

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 8 October 2021

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

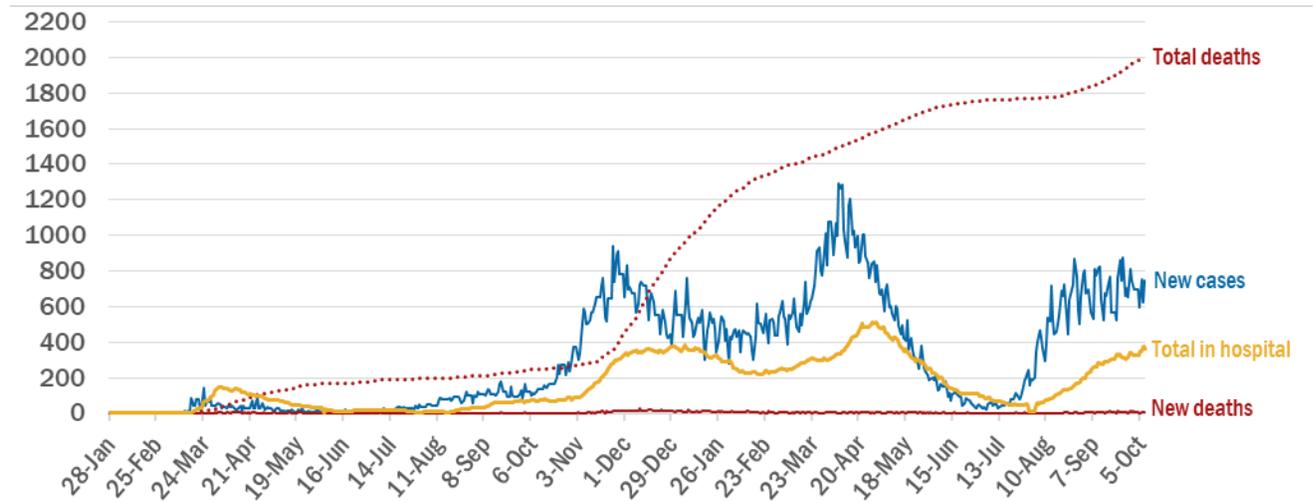
STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Oct 7	As of Oct 8	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	191,748	192,491	743
Total active cases in BC	5,929	5,969	40
Currently in intensive care	132	137	5
Currently hospitalized	373	360	-13
Total hospitalized to date	10,217	10,246	29
Total deaths in BC	1,996	2,001	5
Total recovered in BC	183,406	184,121	715
CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION¹	As of Oct 7	As of Oct 8	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	41,935	42,004	69
Fraser Health	99,294	99,559	265
Island Health	9,194	9,264	70
Interior Health	28,410	28,553	143
Northern Health	12,620	12,816	196
Out of Canada	295	295	0
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Oct 7	As of Oct 8	Change
Total confirmed cases	793	796	3
Total active cases	46	43	-3
Total deaths	10	10	0
Total recovered	740	746	6
STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES³	As of Oct 6	As of Oct 7	Change
Total confirmed cases	42,415	42,661	246
Total active cases	1,757	1,834	77
Total hospitalized	1,935	1,942	7
Total deaths	432	433	1
Total recovered	40,226	40,394	168
Total confirmed cases in BC	4,603	4,633	30

