

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 17 September 2021

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Sept 16	As of Sept 17	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	177,186	177,954	768
Total active cases in BC	5,844	6,031	187
Currently in intensive care	134	136	2
Currently hospitalized	291	298	7
Total hospitalized to date	9,314	9,516	202
Total deaths in BC	1,877	1,888	11
Total recovered in BC	169,083	169,653	570

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Sept 16	As of Sept 17	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	177,186	177,954	768
Vancouver Coastal Health	40,188	40,271	83
Fraser Health	93,983	94,222	239
Island Health	7,560	7,662	102
Interior Health	25,013	25,196	183
Northern Health	10,201	10,362	161
Out of Canada	241	241	0
Total tests	3,742,264	3,756,252	13,988*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Sept 16	As of Sept 17	Change
Total confirmed cases	713	716	3
Total active cases	22	25	3
Total deaths	9	9	0
Total recovered	686	686	0
Total individuals tested	12,188	12,232	44
Negative results	11,396	11,443	47
Pending results	82	75	-7

*The BCCDC reported 13,614 new tests between September 16th and September 17th.

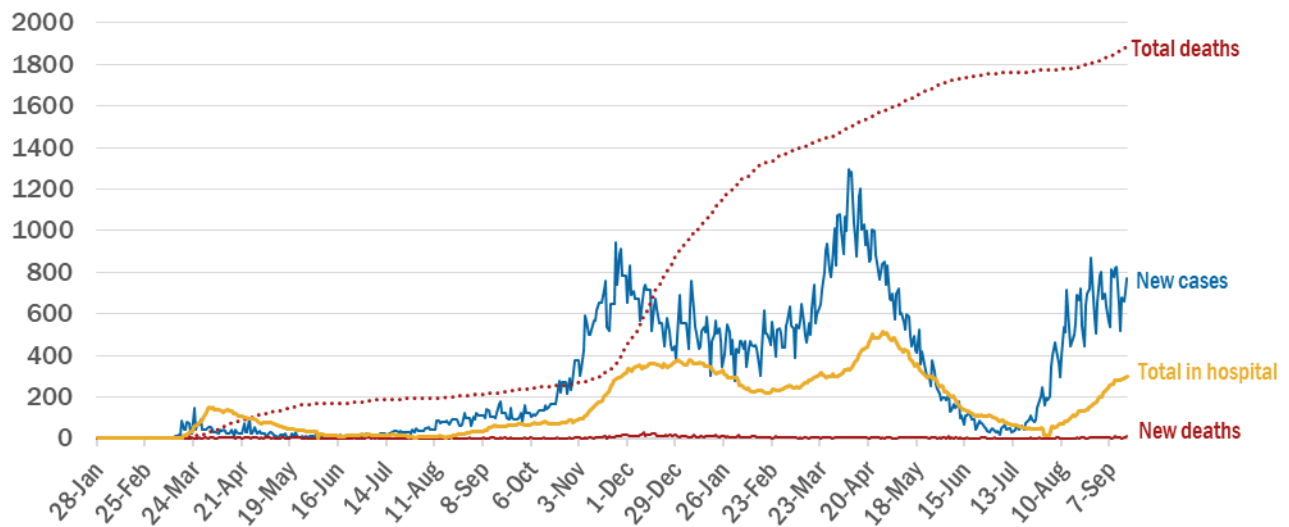
¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

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

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

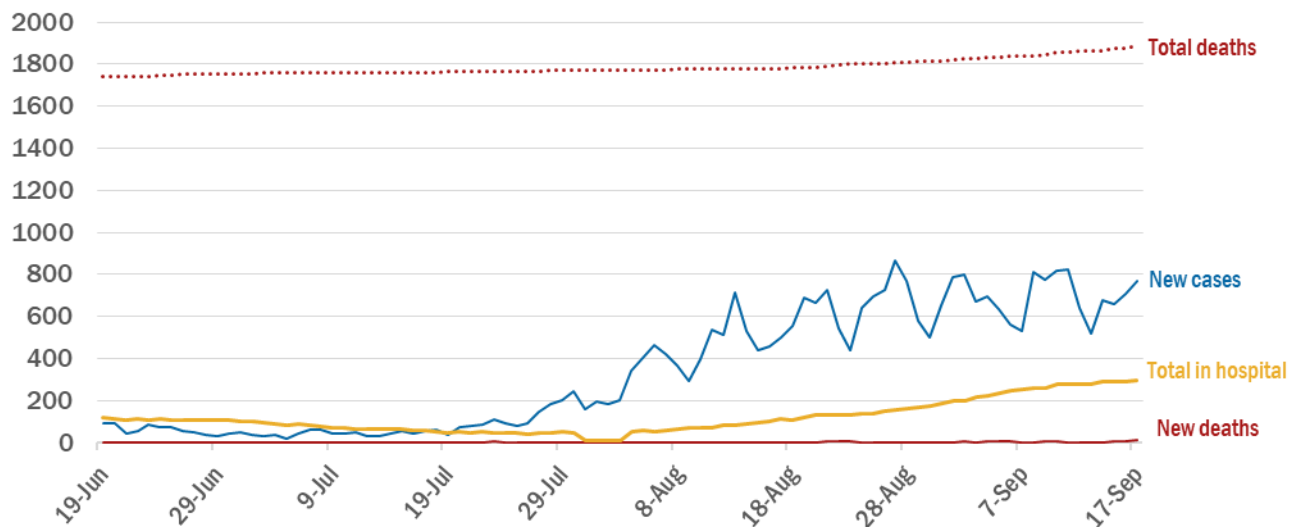
	As of Sept 15	As of Sept 16	Change
Total confirmed cases	38,263	38,422	159
Total active cases	1,755	1,774	19
Total hospitalized	1,780	1,783	3
Total deaths	408	408	0
Total recovered	36,100	36,240	140
Total confirmed cases in BC	3,914	3,944	30

