

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 22 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 BC ¹	As of Sept 21	As of Sept 22	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	180,178	180,937	759
Total active cases in BC	5,282	5,458	176
Currently in intensive care	155	157	2
Currently hospitalized	332	324	-8
Total hospitalized to date	9,555	9,590	35
Total deaths in BC	1,900	1,910	10
Total recovered in BC	172,624	173,215	591

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Sept 21	As of Sept 22	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	180,178	180,937	759
Vancouver Coastal Health	40,534	40,635	101
Fraser Health	94,944	95,158	214
Island Health	7,941	8,020	79
Interior Health	25,726	25,959	233
Northern Health	10,757	10,886	129
Out of Canada	276	279	3
Total tests	3,732,766	3,748,706	15,940*

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON ²	As of Sept 21	As of Sept 22	Change
Total confirmed cases	725	736	11
Total active cases	28	39	11
Total deaths	9	9	0
Total recovered	693	694	1
Total individuals tested	12,418	12,477	59
Negative results	11,580	11,670	90
Pending results	116	73	-43

*The BCCDC has reported 15,846 new tests between September 21st and September 22nd.

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

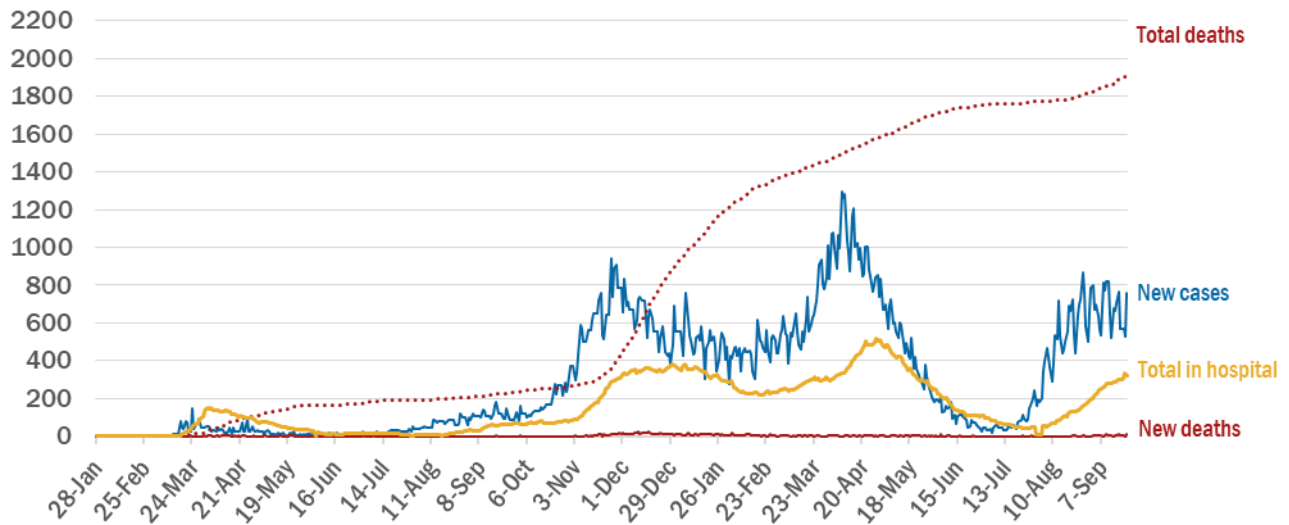
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA ³

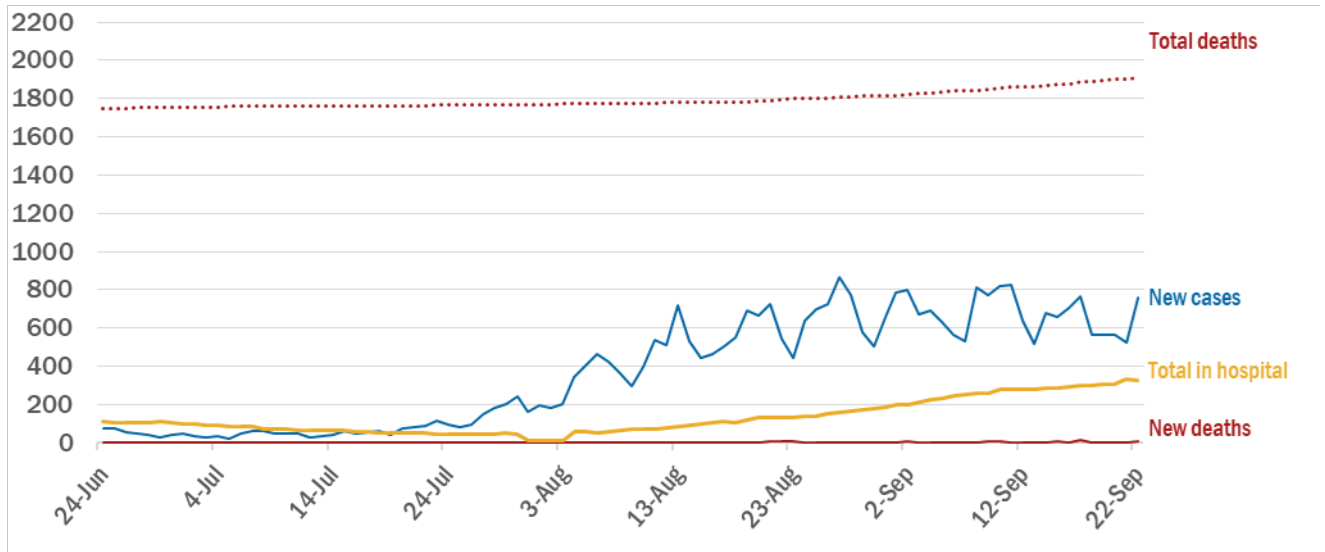
	As of Sept 20	As of Sept 21	Change
Total confirmed cases	39,147	39,421	274
Total active cases	1,812	1,894	82
Total hospitalized	1,807	1,811	4
Total deaths	411	413	2
Total recovered	36,924	37,114	190
Total confirmed cases in BC	4,053	4,118	65