¹ BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard

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

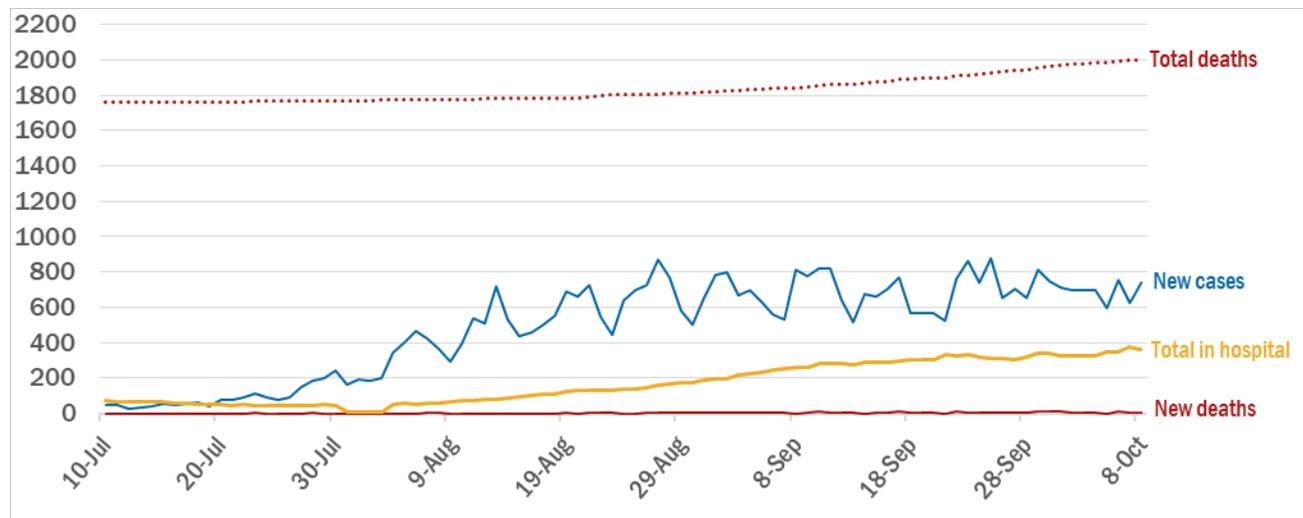
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COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

