

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 02 February 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

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Feb 01</b>	<b>As of Feb 02</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	67,937	68,366	<b>429</b>
Total active cases in BC	4,134	4,542	<b>408</b>
Currently in intensive care	79	82	<b>3</b>
Currently hospitalized	289	294	<b>5</b>
Total hospitalized to date	3,817	3,829	<b>12</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,210	1,218	<b>8</b>
Total recovered in BC	61,117	61,129	<b>12</b>

<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Feb 01</b>	<b>As of Feb 02</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	67,937	68,366	<b>429</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	15,616	15,728	<b>112</b>
Fraser Health	40,677	40,879	<b>202</b>
Island Health	1,675	1,702	<b>27</b>
Interior Health	6,345	6,396	<b>51</b>
Northern Health	3,489	3,524	<b>35</b>
Out of Canada	135	137	<b>2</b>
Total individuals tested in BC	1,729,193	1,734,772	<b>5,578*</b>

<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Feb 01</b>	<b>As of Feb 02</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	70	70	<b>0</b>
Total active cases	0	0	<b>0</b>
Total deaths	1	1	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	69	69	<b>0</b>
Total individuals tested	6,294	6,303	<b>9</b>
Negative results	6,206	6,207	<b>1</b>
Pending results	18	26	<b>8</b>

\* The B.C. government has reported 5,578 new cases but this does not align with the difference in new cases between Feb 1st and Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> (5,579 cases).

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

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

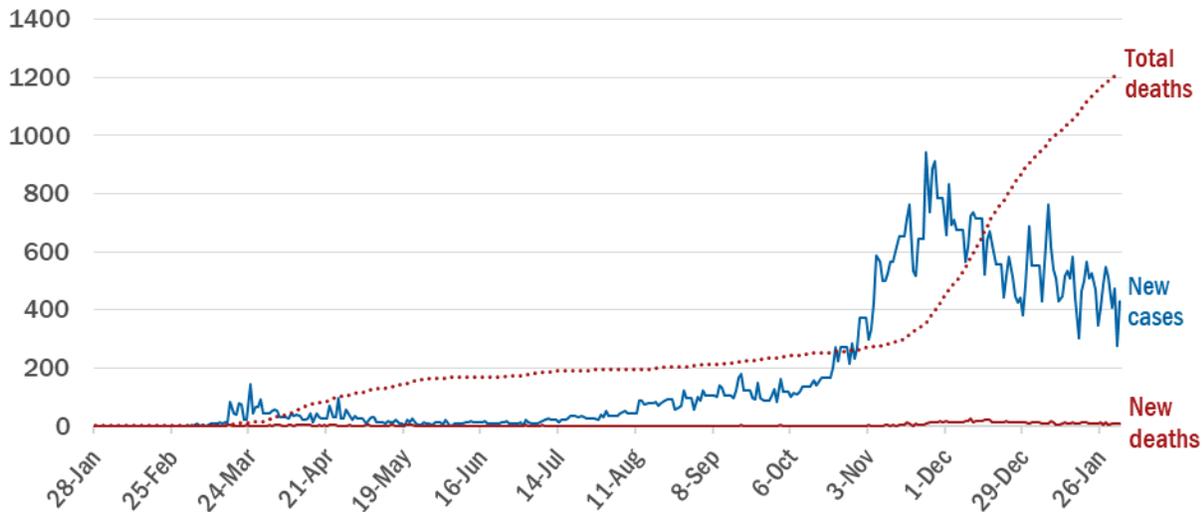
**STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE**

**CASES IN CANADA<sup>3</sup>**

	As of Jan 29	As of Feb 01*	Change
Total confirmed cases	16,376	17,097	721
Total active cases	2,911	2,228	-683
Currently hospitalized	760	780	20
Total deaths	157	166	9
Total recovered	13,308	14,703	1,395
Total confirmed cases in BC	1,696	1,805	109