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



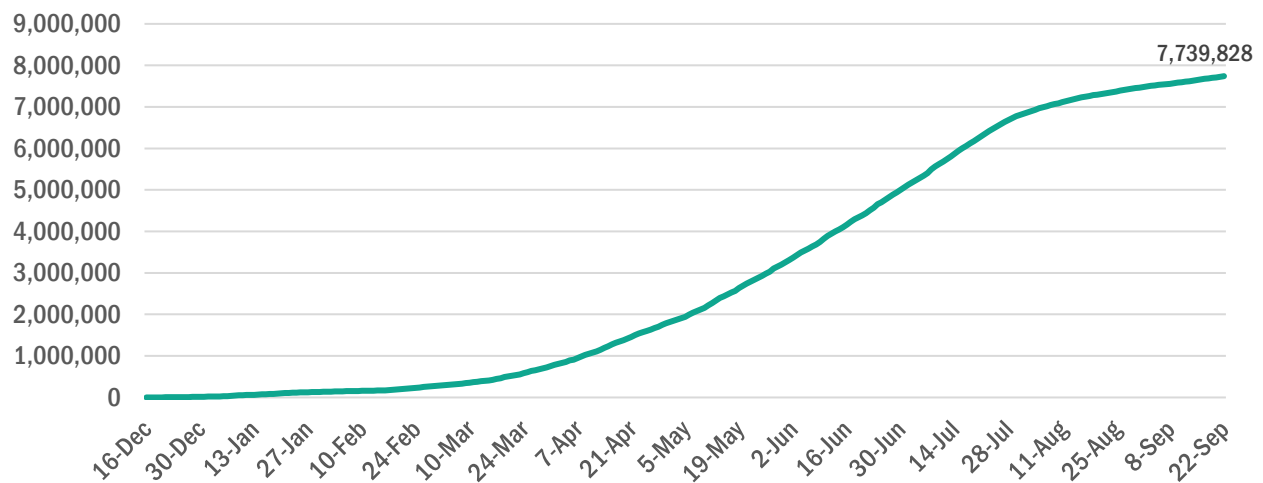
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

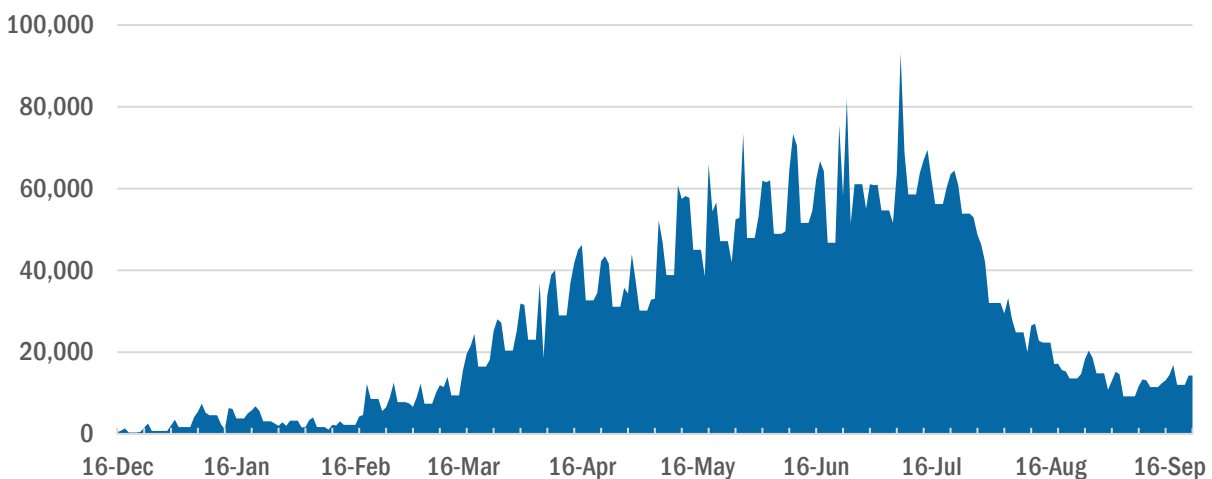
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION ⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated
	Today	Total					
BC	14,242	7,739,828	8,025,050	96.44	78.21	3,692,922	71.37
Yukon⁵	-	65,966	67,840	97.24	78.86	32,375	76.00
Canada	98,268	55,405,363	63,900,844	86.71	75.67	26,553,516	69.64

TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED



DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC EACH DAY



⁴ Source: N. Little. COVID-19 Tracker Canada (2020), COVID19Tracker.ca

⁵ <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Helena Swinkels, Office of the Chief Medical Officer for First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), provided a statement with the following information regarding COVID-19⁶:
 - “If your community is among those with active COVID-19 cases, you're naturally concerned about the affected community members – and of course, about others possibly getting sick too. *How* concerned depends on whether you are vaccinated yourself – and whether most people around you are vaccinated.”
 - Regarding the spread of COVID-19 in communities:
 - “Many people are not yet fully vaccinated (two shots, then a two-week wait). When almost all people in a community are fully vaccinated, spread of the virus is likely to be limited. Conversely, the fewer people vaccinated, the greater chance of spread.”
 - “As more and more people get vaccinated, public health restrictions have started to relax and people have started to resume their regular activities. This means the virus has had more opportunities to spread.”
 - “COVID-19 has mutated, just as all viruses do. Some of these mutations are more easily transmissible – including the Delta variant, which is now the main virus we see in BC.”
 - “For people who are not yet vaccinated, the risk of getting COVID-19 is actually higher now because of the Delta variant. We can see this in the climbing number of cases and in the number of people who need to be hospitalized, including young and previously healthy people.”
 - “Getting vaccinated is the best tool for protecting yourself from getting COVID-19 and/or transmitting it to others, and for getting us out of this pandemic.”
 - “Until everyone in the community can get vaccinated, we need to be cautious and do our best to ensure the virus does not spread to children who cannot get vaccinated yet, to those who may not have had as good a response to the vaccine, and to people in our communities who don't feel comfortable getting the vaccine yet.”
 - “We can help protect everyone by continuing to follow public health recommendations including wearing masks in public settings (especially indoors) and staying physically distanced from people outside our household.”
 - “It is important to be patient and understanding with people who are vaccine-hesitant. Show lateral kindness and respectfully recommend the vaccine as the best way to protect themselves and others. Show them trustworthy medical information from culturally safe and trauma-informed sources, such as www.fnha.ca.”
 - Helpful messaging tips can be found in the following articles:
 - <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/help-my-loved-one-wont-get-vaccinated>
 - <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/practise-lateral-kindness-to-help-reduce-stigma-and-fear-of-covid-19>

⁶ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/covid-19-cases-in-my-community-should-i-be-concerned>

- “Encourage anyone who is feeling ill to get tested for COVID-19. You cannot get COVID-19 from being tested, but you can spread it to others if you don't get tested and you continue to go out in public.”
 - “If you are unsure about the vaccine and have not yet been vaccinated, please read our messages about vaccine safety! (And please do not read the false information swirling around the Internet, i.e., non-experts' opinions and theories about vaccines!)”
<https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine>
 - “It's important to remember that, despite some setbacks, we're in a much better place than we were a year ago. COVID-19 is not as scary as it used to be because we now have vaccines as an effective tool to prevent serious illness and death. Just over 60 per cent of First Nations people in BC are now fully vaccinated!”
 - “The BC Vaccine Card program also protects unvaccinated people from getting ill by making sure they are not exposed to certain higher-risk settings.”
- Today, the Northern Health Authority provided the following information regarding the increased risk of COVID-19 spread posed by smoking and vaping, in particular the sharing of smoking-related products⁷:
 - Smoking and vapour products may pose an increased risk to the COVID-19 virus through frequent hand-to-mouth contact and sharing of products in social settings.
 - It is important for those who smoke and/or vape, as well as the public, to consider the following:
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water, scrub for at least 20 seconds
 - If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
 - Be sure to let it fully dry, alcohol is flammable!
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
 - Keep a distance of 2 meters (6 feet) while smoking/vaping outdoors
 - Avoid sharing cigarettes, cigars, bongs, joints, pipes, and vaporizers
 - Properly dispose of smoking and vapour products
 - Avoid touching used cigarette and cannabis butts

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Dr. Catherine Elliott, acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, reported 13 new cases of COVID-19 from noon on Monday, September 20, to noon Wednesday, September 22.⁸
 - Eleven of these cases are in rural Yukon
 - Two cases are out of territory residents, which are not included in Yukon's total case count

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- No significant updates from the Government of Canada.

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

⁷ <https://stories.northernhealth.ca/stories/tobacco-sharing-isnt-caring>

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/september-22-2021-covid-19-case-count-update>