

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 28 September 2021

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

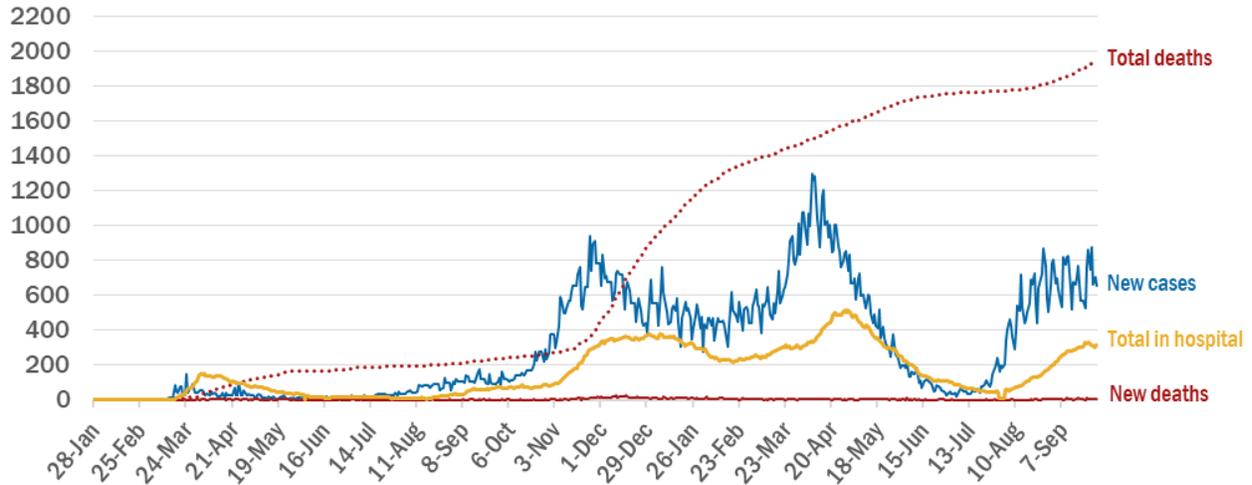
STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Sept 27	As of Sept 28	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	184,780	185,432	652
Total active cases in BC	6,098	5,992	-106
Currently in intensive care	141	141	0
Currently hospitalized	303	316	13
Total hospitalized to date	9,812	9,828	16
Total deaths in BC	1,940	1,942	2
Total recovered in BC	176,354	177,113	759
CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION¹	As of Sept 27	As of Sept 28	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	41,118	41,188	70
Fraser Health	96,679	96,898	219
Island Health	8,393	8,475	82
Interior Health	26,825	26,987	162
Northern Health	11,473	11,590	117
Out of Canada	292	294	2
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Sept 27	As of Sept 28	Change
Total confirmed cases	751	754	3
Total active cases	37	38	1
Total deaths	9	9	0
Total recovered	709	710	1
STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES³	As of Sept 26	As of Sept 27	Change
Total confirmed cases	40,021	40,537	516
Total active cases	1,784	1,805	21
Total hospitalized	1,835	1,857	22
Total deaths	417	418	1
Total recovered	37,820	38,314	494
Total confirmed cases in BC	4,229	4,333	104

¹ Source: BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard

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

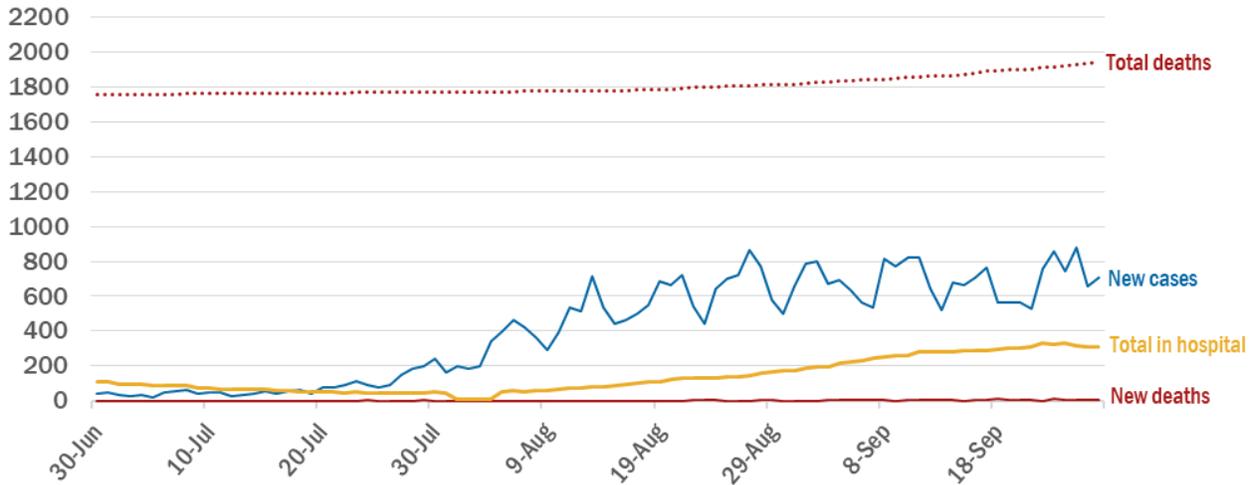
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COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

