

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 02 September 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 Sept 1	As of Sept 2	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	166,853	167,654	801
Total active cases in BC	5,873	5,931	58
Currently in intensive care	112	116	4
Currently hospitalized	199	199	0
Total hospitalized to date	8,725	8,756	31
Total deaths in BC	1,818	1,824	6
Total recovered in BC	158,900	159,560	660

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Sept 1	As of Sept 2	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	166,853	167,654	801
Vancouver Coastal Health	38,619	38,747	128
Fraser Health	90,757	91,024	267
Island Health	6,550	6,616	66
Interior Health	21,826	22,063	237
Northern Health	8,867	8,970	103
Out of Canada	234	234	0
Total tests	3,553,827	3,569,860	16,033*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Sept 1	As of Sept 2	Change
Total confirmed cases	693	694	1
Total active cases	24	23	-1
Total deaths	8	8	0
Total recovered	662	664	2
Total individuals tested	11,572	11,624	52
Negative results	10,797	10,874	77
Pending results	87	62	-25

*The BCCDC reported 15,725 new tests, but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between September 1st and September 2nd.

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

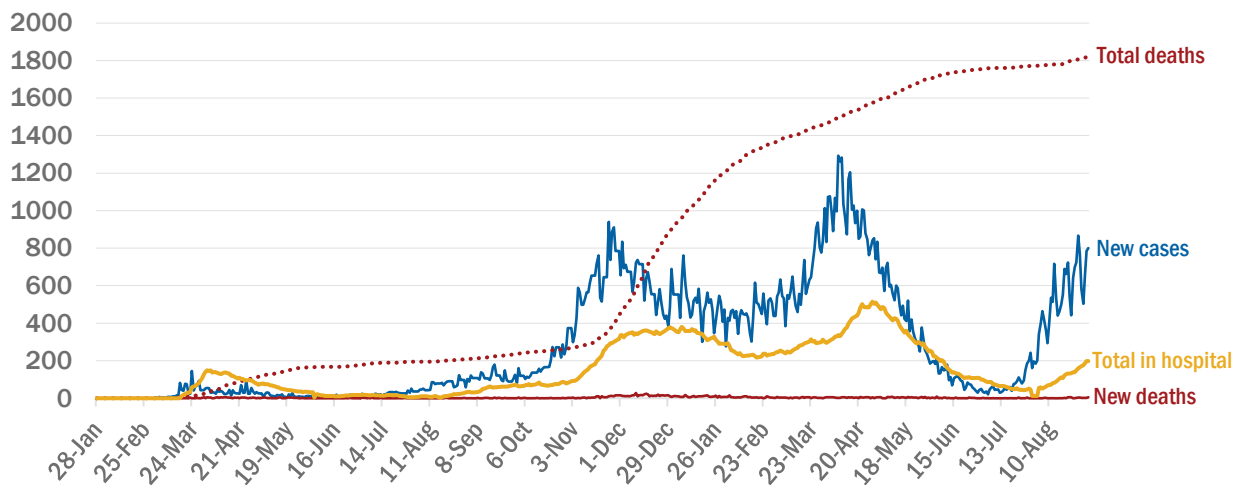
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA ³

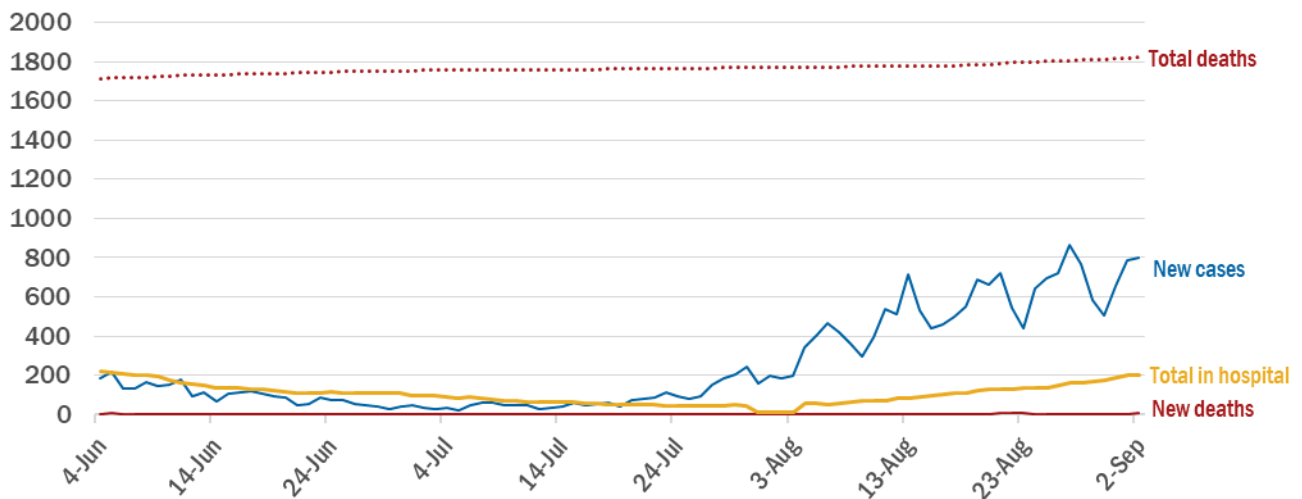
	As of August 30	As of Sept 1	Change
Total confirmed cases	35,372	35,550	178
Total active cases	1,319	1,366	47
Total hospitalized	1,668	1,709	41
Total deaths	395	396	1
Total recovered	33,595	33,788	193
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,539	3,555	16