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



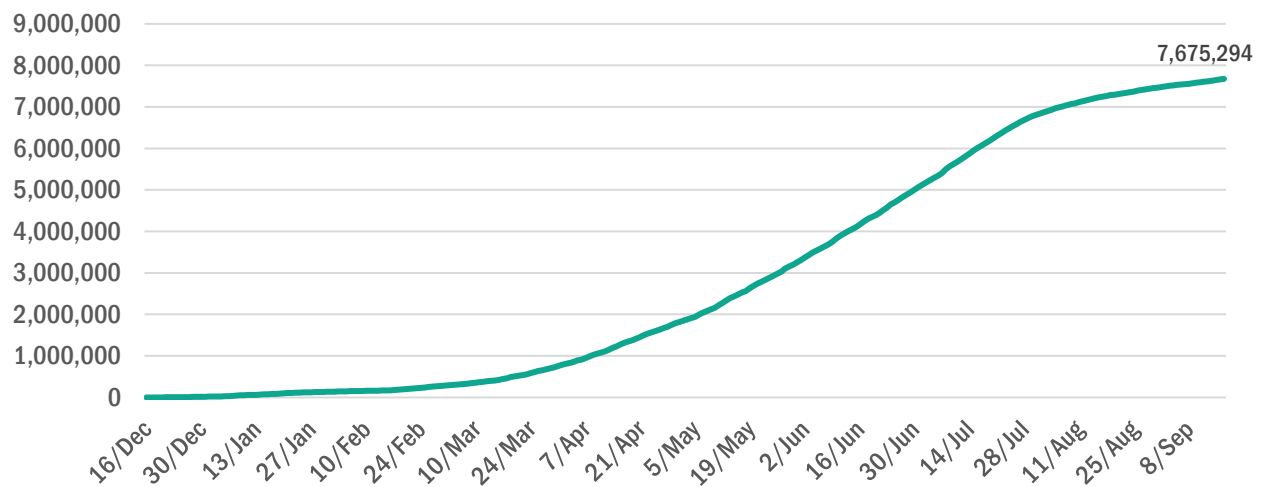
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

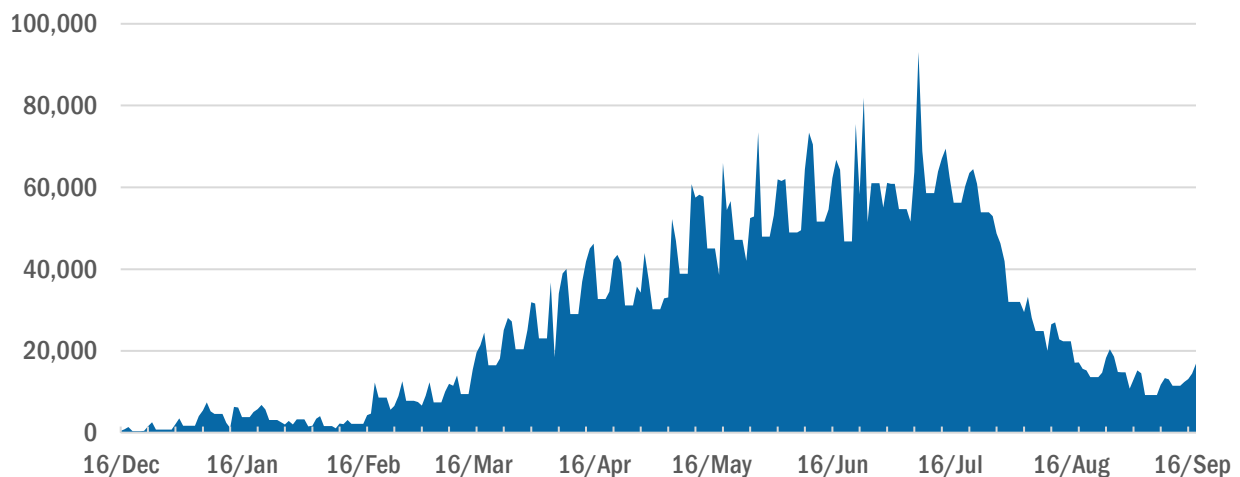
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated
	Today	Total					
BC	16,851	7,675,294	7,984,260	96.13	77.60	3,659,495	70.72
Yukon	-	65,765	67,840	96.94	78.71	32,239	75.69
Canada	162,254	54,934,350	63,860,054	86.02	75.08	26,304,533	68.98

