

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 12 October 2021

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Oct 8	As of Oct 12	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	192,491	194,581	2,090*
Total active cases in BC	5,969	5,183	-786
Currently in intensive care	137	153	16
Currently hospitalized	360	357	-3
Total hospitalized to date	10,246		
Total deaths in BC	2,001	2,029	28
Total recovered in BC	184,121	186,955	2,834
CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION¹	As of Oct 8	As of Oct 12	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	42,004	42,233	229
Fraser Health	99,559	100,373	814
Island Health	9,264	9,556	292
Interior Health	28,553	28,957	404
Northern Health	12,816	13,167	351
Out of Canada	295	295	0
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Oct 8	As of Oct 12	Change
Total confirmed cases	796	824	28
Total active cases	43	58	15
Total deaths	10	10	0
Total recovered	746	765	19
STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES³	As of Oct 7	As of Oct 10	Change
Total confirmed cases	42,661	43,494	833
Total active cases	1,834	1,947	113
Total hospitalized	1,942	1,971	29
Total deaths	433	438	5
Total recovered	40,394	41,109	715
Total confirmed cases in BC	4,633	4,651	18

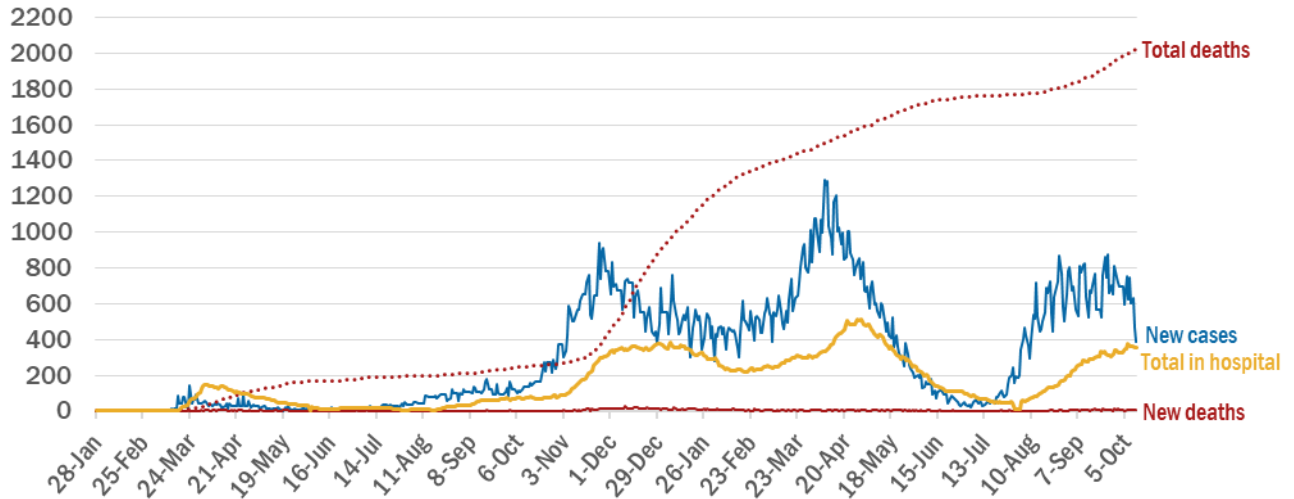
¹ BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard

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

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

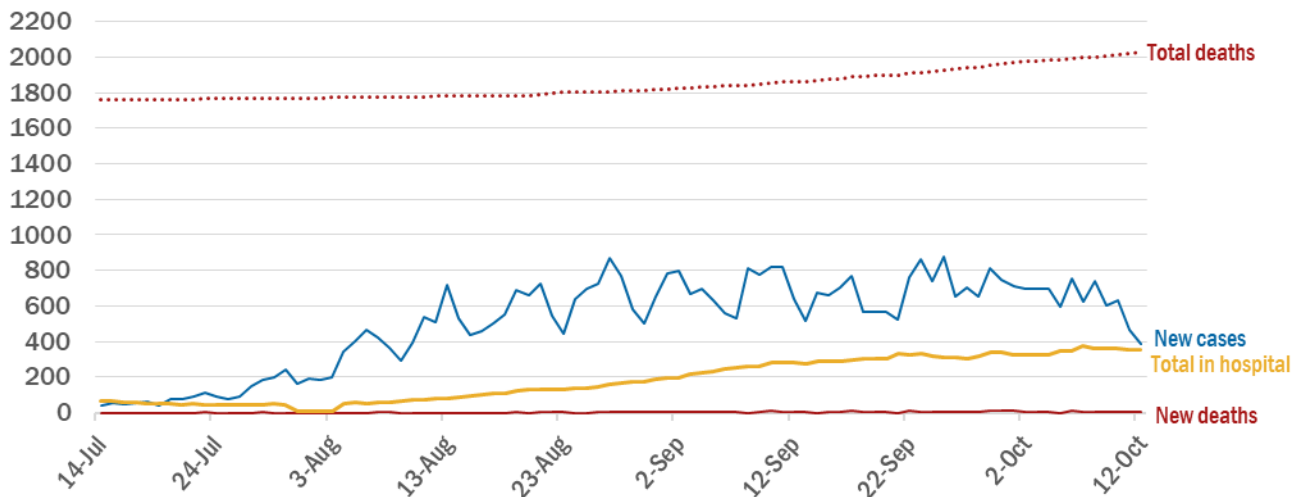
*The B.C. Government reported 603 new COVID-19 cases Oct. 9th, 634 Oct. 10th, 468 Oct. 11th, and 385 Oct. 12th (2,090 total).

COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

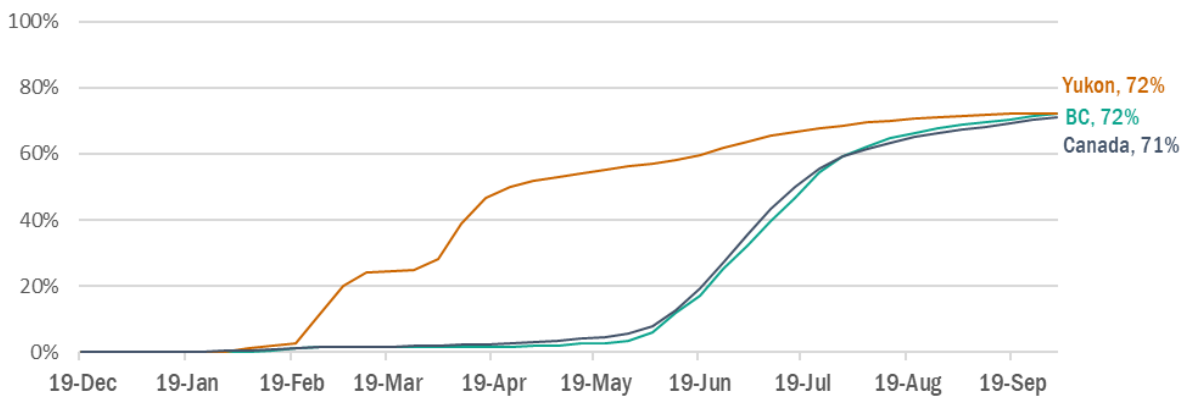


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



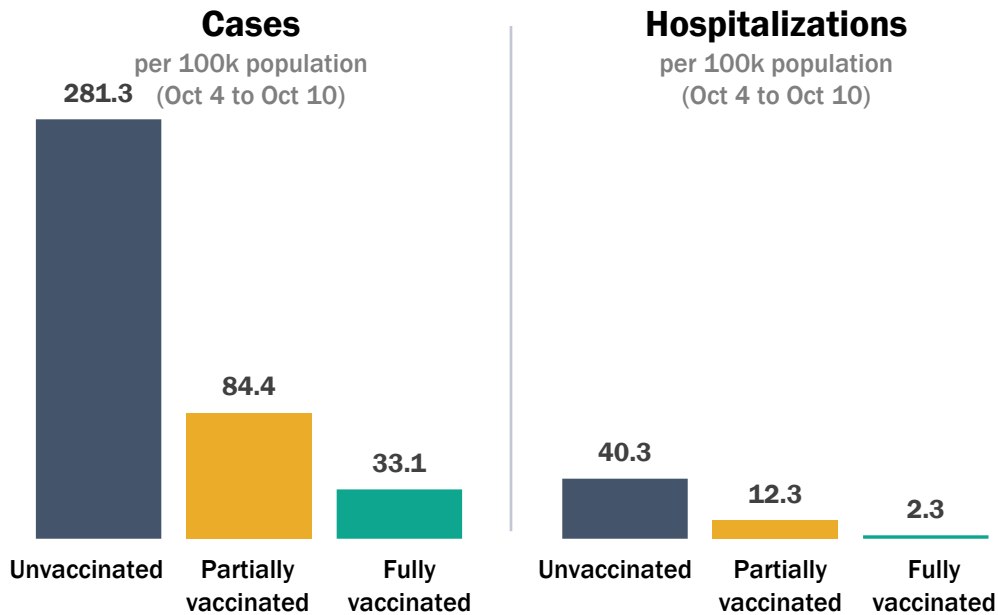
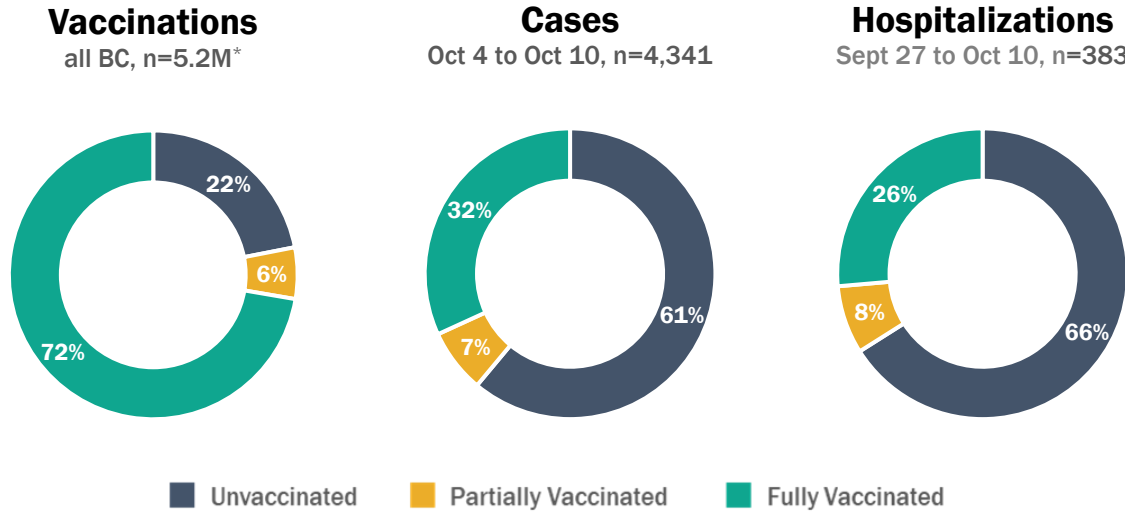
CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE⁴



