

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 03 September 2021

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Sept 2	As of Sept 3	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	167,654	168,325	671
Total active cases in BC	5,931	5,872	-59
Currently in intensive care	116	118	2
Currently hospitalized	199	215	16
Total hospitalized to date	8,756	8,798	42
Total deaths in BC	1,824	1,827	3
Total recovered in BC	159,560	160,268	708

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Sept 2	As of Sept 3	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	167,654	168,325	671
Vancouver Coastal Health	38,747	38,825	78
Fraser Health	91,024	91,254	230
Island Health	6,616	6,660	44
Interior Health	22,063	22,293	230
Northern Health	8,970	9,059	89
Out of Canada	234	234	0
Total tests	3,569,860	3,583,476	13,616*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Sept 2	As of Sept 3	Change
Total confirmed cases	694	694	0
Total active cases	23	22	-1
Total deaths	8	8	0
Total recovered	664	665	1
Total individuals tested	11,624	11,666	42
Negative results	10,874	10,904	30
Pending results	62	74	12

*The BCCDC reported 13,356 new tests, but this does not align with the difference in total test numbers between September 2nd and September 3rd.

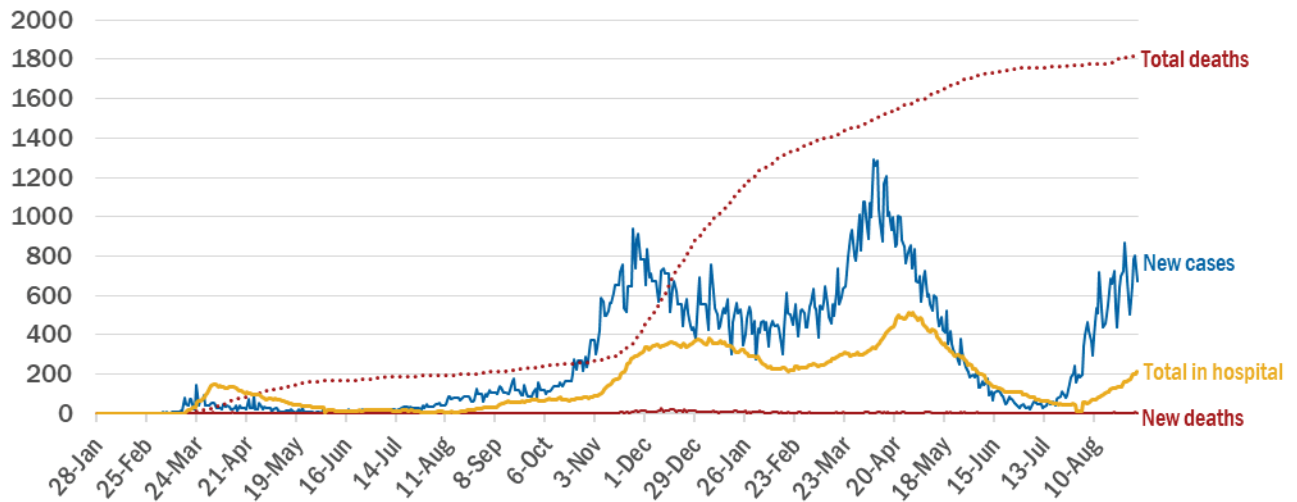
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

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

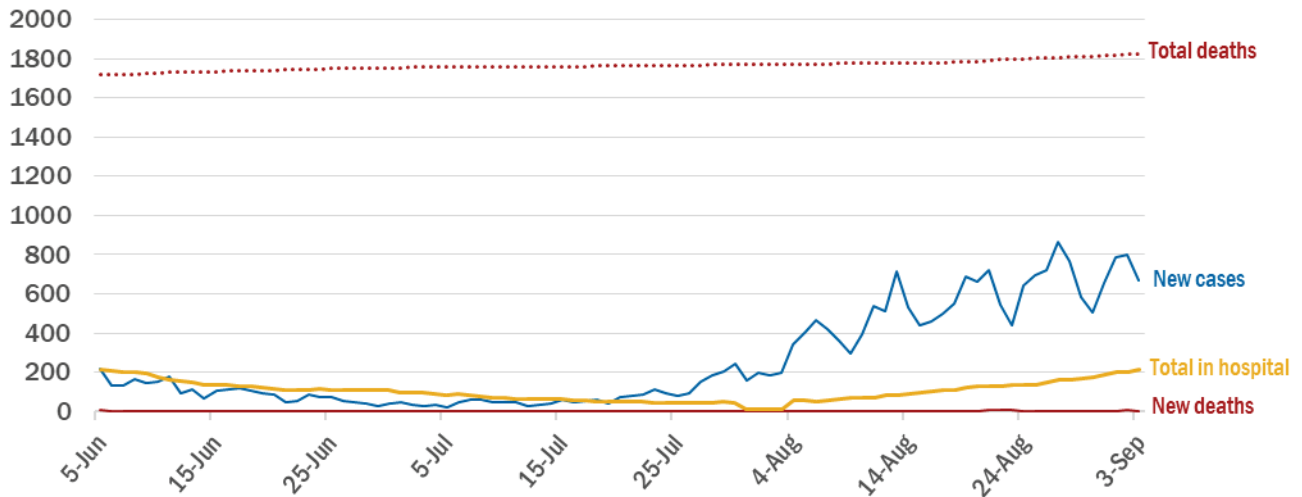
	As of Sept 1	As of Sept 2	Change
Total confirmed cases	35,550	35,760	210
Total active cases	1,366	1,523	157
Total hospitalized	1,709	1,710	1
Total deaths	396	396	0
Total recovered	33,788	33,841	53
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,555	3,580	25