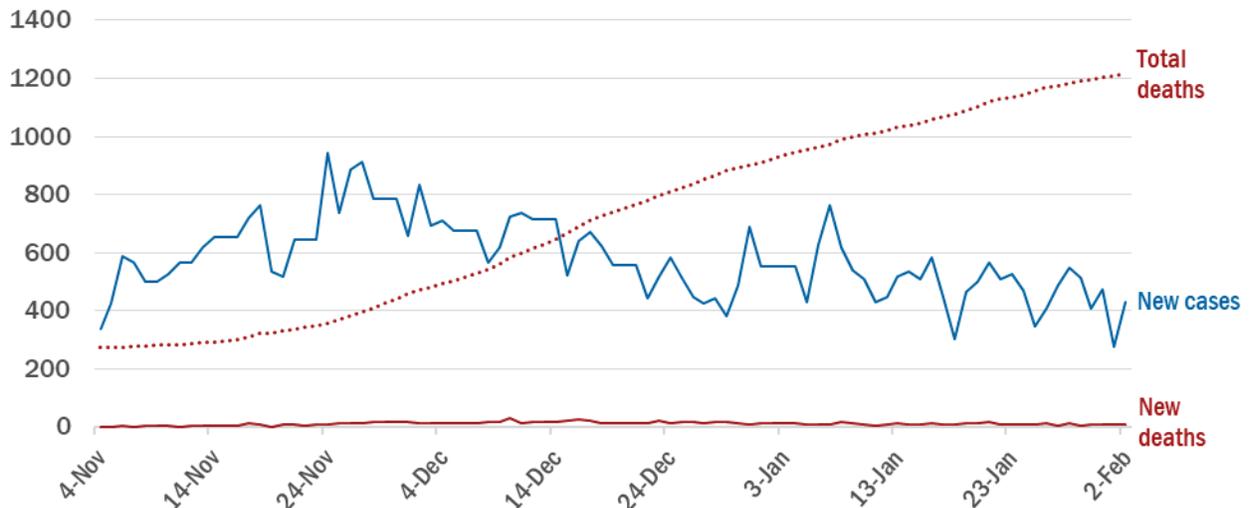
\*Feb 01, 2021 is the most up-to-date information released on First Nation Reserve Cases by the Government of Canada.

**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**



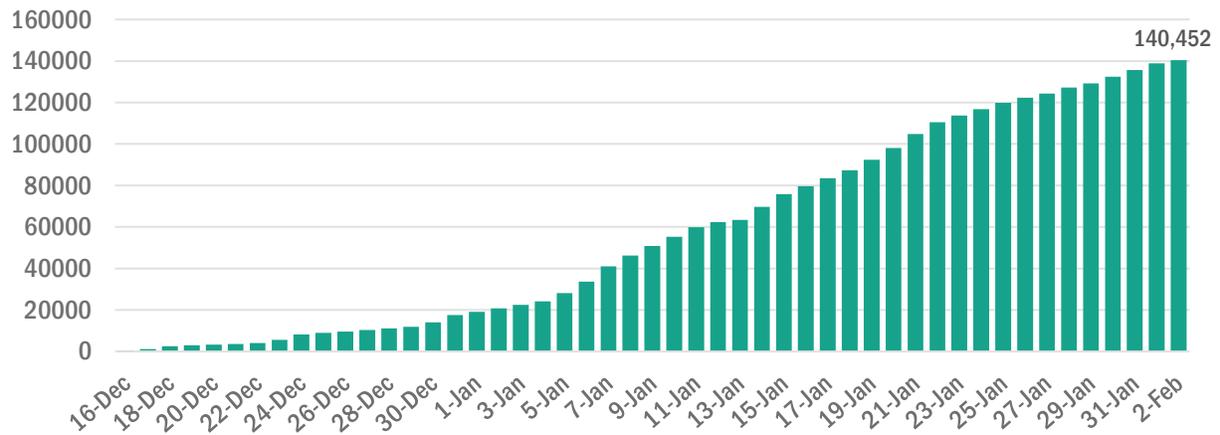
<sup>3</sup> Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