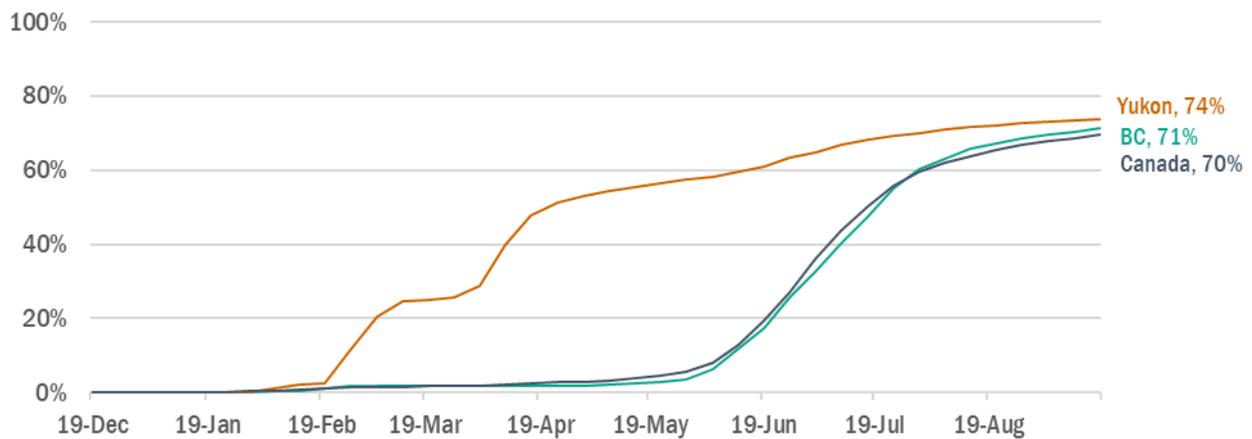


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC – PAST THREE MONTHS



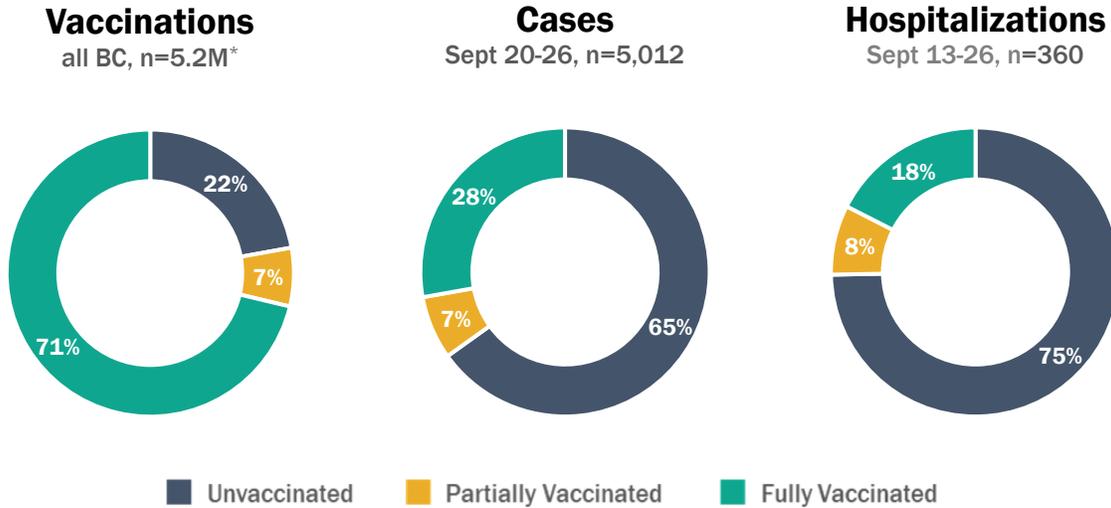
CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE⁴



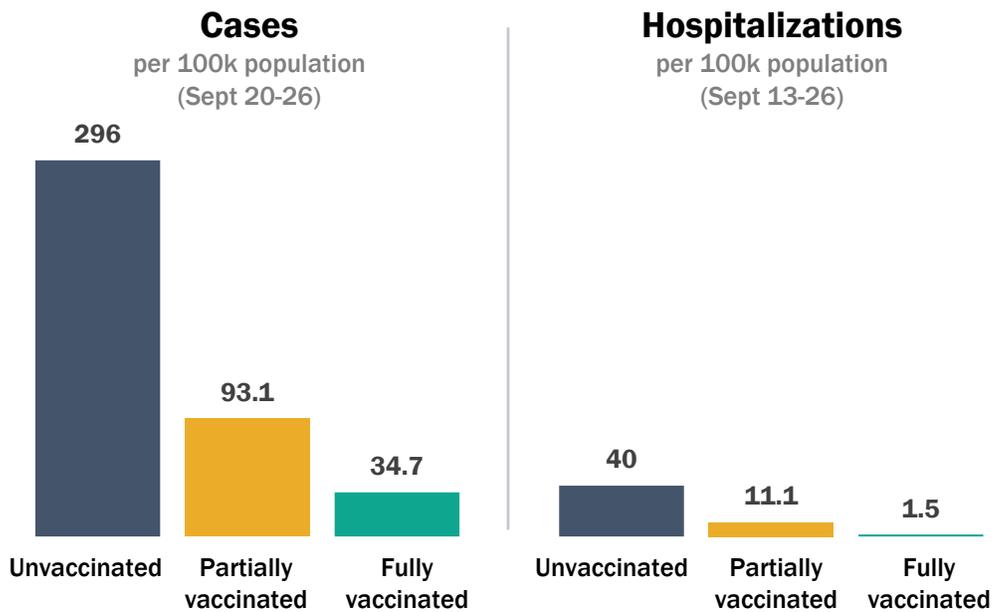
⁴ Source: <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/covid-19/vaccination-coverage/>