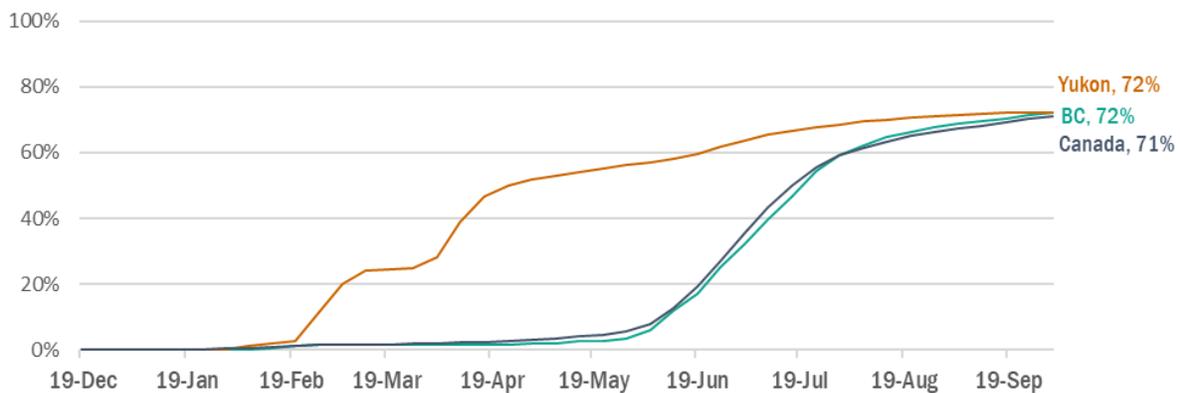


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



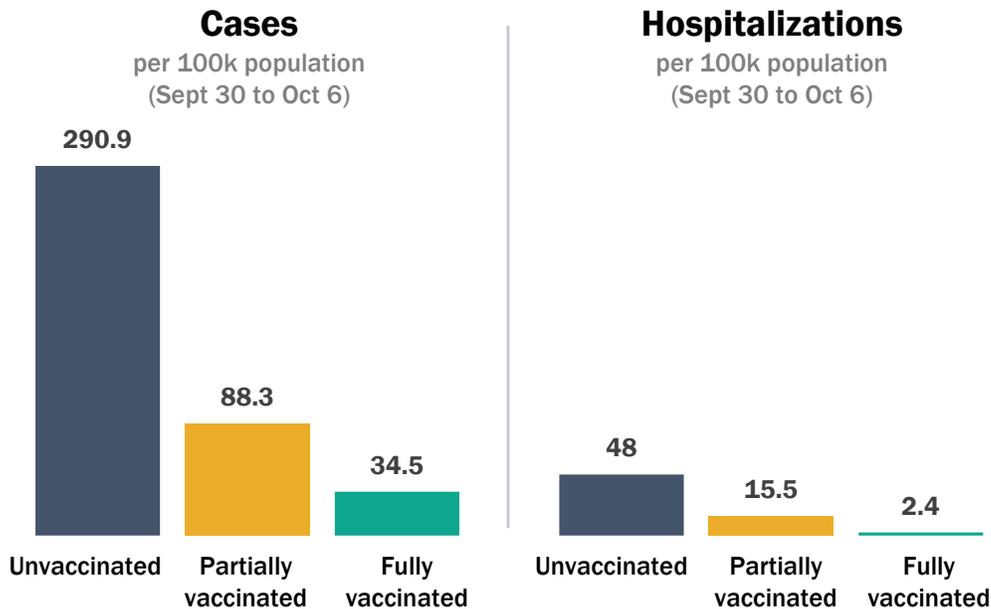
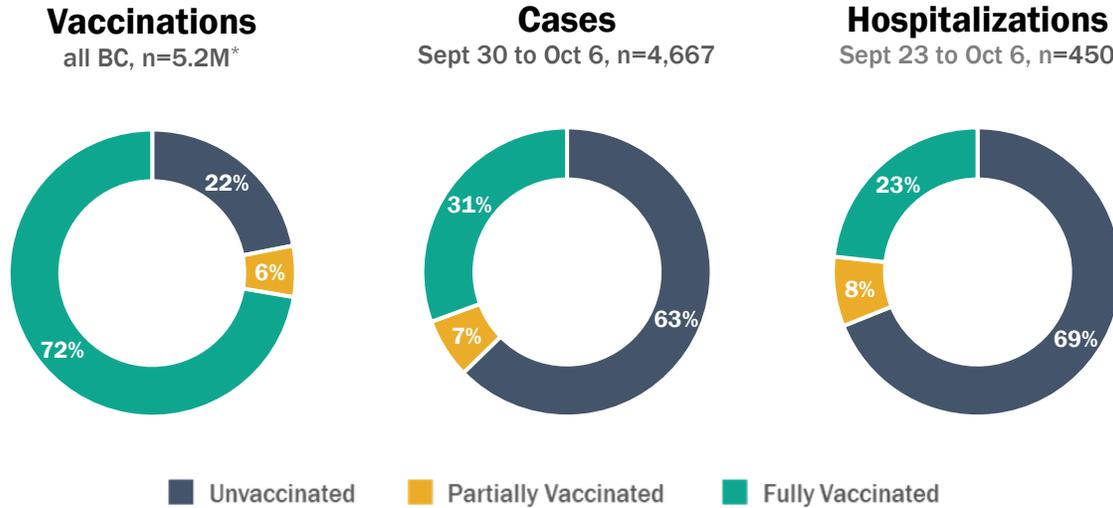
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⁴ <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/covid-19/vaccination-coverage/>

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

- From September 30 to October 6, 2021, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 69.4% of cases, and from September 23 to October 6, 2021, they accounted for 76.7% of hospitalizations.^{5,6}



⁵ <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.

