

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 27 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 26	As of August 27	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	162,693	163,560	867
Total active cases in BC	5,640	5,657	17
Currently in intensive care	83	84	1
Currently hospitalized	149	159	10
Total hospitalized to date	8,533	8,560	27
Total deaths in BC	1,804	1,807	3
Total recovered in BC	155,096	155,928	832

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of August 26	As of August 27	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	162,693	163,560	867
Vancouver Coastal Health	37,950	38,115	165
Fraser Health	89,566	89,794	228
Island Health	6,172	6,235	63
Interior Health	20,261	20,611	350
Northern Health	8,510	8,571	61
Out of Canada	234	234	0
Total tests	3,477,610	3,493,136	15,526*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of August 26	As of August 27	Change
Total confirmed cases	684	684	0
Total active cases	31	27	-4
Total deaths	8	8	0
Total recovered	647	651	4
Total individuals tested	11,340	11,367	27
Negative results	10,615	10,631	16
Pending results	45	56	11

*The BCCDC reported 15,223 new tests, but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between August 26th and August 27th.

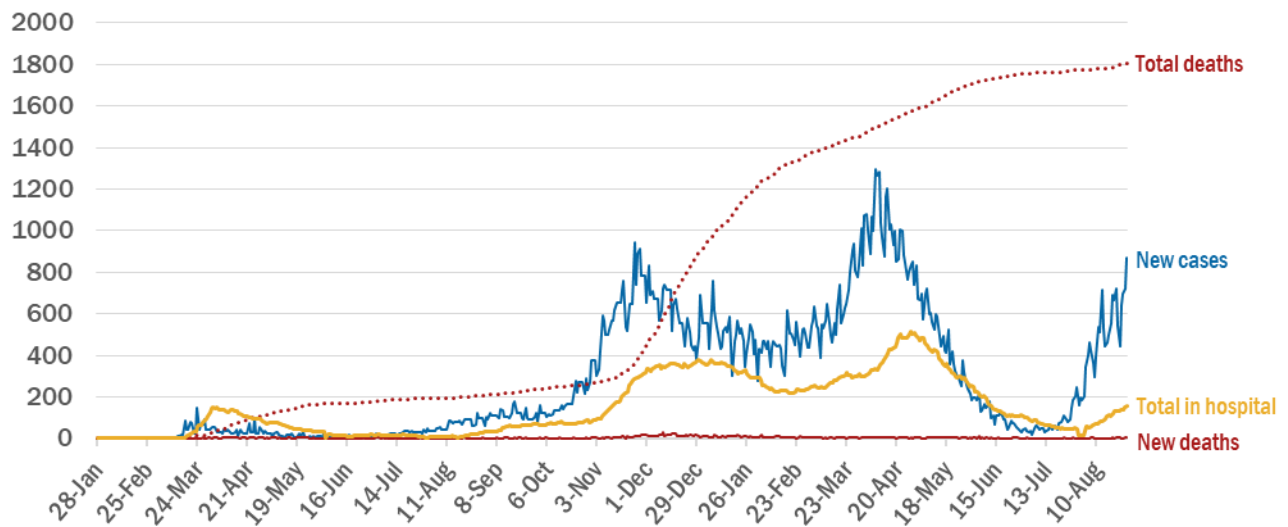
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

