

# BC Centre for Disease Control

Provincial Health Services Authority

April 16, 2021: COVID-19 confirmed Variant of Concern (VoC) cases reported by Health Authorities to BCCDC and confirmed by sequencing at BCCDC Public Health Laboratory

	<b>Variant B.1.1.7 (United Kingdom)</b>	<b>Variant B.1.351 (South Africa)</b>	<b>Variant P.1 (Brazil)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total Cases</b> <sup>a,b,c,d</sup>	<b>3,858</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>5,739</b>
New cases since yesterday <sup>e</sup>	225	6	278	509
<i>Health Authority</i>				
FHA	2,909	42	456	3,407
IHA	92	1	70	163
VIHA	60	4	62	126
NHA	21	1	1	23
VCH	774	23	1,221	2,018
Out of Canada	2	0	0	2

- Total confirmed COVID-19 VOC cases include lab diagnosed cases with WGS lineage confirmed by BCCDC public health laboratory and linked to public health data as of April 16, 2021 10 AM. As of April 1 2021, the BCCDC Public Health Lab modified its COVID-19 sequencing sampling strategy and no longer sequences all presumptive positive variants; only a subset are sequenced for confirmation.
- Residents of other Canadian provinces/territories are reported by their provinces/territories of residence.
- Cases are reported by health authority of residence. When health authority of residence is not available, cases are assigned to the health authority reporting the case. Cases whose primary residence is outside of Canada are reported as "Out of Canada". Please note that the health authority of residence and the health authority reporting the case do not necessarily indicate the location of exposure or transmission.
- "New" cases reflect the difference in counts between one day and the next (net new).
- Newly confirmed VOC cases had onset a few days to a few weeks earlier. They are not included in the "new case" counts in other COVID surveillance reports due to the time lag between the initial COVID diagnosis and sequencing. The prevalence of VOC cannot be derived using "new case" count data from the same day.