COVID-19 INFECTIONS IN B.C. BY VACCINATION STATUS

- From Sept. 16-22, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 75.0% of cases and from Sept. 9-22, they accounted for 81.9% of hospitalizations.^{5,6}



- After adjusting for age, unvaccinated people are 26.7 times more likely to be hospitalized than those fully vaccinated.



⁵ Source: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/>

⁶ Note: As more people get vaccinated and there are fewer unvaccinated people, the percent of cases among vaccinated people is expected to increase.

*Source: <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/covid-19/vaccination-coverage/>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, held a news conference providing updates on the COVID-19 response in B.C.⁷ Highlights from Dr. Henry include the following:
 - **Regarding latest data on mixed vaccine doses:**
 - “Two doses of any vaccine, no matter what combination you received, has been shown to be highly effective and continues to be protective against both the infection and hospitalization across BC.”
 - “We continue to work with our colleagues in Health Canada and internationally to make sure that these mixed vaccines schedules are going to be accepted.”
 - “We have data that shows that out to four months we still have strong protection from all of these vaccine combinations.”
 - **Regarding booster doses for elders and those in long-term care and assisted living:**
 - Data shows that six months, after dose two, is the best time to provide the booster dose.
 - A high-dose influenza vaccine will also be provided to this group.
 - “Our immunization teams around the province are preparing to provide both the booster dose of covid and the influenza vaccine to our seniors and elders in care starting in the next week or two.”
 - **Regarding case numbers for children in the 5-11 age group:**
 - Case numbers in this age group are going up.
 - The data shows that cases were increasing in younger and older children in Interior and Northern Health regions prior to school resuming in September.
 - “This reflects the vaccination rates in those communities and the fact that we are seeing transmission of the virus in those communities. And that of course affects families and affects children.”
 - “If we look thought where community vaccination rates are higher, particularly in Vancouver Coastal and Island Health regions we see the rates in school-aged children stay low and steady.”
 - “Across all age groups we see that those who are not yet vaccinated have a much higher rate of infection than people who are protected through the immunization. So that puts it in some perspective for us and really tells us the measure of how important immunization is and how immunization protects those who are not yet able to be vaccinated.”
 - **Update to school notification approach:**
 - “As of today the regional health authorities will start posting K-12 school potential exposure events on their websites and there will be a link at the BCCDC website for all of the regional health authorities.”
 - BC will not be sending out letters to parents if there is an exposure event as this was deemed ineffective in spreading information or decreasing transmission in schools last year.

⁷ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEuNrszVpCE>

- **Regarding COVID-19 Situation in Northern Health region, Minister Dix stated:**
 - “We have been taking steps to support the Northern Health Authority by transferring critical care patients, ensuring that the Northern Health system, which is facing the highest levels per capita of COVID -19 right now (in the province), is sustained.”
 - “Last week I reported that 12 critical care patients had been transferred from the Northern Health Authority to (other) health authorities. That number today has an additional 13 for a total of 25 patients who have been transferred.”
 - “This shows our determination to support the people in the north and the challenges they are facing with both low vaccination rates and high case counts of COVID-19.”
 - “Our teams (in Northern Health) are doing a fantastic job under very challenging circumstances. Everyone in BC and in the north is very proud of them and what we can do to help those teams is to get vaccinated as soon as possible.”
 - “We see this pressure point, which is the significant number of patients who have been transferred with COVID-19 are unvaccinated and a significant number of people are unvaccinated in the north. And you can see this difference between, in a per capita sense, the vaccination rate... is twice as many people unvaccinated, per capita (in the north). In a pandemic of the unvaccinated that puts everyone at risk.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon provided an update regarding the extension of the Paid Sick Leave Rebate.⁸
 - “From October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022, workers and self-employed people who do not have access to paid sick days, may receive up to 10 days’ wages.”
 - “This is the third intake of the program since it was launched in March 2020.”
 - “The Paid Sick Leave Rebate for employers and self-employed provides up to 10 days’ wages for workers who are sick, self-isolating or caring for other household members due to COVID-19.”
 - “All eligible Yukon employers and self-employed people may apply.”

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.

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/paid-sick-leave-rebate-extended-support-yukon-businesses-and-workers>