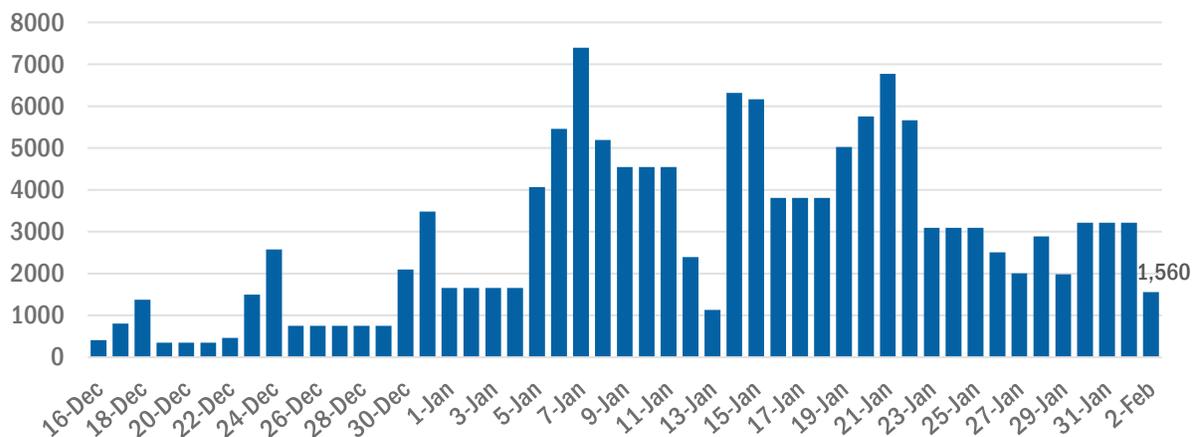
### STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION<sup>4</sup>

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered <sup>5</sup>	Doses Administered / 100k Population	People Fully Vaccinated <sup>6</sup>	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated <sup>7</sup>
	Today	Total					
<b>BC</b>	1,560	140,452	156,250	89.88%	2,729.42	5,097	0.10%
<b>Yukon</b>	1,010	8,368	14,400	58.11%	19,840.66	-	-
<b>Canada</b>	12,710	988,202	1,152,675	85.70%	2,599.98	121,087	0.32%

### TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC



### DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC EACH DAY



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

<sup>5</sup> % of Doses Administered: Percentage of doses supplied to the provinces that have been reported as administered.

<sup>6</sup> People Fully Vaccinated: The number of people reported as having received both required doses.

<sup>7</sup> Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/track-vaccinations-across-canada-1.5870573>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, B.C.'s provincial health officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, and B.C. Minister of Health, Adrian Dix, provided an update on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in B.C.<sup>8</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - “We’re seeing an encouraging trend in our COVID-19 curve. The efforts you are making, combined with the immunization of our long-term care residents and workers, are making a difference.”
  - “With everyone in B.C. following the restrictions we have in place and always using our layers of protection, we are not only starting to slow the spread in B.C., but are also better positioned to deal with the uncertainties of the new variants of concern.”
  - “Fewer cases is a welcome sign for all of us and makes it all the more important to keep going with the fundamentals of staying local, staying small and staying safe right now. Let’s all continue to do our part, knowing that our individual and collective efforts are working.”
- Today, the BC Government announced the extension of the provincial state of emergency through the end of the day on Feb. 16, 2021:<sup>9</sup>
  - This measure allows health and emergency management officials to continue to use extraordinary powers under the Emergency Program Act (EPA) to support the Province's COVID-19 pandemic response.
  - Between Aug. 21, 2020, and Jan. 29, 2021, 806 violation tickets were issued under the Emergency Program Act.
- Today, the Government of BC announced that ICBC customers will receive rebates as a result of the \$600 million that was saved due to a major decrease in crashes and costs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. Details from the announcement include:<sup>10</sup>
  - ICBC customers will receive one-time rebates averaging \$190 this spring.
    - ICBC will begin mailing rebate cheques in mid-March 2021. This one-time rebate is separate from the Enhanced Care refunds customers will start to receive this May.
  - Since the beginning of the 2020-21 fiscal year, ICBC has had fewer reported collisions and lower claim costs, resulting in higher-than-expected income. That gain was partly offset by lower premium revenue due to lapsed and cancelled insurance policies.
  - Most customers who had an active policy from April 1 to Sept. 30, 2020, will be eligible, with their rebate amount based on a portion of what they paid for coverage during that period.
    - Exceptions include customers with short-term, storage or distance-based policies, whose premiums already reflect lower usage.
- Today, Dr. Helena Swinkels (Office of the Chief Medical Officer); and Marion Guenther (Community Nursing Service – Immunization) from the First Nation Health Authority addressed two of the most common questions about the COVID-19 vaccine:<sup>11</sup>
  - **Question:** How far apart should I get my two doses?
    - **Answer:** The second dose can be delayed up to six weeks with no concern.