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



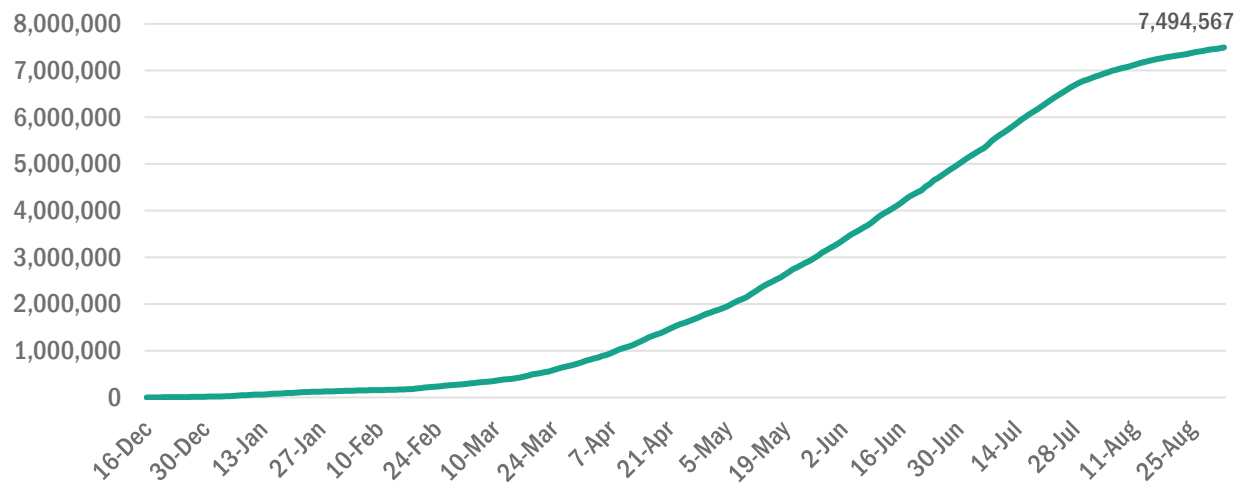
³ Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

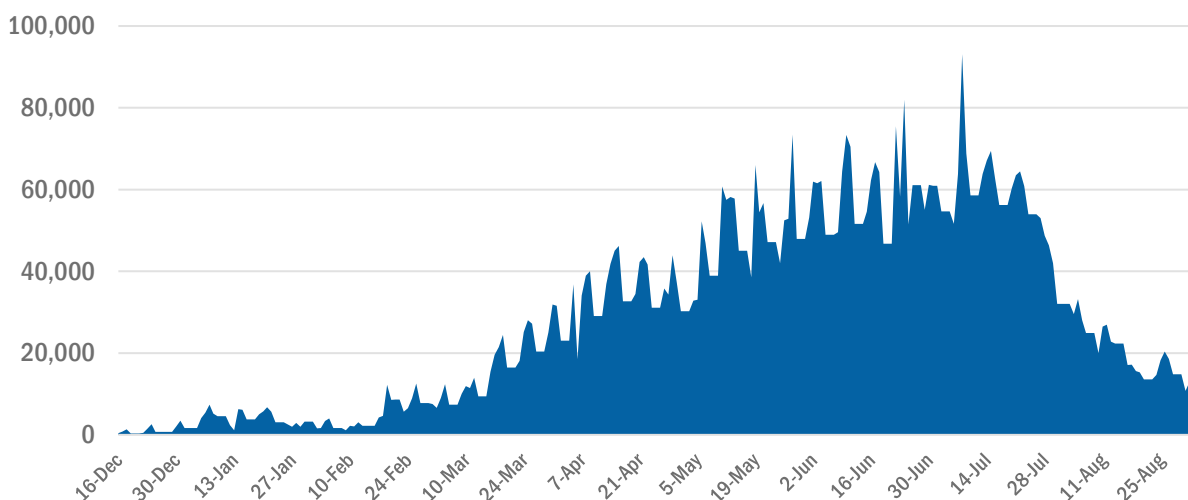
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated
	Today	Total					
BC	15,252	7,494,567	7,797,040	96.12	75.94	3,565,148	68.90
Yukon	77	65,238	66,670	97.85	78.25	31,907	74.91
Canada	97,329	53,544,277	63,503,504	84.32	73.45	25,535,969	66.97

