

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 5 October 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

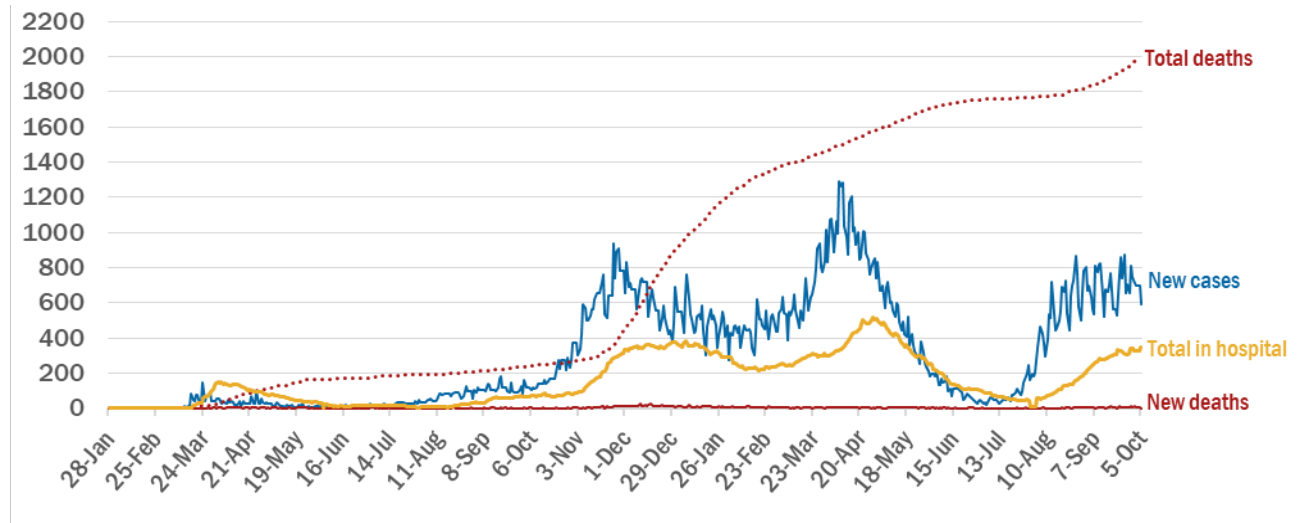
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Oct 4</b>	<b>As of Oct 5</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	189,779	190,372	<b>593</b>
Total active cases in BC	6,085	5,937	<b>-148</b>
Currently in intensive care	142	144	<b>2</b>
Currently hospitalized	326	345	<b>19</b>
Total hospitalized to date	10,087	10,112	<b>25</b>
Total deaths in BC	1,983	1,983	<b>0</b>
Total recovered in BC	181,304	182,045	<b>741</b>
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Oct 4</b>	<b>As of Oct 5</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	41,704	41,772	<b>68</b>
Fraser Health	98,536	98,739	<b>203</b>
Island Health	8,932	9,039	<b>107</b>
Interior Health	28,000	28,128	<b>128</b>
Northern Health	12,312	12,399	<b>87</b>
Out of Canada	295	295	<b>0</b>
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Oct 4</b>	<b>As of Oct 5</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	773	783	<b>10</b>
Total active cases	35	38	<b>3</b>
Total deaths	10	10	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	729	737	<b>8</b>
<b>STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Oct 1</b>	<b>As of Oct 4</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	41,447	41,976	<b>529</b>
Total active cases	1,868	1,854	<b>-14</b>
Total hospitalized	1,905	1,915	<b>10</b>
Total deaths	426	428	<b>2</b>
Total recovered	39,153	39,694	<b>541</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	4,468	4,562	<b>94</b>