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

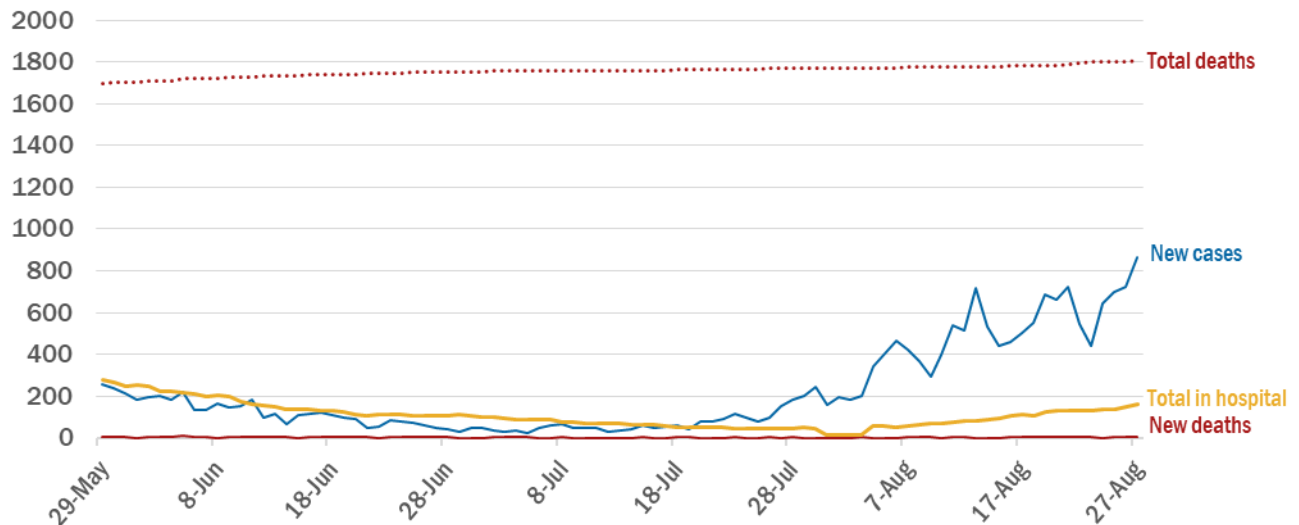
	As of August 25	As of August 26	Change
Total confirmed cases	34,457	34,626	169
Total active cases	771	889	118
Total hospitalized	1,643	1,649	6
Total deaths	392	393	1
Total recovered	33,294	33,344	50
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,398	3,423	25

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>

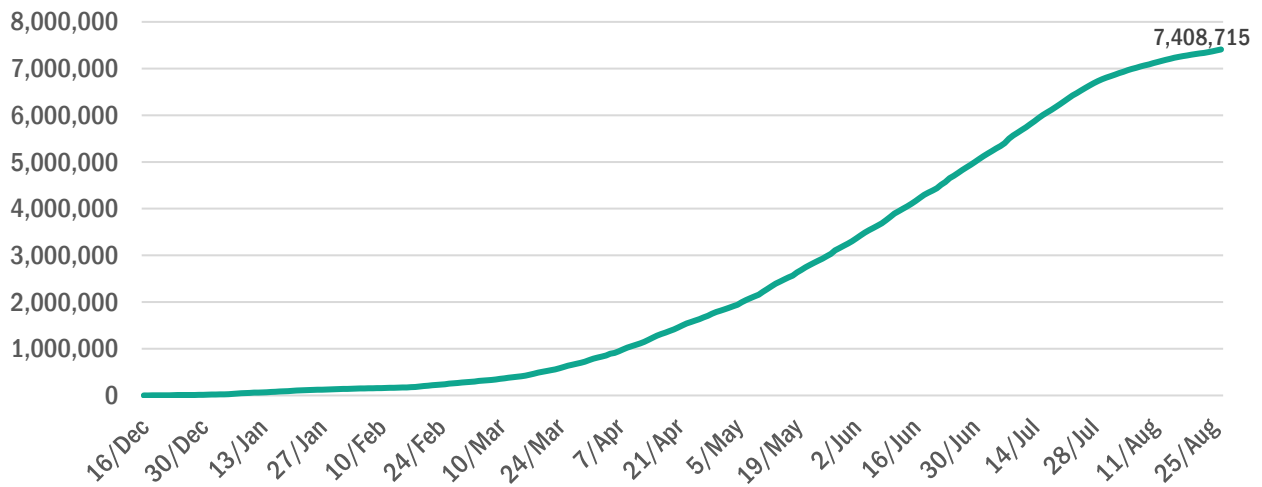
COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

