

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 24 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 23	As of August 24	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	160,630	161,271	641
Total active cases in BC	5,056	5,357	301
Currently in intensive care	80	78	-2
Currently hospitalized	133	138	5
Total hospitalized to date	8,471	8,478	7
Total deaths in BC	1,801	1,801	0
Total recovered in BC	153,627	153,967	340

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of August 23	As of August 24	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	160,630	161,271	641
Vancouver Coastal Health	37,554	37,679	125
Fraser Health	89,029	89,178	149
Island Health	5,986	6,039	53
Interior Health	19,465	19,738	273
Northern Health	8,364	8,403	39
Out of Canada	232	234	2
Total tests	3,426,402	3,437,556	11,154*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of August 23	As of August 24	Change
Total confirmed cases	681	683	2
Total active cases	41	36	-5
Total deaths	8	8	0
Total recovered	635	641	6
Total individuals tested	11,224	11,271	47
Negative results	10,510	10,527	17
Pending results	39	68	29

*The BCCDC reported 11,034 new tests, but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between August 23rd and August 24th.

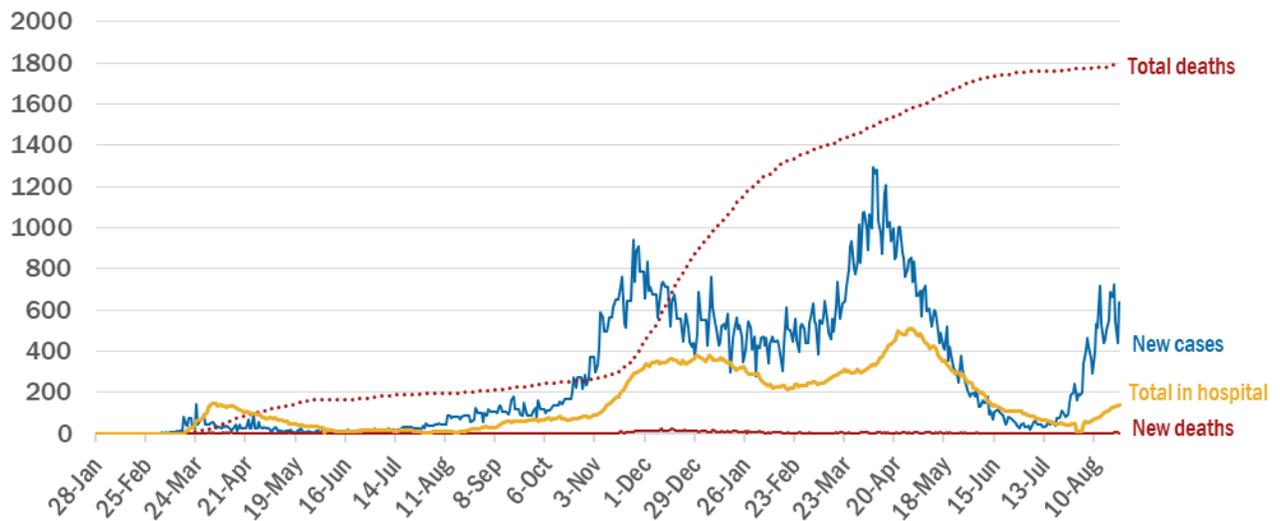
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

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

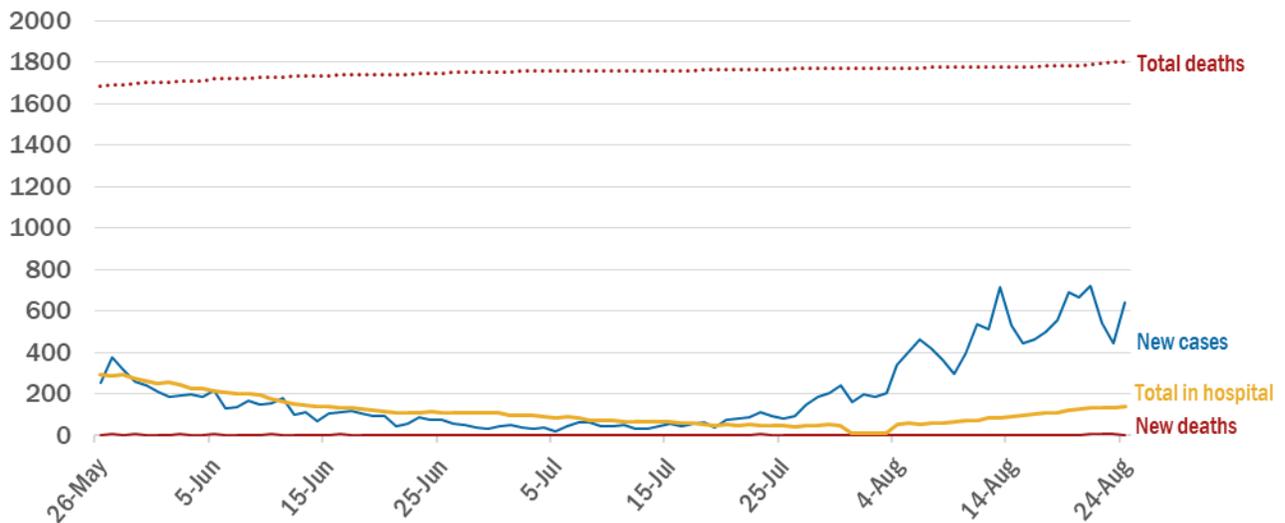
	As of August 20	As of August 23	Change
Total confirmed cases	33,940	34,175	235
Total active cases	508	609	101
Total hospitalized	1,622	1,631	9
Total deaths	386	389	3
Total recovered	33,046	33,177	131
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,304	3,375	71