<sup>1</sup> BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard

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

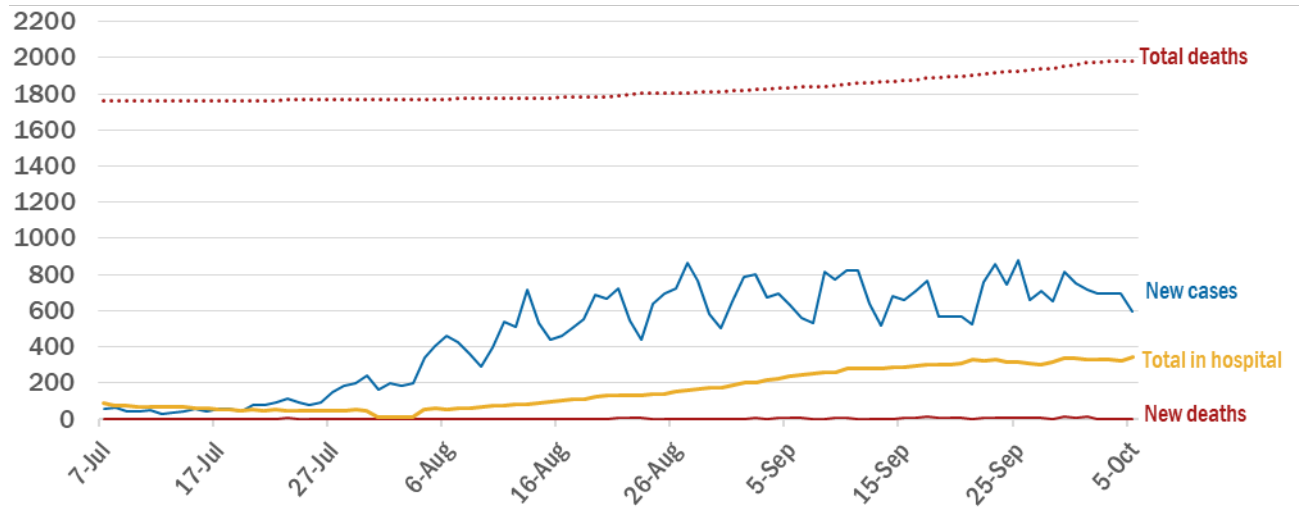
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### COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