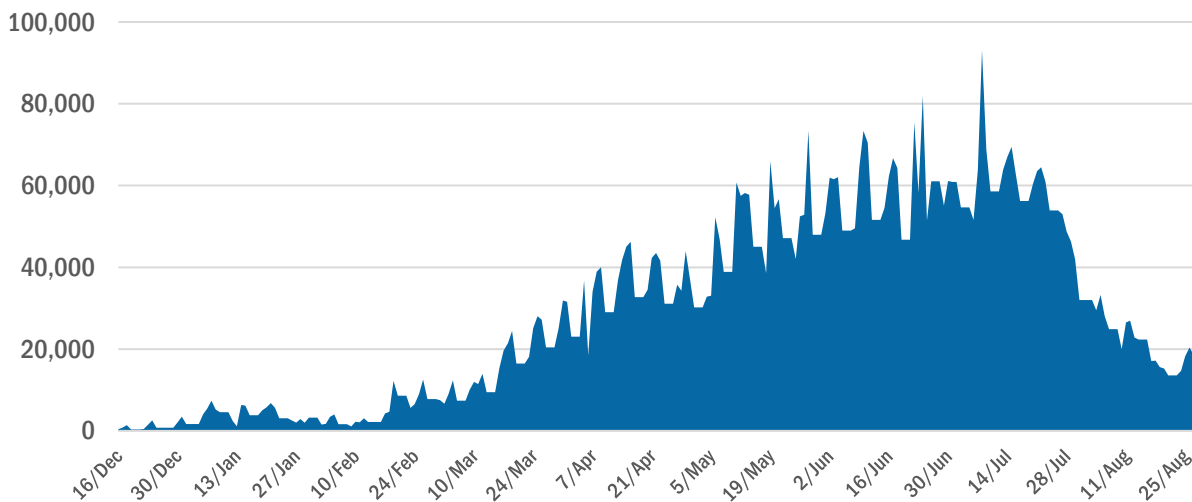
	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated
	Today	Total					
BC	18,612	7,408,715	7,783,000	95.19	75.26	3,514,485	67.92
Yukon*	-	64,757	66,670	97.13	77.81	31,614	74.22
Canada	114,589	52,973,547	63,489,464	83.44	72.91	25,172,232	66.02

*The Government of Yukon last provided updated vaccine information on August 21st.

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. Nel Wieman, Acting Chief Medical Officer of the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), provided a statement regarding the increased COVID-19 cases and renewed public health measures.⁵ Highlights include the following:
 - “News of rising cases and additional measures being put in place has caused many of us to feel disappointed, worried, and/or frustrated. We hoped the progress we were making was here to stay. At the same time, some First Nations people may also feel some relief about the reinstatement, having seen increasing cases amongst friends, family members, and communities.”
 - “How ever we may feel, we know that if we want the pandemic to end, we will have to set aside our disappointment, square our shoulders, and continue working together against it. Right now, taking a step back to regain our footing against the virus is the best thing we can do to get new case numbers down – and get back to safely connecting with others.”
 - “The good news is that First Nations in BC have shown remarkable strength and resilience, drawing on culture and traditions, and finding new ways to connect and support each other. First Nations community leaders, health directors and others have worked hard to get the vaccine to their communities.”
 - “The COVID-19 virus, however, has proven itself to be stealthy. It is still spreading among people who may not show any symptoms, and the virus has been able to find pockets of people who are unvaccinated. And while we have a high overall vaccination rate in the province, the Delta variant of COVID-19 spreads faster and more easily than previous variants, feeding the increase in cases. It also causes more severe infection, leading to increased hospitalizations and deaths.”
 - “Fortunately, we know how to fight COVID-19 and its variants. The strategies we have been using to overcome the pandemic continue to be our tried-and-true best protection:
 - Get fully vaccinated (two shots + 14 days).
 - Wear a mask when indoors. Even wear one outdoors if you can't stay six feet away from people outside your household.
 - Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly.
 - Avoid large gatherings and crowded indoor spaces.
 - Stay at home and isolate when sick.
 - Get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms, even if you're fully vaccinated.
 - A high proportion of tests for First Nations people in BC are coming back positive, meaning the virus is spreading in places we may not be aware of.
 - Stay strong by taking care of your mental health and wellness (see our resources at <https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus/mental-health-and-wellness>).”
 - “Although this pandemic is going on for a lot longer than we initially thought, and it feels as if things are out of our control, let's encourage ourselves by keeping in mind that we DO have a measure of control. By continuing to use the strategies above, we can protect ourselves and our loved ones, including our young children and others who cannot yet be vaccinated.”