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>

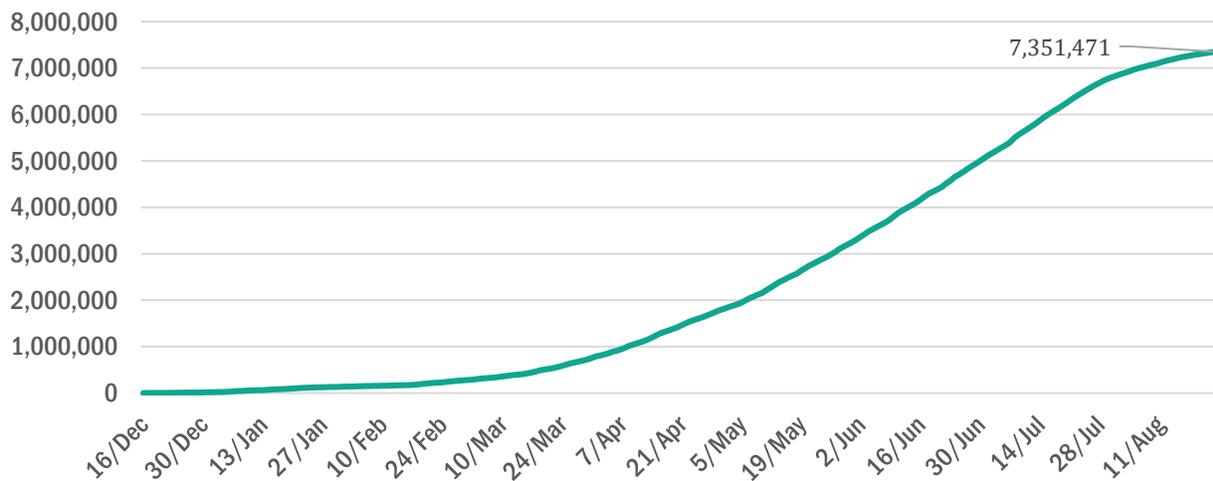
COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

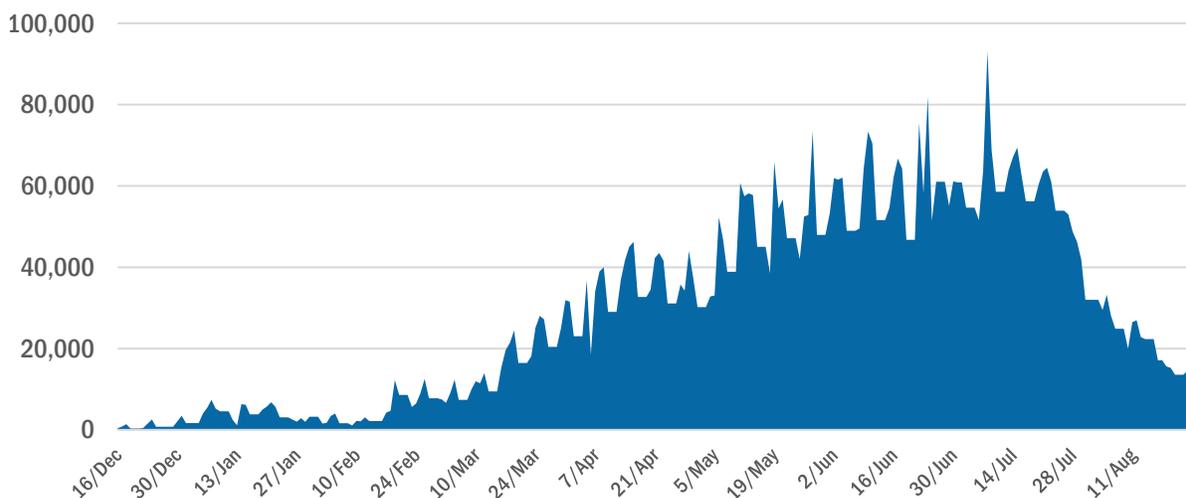
	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated
	Today	Total					
BC	14,673	7,351,471	7,778,200	94.51	74.76	3,482,876	67.31
Yukon*	-	64,595	66,670	96.88	77.69	31,502	73.96
Canada	114,804	52,622,011	63,484,664	82.89	72.56	24,940,685	65.41