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

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, the Government of British Columbia issued a COVID-19 pandemic update.⁷ Highlights are as follows:
 - “Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry will be revising the public health order requiring masks be worn in indoor public settings to include children five and older to align with the school mask-wearing requirement.”
 - “More details on the decision and when the order will take effect will be provided during next week’s COVID-19 briefing.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon launched a second call for the COVID-19 Recovery Research Program.⁸ Highlights are as follows:
 - “Thanks to the financial support of the Government of Canada, this program offers a total of \$1 million in funding for research that will increase understanding of the social, cultural, environmental, economic, and health impacts of COVID-19 and address gaps in research and data specific to the Yukon.”
 - “Under this second call, \$480,000 is available for applicants, and each successful project may receive up to \$75,000 in funding.”
 - “Those who are interested in applying can contact the Office of the Science Advisor at osa@yukon.ca for more information and visit yukon.ca/covid-19-recovery-research-program.”
 - “The application deadline is October 29, 2021.”
 - “The research that is funded under this program supports the pandemic-related planning and decision-making needs of the Government of Yukon, the Government of Canada, First Nations governments and communities, and other Yukon organizations.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, Dr. Theresa Tam, released a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.⁹ Highlights are as follows:
 - “The COVID-19 pandemic continues to create stress and anxiety for many Canadians, particularly those who do not have ready access to their regular support networks.”
 - “Through the Wellness Together Canada online portal, people of all ages across the country can access immediate, free, and confidential mental health and substance use support, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”
 - “The updated longer-range modeling forecast suggests that at current levels of transmission, the Delta-driven fourth wave could decline in the coming weeks if we maintain vaccine uptake and existing public health measures.”
 - “This is a significant improvement over the previous trajectory presented in early September when a large resurgence was forecast.”

⁷ Source: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0061-001955>

⁸ Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/news/government-yukon-launches-second-call-covid-19-recovery-research-program>

⁹ Source: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/10/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-october-8-2021.html>

- “The re-introduction of public health measures in heavily impacted areas has helped slow overall epidemic growth, nationally.”
- “Although several jurisdictions are still facing considerable challenges, this update reaffirms that by achieving a strong foundation of protection, with over 82% of eligible Canadians fully vaccinated, and applying public health measures, epidemic growth can be managed.”
- “Even at current levels of vaccination coverage, the importance of core public health and personal protective measures like mask-wearing and limiting contacts continue to be important for managing epidemic growth and to reduce the risk of overwhelming healthcare capacity.”
 - “As we head into Thanksgiving weekend, Canadians are urged to keep gatherings small and follow public health advice based on the local epidemiological situation.”
 - “Keeping up with best practices in all our interactions this weekend and in the months ahead will help protect our progress and keep us safer, including by helping to prevent other respiratory infections during the winter months.”
- “During this fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada, infections and severe outcomes have several key features:
 - Nationally, the highly contagious Delta Variant of Concern (VOC), which accounts for the majority of recently reported cases, is associated with increased severity and may reduce the effectiveness of vaccines.
 - Most reported cases, hospitalizations, and deaths occur among unvaccinated people.
 - Virus spread in areas with low vaccination coverage presents an ongoing risk for emergence of and replacement by new VOCs, including the risk of VOCs with the ability to evade vaccine protection.”
- “Unfortunately, hospitalization and critical care admission trends, primarily involving unvaccinated people, are still elevated, nationally.”
 - “Together with prolonged hospital stays, this continues to place a heavy strain on local healthcare resources, particularly where infection rates are high, and vaccination rates are low.”
- “Regardless of which SARS-CoV-2 variant is predominating in an area, we know that vaccination, in combination with public health and individual measures, continues to work to reduce disease spread and severe outcomes.”
 - “In particular, evidence continues to demonstrate that a complete two-dose series of Health-Canada approved COVID-19 vaccines provides substantial protection.”
- “As more of our activities move indoors, this fall and winter, we must strive to have as many eligible people as possible fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as quickly as possible to protect ourselves and others, including those who may not mount a strong immune response or who cannot get vaccinated.”
 - “Implementing timed and targeted public health measures and maintaining individual protective practices will be crucial for slowing COVID-19 infection rates and reducing the impact on healthcare capacity.”

- “While our protection against COVID-19 has been bolstered by vaccines, we also need to think about the return of other respiratory infections.”
- “We can stay healthier by getting up-to-date with recommended vaccines, such as influenza and other routine vaccines for children and adults and maintaining basic precautions that help slow the spread of COVID-19 as well as other respiratory infections.”

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