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



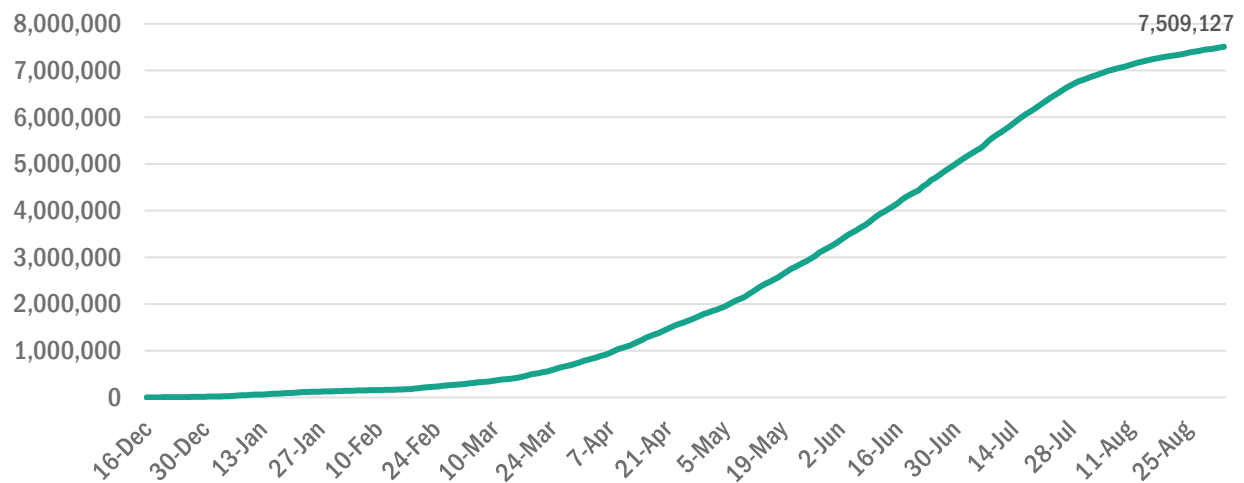
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

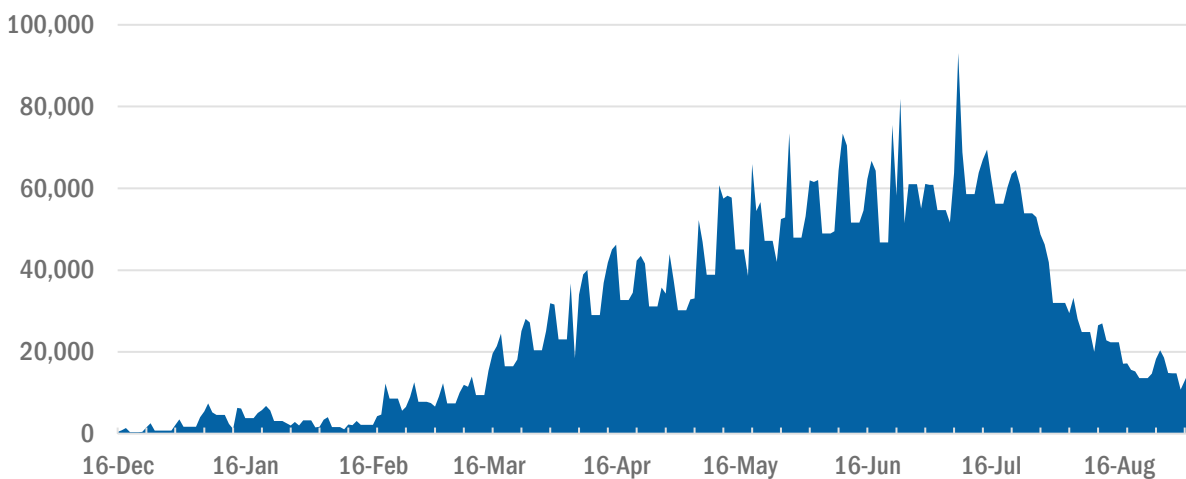
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated
	Today	Total					
BC	14,560	7,509,127	7,855,710	95.58	76.07	3,572,841	69.04
Yukon	115	65,353	67,840	96.33	78.35	31,977	75.07
Canada	116,062	53,662,494	63,602,804	84.37	73.59	25,602,193	67.14