*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, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s Provincial Health Officer, issued a new, temporary provincial health officer order for mandatory mask use in indoor settings province-wide.⁵
 - As of Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021, masks must be worn in all indoor public spaces throughout B.C.
 - The order applies to people 12 and older, and requires individuals to wear masks in indoor public settings, regardless of vaccination status.
 - Applicable settings include:
 - Malls, shopping centres, coffee shops and retail and grocery stores;
 - Liquor and drug stores;
 - Airports, city halls, libraries, community and recreation centres;
 - Restaurants, pubs and bars (unless seated);
 - On public transportation, in a taxi or ride-sharing vehicle;
 - Areas of office buildings where services to the public are provided;
 - Common areas of sport and fitness centres when not engaged in physical activity;
 - Common areas of post-secondary institutions and non-profit organizations; and
 - Inside schools for all K-12 staff, visitors and students in grades 4-12.
 - This temporary order will be reassessed as the B.C. vaccine card requirement is fully implemented in certain social and recreational settings.
 - For the purposes of this order, a mask or face covering is defined as a medical or non-medical mask that covers the nose and mouth.
 - Face shields are not a substitute for a mask, as there is an opening below the mouth.
 - People who cannot wear a mask or who cannot put on or remove a mask without the assistance of others are exempt.
 - A person may not be able to wear a mask for a psychological, behavioural or health condition, or due to a physical, cognitive or mental impairment.
 - Masks may be removed temporarily in indoor public places to identify the individual wearing the mask, to consume food or beverage at a location designated for this purpose, while participating in a sport or fitness activity in a sport facility or while receiving a personal or health service that requires the mask to be removed.
 - Masks are not recommended for children under the age of two, but should be encouraged for children aged two to 12 in public settings.
 - Children older than 12 must wear a mask in a public indoor space, unless they are exempt.

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0053-001665>

- Today, Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education, along with Dr. Bonnie Henry, issued a statement outlining health and safety measures for K-12 schools, which are resuming September 7.⁶
 - B.C. students will return to school next month and can look forward to full-time, in-person learning and resuming sports, music and other extracurricular activities, while mask requirements and other health and safety measures remain in place to keep schools safe.
 - Research by the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) last year noted a significant impact on students from remote learning, including interrupted learning, increased child stress, decreased connection, increased loneliness and mental and emotional health effects.
 - Studies by the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority and Fraser Health Authority showed that after a resumption of in-class learning, schools were not significant sources of COVID-19 transmission.
 - In addition to the continuation of indoor mask requirements, changes to the health and safety measures also include the ability for health authorities to introduce additional regional measures specific to individual schools or school districts in instances where community transmission rates are higher.
 - There will be greater opportunities for school sports and extracurricular activities, continued increased ventilation and improvements in schools, and daily cleaning and disinfecting protocols, along with a continued focus on hand hygiene.
 - Students will continue to be required to complete daily health checks and stay home when feeling sick.
 - Rapid response teams will continue to operate throughout B.C., working with health authorities and school districts to provide support and review school communicable disease plans to keep schools safe.
- Today, Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training, along with Dr. Bonnie Henry, issued a statement outlining health and safety measures for post-secondary institutions for the upcoming resumption of classes.⁷
 - A new mask mandate for college and university campuses follows the announcement that B.C. will be introducing a proof-of-vaccine requirement for some non-essential services, including on-campus.
 - The mask order will apply in all indoor public areas on campus including lobbies, hallways, stairwells, elevators, classrooms and labs.
 - As part of the new provincial vaccine requirement, accessing some non-essential services on campus will now require a proof of vaccination, effective as of September 7, 2021.
 - This will apply to on-campus indoor venues, including but not limited to gyms, nightclubs, restaurants and a variety of indoor events, such as sporting events and concerts.
 - Students who are living in on-campus housing will also require proof of vaccination.

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021EDUC0058-001663>

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021AEST0053-001664>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Dr. Catherine Elliott, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, issued a public exposure notice for Air North flight #4N702 from Edmonton to Whitehorse on Saturday, August 21, 2021 departing at 10:05 am and arriving at 1:25 pm.⁸
 - This is a low-risk public notice.
 - Anyone who was on this flight is asked to self-monitor for 14 days, through September 4. If symptoms appear, self-isolate, remain at home and arrange to get tested either by calling 867-393-3083 or booking a test online.
 - Rural Yukon residents should contact their community health centre to arrange for testing.
 - Anyone on this flight who is not fully vaccinated should especially self-monitor for symptoms.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) announced the resumption of service at small marine reporting sites and ferry terminals over the coming days and weeks.⁹
 - In B.C., this change will come into effect at 20:59 PST (23:59 EDT) on September 6 at the following marine terminals:
 - Alaska State Ferry Terminal
 - Belleville Terminal
 - Blackball Terminal
 - Washington State Ferry Terminal
- *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.

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/august-24-public-exposure-notification>

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2021/08/covid-19-border-services-reinstated-at-a-number-of-small-canadian-marine-and-air-ports-of-entry.html>