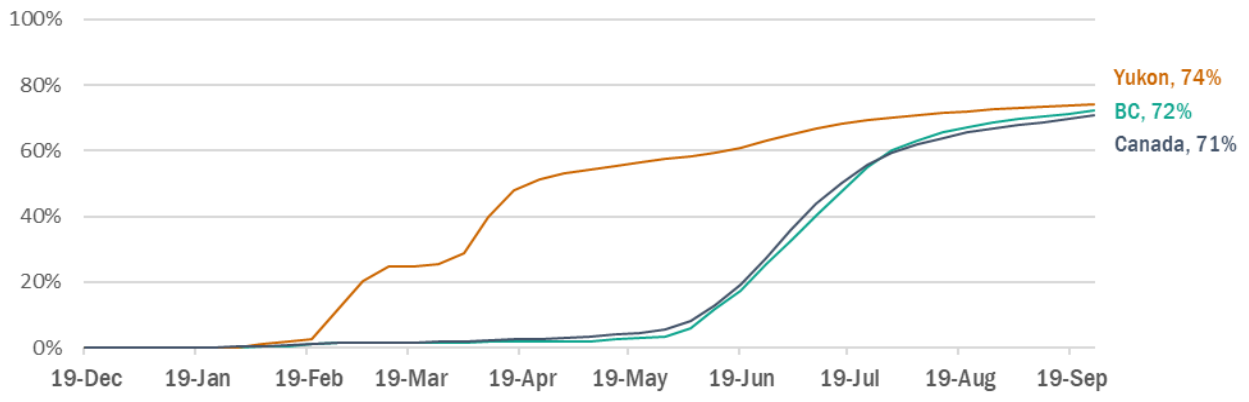


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



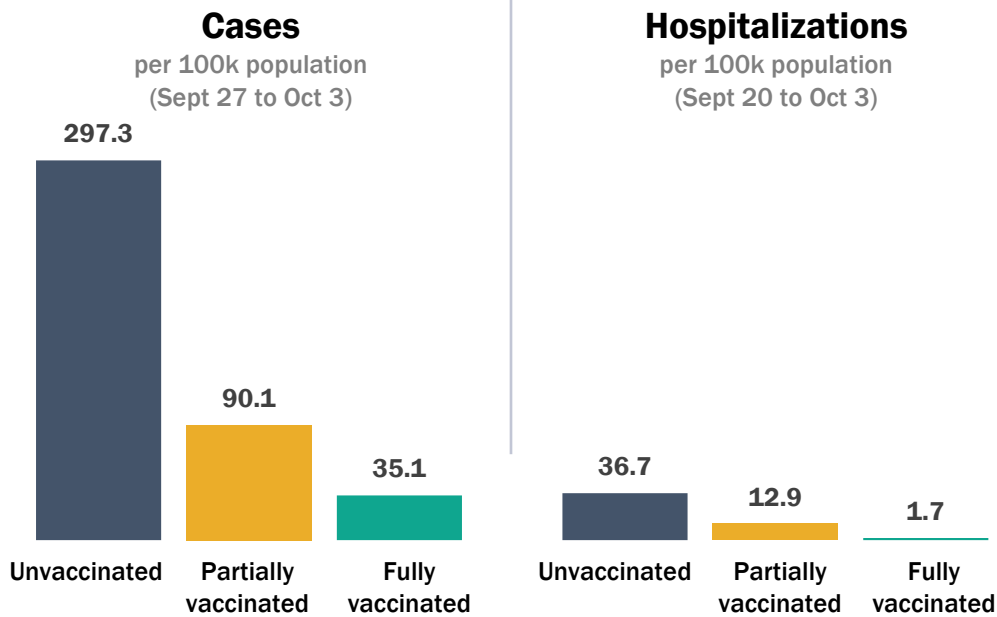
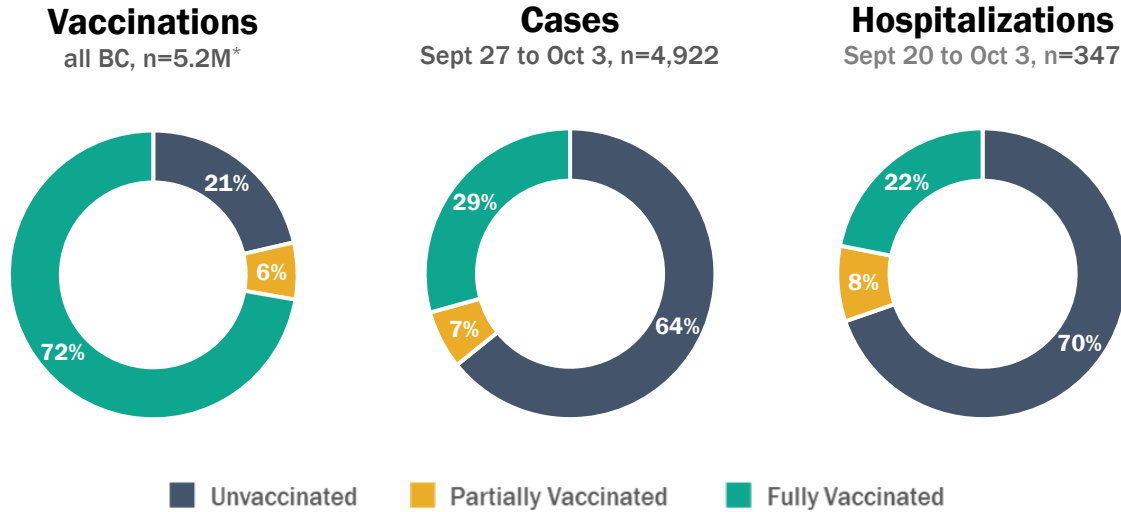
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<sup>4</sup> <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/covid-19/vaccination-coverage/>

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

- From September 27 to October 3, 2021, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 70.7% of cases, and from September 20 to October 3, 2021, they accounted for 78.1% of hospitalizations.<sup>5,6</sup>



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

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

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

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, and Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer, announced enhanced requirements for working in or visiting long-term care and assisted living facilities.<sup>7,8</sup> Details include the following:
  - **Employees in Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities**
    - Starting on October 12, 2021, workers in long-term care and assisted living facilities will need to comply with a new provincial health order requiring vaccination with, at minimum, a first dose.
    - Workers will need to receive a second dose within 35 days of receiving their first dose.
    - Those who are not vaccinated with at least a first dose by the end of day on October 12, 2021, will be placed on a mandatory leave of absence without pay.
  - **Visitor to Long-Term Care and Acute Care Facilities**
    - Beginning on October 12, 2021, all visitors to long-term care and assisted living facilities will be required to show their vaccine card for proof of full vaccination.
    - On October 26, 2021, visitors to acute care facilities must show proof of full vaccination.
  - **Expanded Access to Third Doses for Immunocompromised Individuals**
    - Initial access to a third dose, as announced in September, focused on those individuals considered the most clinically vulnerable and included 15,000 people who have had whole organ transplants, bone marrow and stem cell transplants, blood cancers, and other immune disorders.
    - Access is being expanded to approximately 100,000 people considered to be moderate to severely immunocompromised. It includes individuals receiving treatment for tumours, systemic therapy such as chemotherapy and radiation, people with arthritis, lupus, and other autoimmune conditions.
    - Eligible individuals will receive an invitation to book a third dose.
  - **Considerations for Upcoming Thanksgiving Gatherings**
    - To reduce the potential for COVID-19 spread as a result of increased gatherings for Thanksgiving, gatherings should be kept small, and everyone attending in-person should be fully vaccinated.
      - This is particularly important in circumstances where high-risk family members may be present.