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.

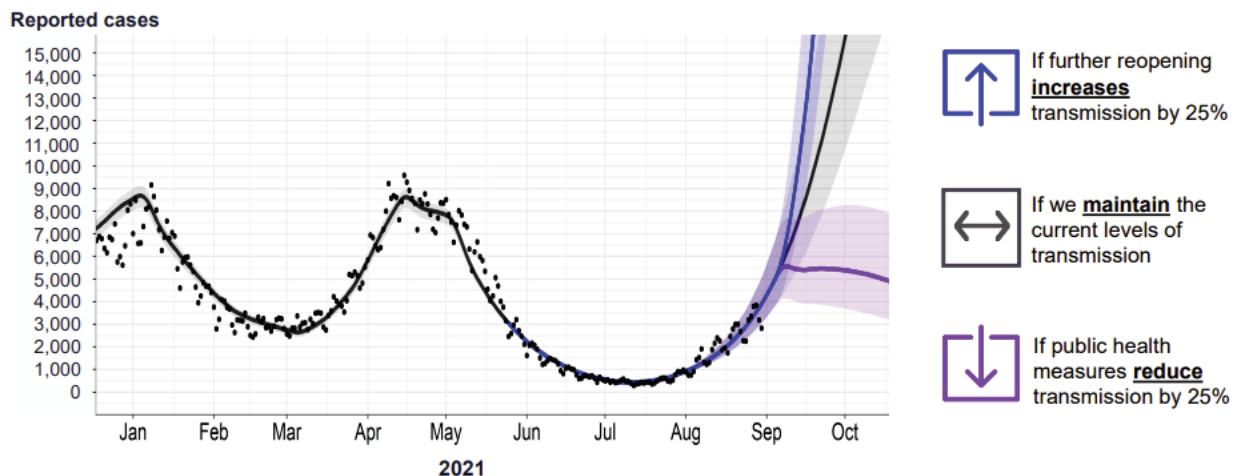
SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Government of Yukon.

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.
- Today, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) presented an update on the latest epidemiology and modelling for COVID-19 in Canada.^{5, 6} Highlights include the following:
 - Canada is currently experiencing "ongoing rapid acceleration" of COVID-19 activity.
 - Rates of severe illness have begun to increase, primarily involving unvaccinated people.
 - The updated longer-range modelling forecast shows that cases could continue to increase quickly in the coming weeks, but strengthening public health measures could slow acceleration (see figure 1 below).
 - "If we continue on the path we are on now since reopening, we could expect to see a continued sharp increase in cases ... reaching levels not seen before in Canada during the pandemic," said Dr. Howard Njoo, deputy chief public health officer.
 - If current levels of transmission are maintained, Canada could see more than 15,000 cases per day by the end of the month.
 - If further reopening increases transmission across the country by 25 per cent, the modelling shows that we could see that 15,000 number by mid-September.
 - If public health measures are able to reduce the level of transmission by 25 per cent, the infection rate could decline from the nearly 5,000 cases per day.