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

- Today, Dr. Catherine Elliott, acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, reported four new cases of COVID-19 from noon Wednesday, September 15, to noon Friday, September 17 along with a public exposure notice.
 - Of the four new cases since noon on Wednesday, September 15, one is in Whitehorse and three are in rural Yukon.
 - A public exposure notice has been issued for Johnson Elementary School in Watson Lake.
 - Students in Grades 1 in class between September 7 and September 9, 2021, are asked to self-isolate until September 19 and self-monitor until September 23.
 - Staff not fully vaccinated or unvaccinated are also being asked to self-isolate.
 - Students in Grade 4 in class between September 7 and September 9, 2021, and September 13 to September 15, 2021, are asked to self-isolate until September 25 and then self-monitor until September 30.
 - A rapid-response testing team will arrive in Watson Lake on Monday, September 20, to begin testing on Tuesday, September 21. Testing is available over the weekend at Watson Lake Community Hospital.
- Today, the Government of Yukon provided an update regarding third doses of COVID-19 vaccine that will be available for a select group of immunocompromised Yukoners.⁵
 - Immunocompromised people are more likely to have had a less than adequate immune response to the first and second dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Those who are eligible can make appointments beginning Monday, September 20, online through the CanImmunize page on Yukon.ca.
 - Yukoners in rural communities can call their local health centre to find out when the next immunization clinic will be held.
 - A third dose of COVID-19 vaccine is different from a booster dose. A booster dose is used to boost the immune system when protection from a primary vaccine series shows signs of waning over time. The third dose is the completion of a primary series for people who meet specific criteria.
 - “It is important that Yukoners who are immunocompromised and vulnerable to COVID-19 have access to a third dose of the vaccine to protect their health. If you are immunocompromised, being fully vaccinated is the best way to protect you against the virus. In the Yukon, there about 200 to 300 people who have immunocompromised conditions and should have a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in order to be fully protected against the virus,” said Tracy-Anne McPhee, Minister of Health and Social Services.
 - The National Advisory Committee on Immunization’s definition of immunocompromised includes people with the following conditions:
 - Active treatment for solid tumour or hematologic malignancies
 - Receipt of solid organ transplant and taking immunosuppressive therapy

⁵ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/third-doses-covid-19-vaccine-be-available-select-group-immunocompromised-yukoners>

- Receipt of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T cell therapy or hematopoietic stem cell transplant within two years or taking immunosuppression therapy
- Moderate to severe primary immunodeficiency
- Stage 3 or advanced untreated HIV infections and those with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
- Active treatment with certain categories of immunosuppressive therapies

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, released a statement regarding COVID-19 in Canada.⁶ Highlights include the following:
 - “The latest national 7-day average of 4,375 new cases reported daily (Sep 10-16) is an increase of 16% over the previous week. Following weeks of rising case counts, national severity trends are also increasing, primarily involving unvaccinated people.”
 - “The latest provincial and territorial data show that an average of 1,997 people with COVID-19 were being treated in Canadian hospitals each day during the most recent 7-day period (Sep 10-16), which is 23% higher than last week.”
 - “This includes, on average, 673 people who were being treated in intensive care units (ICU), 22% more than last week and an average of 25 deaths were reported daily (Sep 10-16).”
 - “During this fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada, infections and severe outcomes have several key features:
 - Nationally, the highly contagious Delta Variant of Concern (VOC), accounts for the majority of recently reported cases, is associated with increased severity, and may reduce the effectiveness of vaccines
 - Most reported cases, hospitalisations and deaths are occurring among unvaccinated people
 - Virus spread in areas with low vaccination coverage presents an ongoing risk for emergence of and replacement by new VOCs, including a risk of VOCs with the ability to evade vaccine protection.”
 - “Regardless of which SARS-CoV-2 variant is predominating in an area, we know that vaccination, in combination with public health and individual measures, continue to work to reduce disease spread and severe outcomes.”
 - “For additional information regarding vaccination in your area, reach out to your local public health authorities, healthcare provider, or other trusted and credible sources, such as Canada.ca and Immunize.ca.”

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

⁶ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/09/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-september-17-2021.html>