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<sup>7</sup> Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/public-service-employees-bc-mandatory-vaccines-1.6200515>

<sup>8</sup> Source: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0060-001918>

- Today, the B.C. Public Service Agency announced a proof of vaccination requirement for members of the B.C. Public Service.<sup>9</sup> Details include the following:
  - Public service employees working in core government or ministries will be required to provide proof of full vaccination using the B.C. Vaccine Card by November 22, 2021.
  - The effective date gives employees who are not yet fully vaccinated the time they need to comply.
    - Details of accommodations that will be made for the few people who are unable to be vaccinated will be released by early November.
  - There are approximately 30,000 employees covered by this requirement.

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY**

- Today, Dr. Catherine Elliott, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, issued public exposure notifications.<sup>10</sup> These notifications are for the following:
  - **Flights**
    - Air North flight 4N533 on September 29, 2021, from Whitehorse to Vancouver departing at 9:40 AM.
      - Anyone on this flight is asked to self-monitor for symptoms until October 13, 2021, and to arrange for testing if they to develop any symptoms, no matter how mild.
    - Air Canada flight #279 on September 30, 2021, from Vancouver to Whitehorse departing at 7:55 PM.
      - Monitor for symptoms until October 14, 2021. If any symptoms, no matter how mild, develop, get tested.
  - **Events and/or Facilities**
    - James Hardie Contractor event at Kilrich Building Supplies on September 30, 2021, from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM.
      - Anyone attending this event who has received two doses of COVID-19 vaccination, with the last dose prior to September 16, 2021, and who is not significantly immunosuppressed due to illness or medication, is recommended to self-monitor for symptoms until October 14, 2021.
      - It is very important that if any symptoms develop, no matter how mild, you do not go to work or school and arrange for testing.
      - If you are partially vaccinated (one dose only) or unvaccinated, or are fully immunized but with significant immunosuppression, you are recommended to self-isolate until October 10, 2021, and self-monitor for symptoms until October 14, 2021.
      - It is very important that if any symptoms develop, no matter how mild, you do not go to work or school and arrange for testing.

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<sup>9</sup> Source: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021FIN0055-001915>

<sup>10</sup> Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/news/october-5-2021-public-exposure-notifications>

- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation afternoon activities event at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre on September 30, 2021 from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM.
  - Monitor for symptoms until October 14, 2021. If any symptoms, no matter how mild, develop, get tested.
- Public skate at the Canada Games Centre on October 2, 2021, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.
  - Participants in this skate are asked to monitor for symptoms until October 16, 2021.
  - If any symptoms, no matter how mild, develop, get tested.
- Today, Dr. Catherine Elliott, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, issued a statement recommending residents of Carcross to wear a mask in all indoor public spaces.<sup>11</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - “I am concerned about early signs of community transmission of COVID-19 in the Carcross community and know that community leaders share my concern.”
  - “Wearing a mask is one step to help keep everyone safe. I must also ask people who are ill or who have a person with COVID-19 in their household to also stay home and prevent the further spread of disease.”
  - This strong recommendation is based on early signs of community transmission within Carcross and an outbreak being declared at the school last week.
  - The majority of positive cases in the past two weeks have been in Carcross, including among school-aged children and their families.
    - Children under the age of 12 cannot yet be immunized.
  - The acting Chief Medical Officer of Health is also reinforcing the importance of getting vaccinated and staying home when sick and for contacts of those with COVID-19.
  - With the Delta variant circulating widely in southern jurisdictions and spreading in territory, with Yukoners traveling more frequently now than last year and with flu season fast approaching, it is more important than ever to take steps to protect oneself, one’s family, and community from the spread of COVID-19.

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

- No significant updates from the Government of Canada.

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<sup>11</sup> Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/news/carcross-residents-being-asked-mask-up>