12
Yukon*	-	64,595	66,670	96.88	77.69	31,502	73.96
Canada	121,322	52,500,768	63,487,174	82.70	72.51	24,853,519	65.18

*The Government of Yukon last provided updated vaccine information on August 19th.

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

- Today, Premier John Horgan, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, held a live press conference regarding COVID-19 in the province and announced a new, temporary provincial health officer order related to vaccination status and some discretionary social events.^{5,6}
 - **Key Details:**
 - As of September 13, 2021, people in B.C. will be required to be partially vaccinated with at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine to access certain settings, businesses, and events, outlined below, and provide proof of vaccination status.
 - As of October 24, 2021, people in B.C. will be required to be fully immunized, at least seven days after receiving two doses of COVID-19 vaccine, to access the same list of settings, businesses, and events, and provide proof of vaccination status.
 - This order will be in place through to January 31, 2022, subject to possible extension.
 - There will be no exemptions for this order; even, for example, for those medically unable to be vaccinated or who choose not to be vaccinated for religious reasons.
 - The intent of this order is to stop the spread of COVID-19 and to protect those who are unvaccinated until this high-risk period has passed. The order is in place for discretionary social events, not for necessary daily activities.
 - COVID-19 transmission rates, illness, and hospitalizations continue to increase, primarily with the Delta variant of concern, and risk is the highest among unvaccinated individuals.
 - **Full list of settings where proof of vaccination will be required:**
 - indoor ticketed sporting events
 - indoor concerts/ theatre/ dance/symphony events
 - restaurants (indoor and patio dining)
 - night clubs & casinos
 - movie theatres
 - fitness centres/gyms (excluding youth recreational sport)
 - businesses offering indoor high-intensity group exercise activities
 - organized indoor events (eg. weddings, parties, conferences, meetings, workshops)
 - discretionary organized indoor group recreational classes and activities
 - Individual businesses or event organizers may also implement these requirements earlier as part of their ongoing safety plans. Businesses or institutions choosing to adopt their own vaccination policies beyond those set out in this order will be responsible for doing their own due diligence.
 - **Proof of vaccination:**
 - Individuals will be able to confidentially access their proof of vaccination through a secure website and a weblink will be provided and publicized widely before September 13, 2021.
 - Individuals will be able to save a copy of their proof of vaccination to their phone to show when entering or using designated businesses and events.

⁵ Live press conference on August 23rd, 2021

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0053-001659>

- A second, secure option will be provided through a call-in centre for people who cannot access their proof of vaccination online (call centre details to be made public in coming days).
- Proof of vaccination will also be required for people visiting from outside of B.C. using a provincially/territorially recognized official record alongside valid government ID from the jurisdiction.
- For individuals visiting from outside of Canada, they will be required to show their proof of vaccination used to enter the country and their passport.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Dr. Catherine Elliott, Yukon’s acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, reported seven confirmed new cases of COVID-19 from 12 p.m. Friday, August 20, to 12 p.m. today.⁷
 - Of these cases, one is in Whitehorse and six are in rural Yukon.
- On Friday, August 20th, Dr. Catherine Elliott, Yukon’s acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, reported four new cases of COVID-19 from 12 p.m. Thursday, August 19, to 12 p.m. Friday.⁸
 - Of these cases, two are in Whitehorse, one in rural Yukon, and one is an out of territory case.
 - The following public exposure notifications were issued:
 - TAGS Food and Gas, Watson Lake
 - Wednesday, August 11, 2021 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 - Home Hardware Building Centre, Whitehorse
 - Thursday, August 12, 2021 from 8:45 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.
 - Friday, August 13, 2021 from 8:45 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.
 - Saturday, August 14, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - People may have been exposed to COVID-19 infection if they were at these locations and should self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19.
- On Friday, August 20th, Yukon’s Department of Education provided an update regarding revised health and safety guidelines for the 2021–22 school year for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students.⁹
 - “The Department of Education has worked closely with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the COVID-19 Response Unit to finalize these guidelines for the upcoming school year, while keeping some measures in place to ensure schools remain a low-risk setting.”
 - Key updates to the guidelines include:
 - Staff and students over the age of five must wear a mask in all indoor settings outside the classroom, including common areas and hallways. Masks are not required in the classroom.
 - While no specific physical distancing measures will be in place, schools expect students to respect traffic flow and be mindful of others’ personal space.

⁷ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/august-23-2021-covid-19-case-count-update>

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/august-20-2021-covid-19-case-count-update>

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/revised-health-and-safety-guidelines-now-online-2021-22-school-year>

- Hand washing, hygiene practices, and staying home while sick will still be encouraged and recommended.
- School buses will also be operating normally for the 2021–22 school year, with the added measure of required mask use for all drivers and riders ages five and older.
- Each school throughout the territory is finalizing their operational plans to ensure all students can return to in-person learning while maintaining the flexibility to adapt classes if required over the course of the post-vaccine recovery. School-specific plans will be posted on each school’s website before students return to class.
- The K-12 school guidelines for 2021-22: COVID-19 can be found at: <https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19-information/school-covid-19-guidelines-2021-22>
- The Yukon Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Recovery Plan can be found at: <https://yukon.ca/en/yukon-kindergarten-grade-12-education-recovery-plan>

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.*

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