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, Northern Health (NH) announced new public health orders covering the entire Northern Health region to manage COVID-19 activity.⁵ These measures are effective as of 12:01 AM Tuesday, September 7, 2021, and include the following:
 - New NH orders:
 - Personal gatherings in your home – limited to one additional family or 5 guests
 - Personal gatherings outside your home – maximum of 50 people
 - Indoor events – have a safety plan (the organizer should have a safety plan, but is not required to submit one for approval)
 - Outside events – when more than 200 people, then have a safety plan
 - Sporting events with spectators, indoor and outdoor – have a safety plan
 - Currently in place as part of Step 3 of the BC Restart Plan:
 - Indoor events – maximum of 50 people or 50% capacity, whichever is greater
 - Outside events – maximum of 5000 people or 50% capacity, whichever is greater
 - Outdoor spectator events – 5,000 people or 50% capacity
 - Indoor spectator event – 50 people or 50% capacity
 - Not restricted by either Northern Health or Step 3 of the Restart Plan:
 - All indoor fitness classes allowed, normal capacity
 - Gyms and recreation facilities, normal capacity
 - Restaurants, bars, pubs, and nightclubs (except for socialization between tables or dancing)
 - Worship services or educational activities (K to 12 and post-secondary)
 - These measures will remain in place until Northern Health experiences lower cases and higher vaccination rates.
 - Most people are being exposed at personal social gatherings in private households and at private gatherings.
- Today, Dr. Helena Swinkels, from the FNHA Office of the Chief Medical Officer, issued a statement on breakthrough infections and the effectiveness of vaccines.⁶ Highlights include the following:
 - “A breakthrough infection is an infection that happens after your body has had a chance to develop full protection from the COVID-19 vaccine, in other words, more than two weeks after the second dose.”
 - “Since no vaccine is 100% effective, we expect some breakthrough infections to happen. So while it is true that some people may get sick with COVID-19 after being vaccinated, only a very small proportion will.”
 - “Even if this does happen, the vaccine will still help you as your body will be better prepared to fight the virus. **People who are vaccinated get much less sick and are less likely to be hospitalized or die than those who are unvaccinated.**”
 - “BC data shows that the number of cases of COVID-19 infections per 100,000 people is 10x higher among unvaccinated people compared with those who have been fully vaccinated.

⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/stories/new-health-measures-introduced-for-northern-health-region>

⁶ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/breakthrough-infections-does-it-mean-the-vaccine-has-stopped-working>

- The hospitalization rate among unvaccinated people is even higher, with it being 17x greater as compared with those who have been fully vaccinated.”
- “When there is more virus circulating, like it is during this fourth wave, the chance that anybody gets infected goes up – including people who are fully vaccinated.”
 - “We also need to look at the number of breakthrough infections in light of the total number of people who have been vaccinated – as more and more of us get vaccinated, millions of people just in BC, the number of infections found in vaccinated people will go up.”
 - “But remember, vaccinated people who do get sick are still much less likely to get severely sick.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Dr. Catherine Elliott, Yukon’s acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, issued a COVID-19 public exposure notice.⁷
 - People may have been exposed to COVID-19 infection if they were on the following flight:
 - Air North flight #4N554 from Vancouver to Whitehorse on Sunday, August 29, 2021 departing at 1:35 PM and arriving at 3:59 PM
 - “Anyone on this flight is asked to self-monitor for symptoms until September 12, 2021. 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

- *A federal election was called on August 14 and scheduled for September 20; updates from the Government of Canada during this period may be limited and at a reduced frequency.*
- There are no significant updates from the Government of Canada today.

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

⁷ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/september-2-2021-public-exposure-notification>