⁵ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/making-sense-of-increased-covid-19-cases-and-renewed-public-health-measures>

- Today, the Province announced it will begin accepting applications to support B.C.-based events through the new Fairs, Festivals and Events Recovery Fund.⁶
 - The Government of B.C. is providing up to \$12.9 million in one-time grants to eligible event organizers to support their efforts to resume safely. Grant amounts for each event will be up to 20% of the total event budget, to a maximum of \$250,000 per application.
 - **Applying for the fund:**
 - Applications are being accepted from August 27, 2021, until October 1, 2021, for eligible events that take place between July 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022.
 - Eligible expenses include operational costs, health and safety measures, venue rental, marketing, wages, and promotion.
 - Eligible events include sport, arts and culture events, community celebrations, agricultural fairs, rodeos, and exhibitions.
 - Applications submitted by organizations will be required to demonstrate local or regional support and show the economic and social benefits for the community.
 - For more information and to apply for the fund, visit:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/economic-recovery/fairs-festivals-events-recovery-fund>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- There are no significant updates from the Yukon Government today.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, released a statement regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.⁷ Highlights include the following:
 - “The latest national 7-day average of 2,848 new cases reported daily (Aug 20-26) is an increase of 29% over the previous week.”
 - “An average of 917 people with COVID-19 were being treated in Canadian hospitals each day during the most recent 7-day period (Aug 20-26), which is 39% higher than last week.”
 - “This includes, on average 340 people who were being treated in intensive care units (ICU), 29% more than last week and an average of 9 deaths were reported daily (Aug 20-26).”
 - “As we head into the fall, it is a crucial time to increase vaccination coverage. With the highly transmissible Delta VOC predominating in this wave, we must strive to have as many eligible people as possible fully vaccinated to protect ourselves and others, including those who may not mount a strong immune response or who cannot get vaccinated.”
 - Regarding the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI)’s updated vaccine guidance:
 - “Following Health Canada’s authorization of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for adolescents 12 years of age and older, the National Advisory Committee on

⁶ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021TACS0059-001687>

⁷ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/08/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-august-27-2021.html>

Immunization (NACI) released updated recommendations on the use of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines in adolescents 12 to 17 years of age.”

- “In May 2021, NACI recommended vaccination of adolescents with Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine following regulatory approval and is now including the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine in these adolescent vaccination recommendations.”
 - “Clinical trial findings suggest the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna mRNA COVID-19 vaccines provide very good protection against symptomatic COVID-19 infection and have a favourable benefit versus risk profile in adolescents 12 years of age and older.”
 - “Given the importance of vaccinating adolescents before the fall and the return to school, NACI's updated recommendations will help provinces and territories to continue to rollout COVID-19 vaccination programs to better protect the health and wellbeing of adolescents, their families and communities.”
 - “In addition, NACI is actively reviewing emerging evidence on the potential benefit of an additional dose in certain populations, including those who are immunocompromised and seniors in congregate living.”
 - The updated recommendations from NACI can be found here:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci/recommendations-use-covid-19-vaccines/mrna-adolescents.html>
- *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.