Figure 1: Long-range COVID-19 forecast

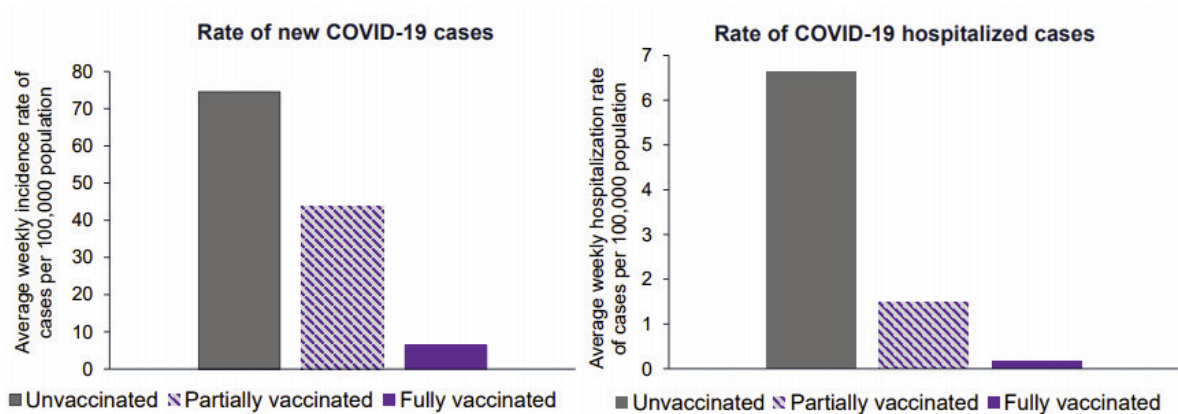


⁵ <https://www.cpac.ca/episode?id=4b8eb225-48b8-4730-b28f-b3f436d122c7>

⁶ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/09/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-september-3-2021.html>

- Evidence shows COVID-19 vaccines are highly protective, even with the emergence and spread of the Delta variant in Canada (see figure 2 below). In recent weeks (July 18 - August 14, 2021):
 - **New cases among unvaccinated people were 12 times higher** than in the fully vaccinated
 - **Hospitalized cases among unvaccinated people were 36 times higher** than in the fully vaccinated

Figure 2: Rate of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalized cases by vaccination status



- The updated modelling shows the urgent need to get more 18-39 year olds vaccinated and speed up the overall rate of vaccination to reduce the impact of the Delta-driven resurgence
 - “Although Canada has made significant progress in increasing vaccine coverage, the latest modelling highlights an urgent need for more 18-39 years olds to get vaccinated and to speed up the overall rate of vaccination across the eligible population groups.”
- “Getting more people vaccinated faster could have a significant impact to slow the more contagious and severe Delta-driven resurgence to protect healthcare capacity and minimize societal disruption.”
- “Regardless of our vaccination status, an indoor fall and winter also means maintaining layers of protection, including masking and spacing, and taking precautions like staying home if you develop any symptoms”
- “As we head into the Labour Day weekend and return to more indoor activities this fall, this forecast reaffirms the importance of remaining vigilant and responsive as cases continue to rise, and underscores the need to take steps to reduce spread.”
- To view the full “Update on COVID-19 in Canada: Epidemiology and Modelling” visit Canada.ca/coronavirus

- Today, the Government of Canada issued a reminder that fully vaccinated non-essential foreign travellers will be allowed to enter Canada as of September 7, 2021.⁷
 - The rule change was announced on July 19, with the Government calling September 7 the “intended” start date for welcoming fully vaccinated foreign travellers.
 - Today Canada Border Service Agency confirmed that beginning at 12:01 am EDT on September 7, 2021, fully vaccinated foreign nationals will be eligible to enter Canada for discretionary (non-essential) reasons, such as tourism; however, these individuals **must**:
 1. **be fully vaccinated**: a traveller must have received, and show proof of, the full series of a vaccine — or combination of vaccines — accepted by the Government of Canada **at least 14 days** prior to entering Canada
 2. Currently, those vaccines are manufactured by Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)
 3. have a valid **pre-arrival COVID-19 molecular test** result taken no more than 72 hours before their scheduled flight or their arrival at the land border crossing, or a previous positive test result taken between 14 and 180 days before departure to Canada. **Antigen tests, often called “rapid tests,” are not accepted**
 4. be asymptomatic
 5. submit their mandatory information via **ArriveCAN** (App or website), including proof of vaccination in English or French and a quarantine plan
 6. be admissible under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, and
 7. take a test on arrival, if selected
 - Foreign nationals looking to travel for discretionary reasons before 12:01 am EDT on September 7 will **not** be allowed to enter Canada.
 - The Government of Canada continues to advise Canadians to avoid non-essential travel outside of Canada – “international travel increases your risk of exposure to COVID-19 and its variants, as well as of spreading it to others. It is also important to note that not all countries are allowing discretionary (non-essential) travel by Canadians. Travellers should check the official websites of relevant authorities specific to their destination to find out entry and health requirements and plan prior to their departure from Canada.”

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

⁷ <https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2021/09/travel-advisory-reminder--on-september-7-new-measures-for-fully-vaccinated-international-travellers-to-canada-will-come-into-force.html>