<sup>8</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0009-000195>

<sup>9</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0008-000190>

<sup>10</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PREM0008-000191>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/covid-19-vaccine-hot-topics-fnha-experts-answer-your-questions>

- The COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna are recommended to be given in two shots at around three and four weeks apart. However, the vaccines will sometimes need to be given a little further apart if there are shipment delays, or to make sure as many people as possible can get a first shot. This would happen when vaccines are in short supply and transmission of the virus is high.
- **Question:** What do I do if I experience an adverse reaction?
  - **Answer:** Serious reactions are rare, but it's best to know what to do if you have one.
  - The first kind of reaction that we are concerned about from any vaccine or medicine is an allergic reaction. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include:
    - hives (bumps on the skin that are often very itchy);
    - swelling of the face, tongue or throat;
    - difficulty breathing.
  - While these occur very rarely, they can be very serious; this is why you must wait at least 15 minutes before you leave the clinic or pharmacy after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and longer if you have a history of allergies.
  - Other reactions that can happen after a vaccine occur because your immune system is working to respond to the vaccine. These kinds of minor side effects are observed with both the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines, similar to ones you might get from any shots. People can experience pain in the arm where they had the injection, tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, joint pain and low-grade fever. These reactions are usually mild and last a few days, and they can be worse after the second dose.
  - All serious or unusual reactions are also monitored across Canada to make sure vaccines are safe. You can find more information on adverse events following Immunization by visiting ImmunizeBC's website: <https://immunizebc.ca/>
- For more detailed answers to these questions, see <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-covid-19-vaccine>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Premier Sandy Silver and Minister Pauline Frost released the following statement regarding vaccine availability:<sup>12</sup>
  - **Regarding vaccine shipments from Moderna:**
    - “On Friday, January 29, Moderna announced a reduction in their next vaccine shipment to Canada, which is scheduled for between February 4 and 10. The Government of Canada has notified our government that our next shipment of vaccine will be reduced by 37 per cent, from 7,200 doses to 4,500 doses. It is anticipated that our fourth shipment scheduled for late February will also be reduced from 7,200 to 4,500. Yukon is one of many jurisdictions in Canada and around the world that will see reduced shipments of the COVID-19 vaccine in the coming weeks.”
  - **Regarding vaccination timelines for Yukon residents:**
    - “Despite the reduced vaccine availability, mobile clinics scheduled for rural communities this week will continue, as will the clinic for those age 60 and older in

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<sup>12</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/statement-premier-sandy-silver-and-minister-pauline-frost-vaccine-availability>

Whitehorse. Work is also underway to schedule the second dose for all individuals who have received their first dose, starting with the residents and staff of our long-term care homes.”

- “These smaller shipments will impact the opening of the vaccine clinic for the general population in Whitehorse, which had been scheduled for February 10, 2021. We will have more information to share in the coming days about the opening of the clinic to those age 18 and older in Whitehorse.”
- “To date, the information that we have received still means that all Yukon citizens who would like to be immunized will be able to receive the vaccine by the end of April 2021.”

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

- Today, the Minister of Health, Patty Hajdu, announced supports for projects to encourage vaccine uptake in Canada:<sup>13</sup>
  - An investment of more than \$64 million will be provided through the Immunization Partnership Fund (IPF) to help partners across the country in Canada increase COVID-19 vaccination uptake:
  - The funding includes \$30.25 million for community-led projects to increase vaccine confidence by addressing gaps in knowledge, attitudes and beliefs related to vaccination.
    - Funding will be used to develop tailored, targeted tools and educational resources to raise awareness of, and confidence in, the COVID-19 vaccines.
    - Funds will also support the efforts of community members and leaders to increase vaccine confidence and address barriers to access and acceptance within their communities.
  - The other \$32.5 million will be allocated to provincial and territorial governments to enhance their electronic vaccination registries and improve tracking of vaccine uptake across Canada. Each province and territory will receive up to \$2.5 million in funding from now through March 2023.
- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, issued a statement regarding the COVID-19 situation in Canada. Highlights include the following:<sup>14</sup>
  - In cautious good news, national daily case counts have continued to decline over the past 2 to 3 weeks. There is still a lot of infection in our communities and we must hold fast with these measures to prevent reacceleration of the epidemic and limit the spread of more infectious virus variants.
    - Canada is continuing to monitor for virus variants. To date, provinces have reported over 135 cases of the B.1.1.7 variant, and at least 13 cases of the B.1.351 variant.
  - To date, almost 1 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered; with close to 50% of healthcare workers, over 10% of the populations in the territories and close to 10% of elderly adults over 80 years of age have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

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

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/02/government-of-canada-supports-projects-to-encourage-vaccine-uptake-in-canada.html>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/02/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-covid-19-february-2-2021.html>