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

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

- From October 4 to October 10, 2021, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 68.1% of cases, and from September 27 to October 10, 2021, they accounted for 73.7% 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, Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, held a live press conference regarding COVID-19 in B.C.⁷ Highlights include the following:
 - **High rates of COVID-19 transmission in Northern B.C.**
 - Northern B.C. continues to see higher rates of COVID-19 transmission and those that are contracting COVID-19 are becoming seriously ill which is pushing our hospitals to their maximum capacity.
 - This trend in Northern B.C. is directly related to the lower rate of COVID-19 vaccination administrations compared to other areas of the province.
 - To address this, Provincial Health Officer orders will be implemented and further details will be released in the coming week.
 - COVID-19 is transmitting at large social gatherings and event coordinators and faith leaders are encouraged to enforce COVID-19 public health protocols and utilize online platforms, as necessary.
 - **Provincial Health Order for workers in long-term care and assisted-living facilities**
 - Today, the Provincial Health Officer order requiring workers in long-term care and assisted-living facilities to show proof of full vaccination with two doses of COVID-19 comes into effect.
 - Allowances are being made for workers who have received one shot but those individuals will be required to undergo daily rapid testing and will be required to get the second dose within 35 days from the first.
 - The Provincial Health Officer order requiring workers in acute care and community care to show proof of full vaccination with two doses of COVID-19 will come into effect later this month and further details will be provided in the coming days.
 - **Mask mandate for everyone 5 years of age and older**
 - Effective today, a new mandate is in effect that requires everyone 5 years of age and older to wear a mask while in a public place.
 - This mandate also applies to everyone on public transit, including school buses. Today, the B.C. Government put into effect the previously announced requirement for visitors to long-term, assisted-living facilities to show proof of at least one dose of COVID-19.⁸
 - Any individual that has not received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine will not be permitted to enter these high-risk settings.
 - Any children that are 12 years of age and younger or those that have an approved medical exception are exempt from this requirement but must still adhere to facility specific COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.
- Beginning on October 26th, all visitors will be required to show proof of full vaccination with two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

⁷ Dr. Bonnie Henry via live press conference

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0178-001960>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Dr. Catherine Elliott, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, issued a strong recommendation for consistent use of masks in all indoor public spaces.⁹
 - This recommendation comes with the announcement of 36 new cases of COVID-19 over the past 96 hours.
 - The current case count is 58 cases of COVID-19.
 - 28 are Yukon residents.
 - 8 are out of territory residents diagnosed in the Yukon.
 - The Delta variant is circulating and spreading in the Yukon with more Yukoners travelling more frequently.
 - The Delta variant continues to transmit rapidly and is affecting those who are vaccinated and those who are not, or who are partially vaccinated. Those who are fully vaccinated are not getting as ill.
 - There continues to be transmission among groups and social networks that are not vaccinated who are integrating into the Yukon and sharing the disease throughout vaccinated networks.
 - Dr. Catherine Elliot made the following statement:
 - “I am concerned with the increasing number of cases we are seeing daily. We started at two cases a day, then four and now we are seeing 11 and 12. After the Gamma wave in June, we hit a low point in August, seeing two cases a day for a couple of weeks, then four a day and now 11 to 12 new cases a day.”
 - “Wearing a mask in places where you don’t know everyone or their vaccine status, is a small sacrifice to avoid getting sick. If a business or a facility asks you to wear a mask because that is their policy, please respect that. If people choose to wear a mask even where it isn’t required, respect their intentions to keep themselves and others safe from the spread of COVID-19. “
 - On October 8th, Dr. Catherine Elliott reported ten new cases of COVID-19 between noon on Wednesday, October 6th and noon on Friday, October 8th.¹⁰
 - Of the new cases of COVID-19:
 - Four are located in Whitehorse.
 - Six are located at the Victoria Gold mine site.
 - Dr. Catherine Elliot also declared an outbreak at the Victoria Gold mine site but is not concerned about additional spread outside the mine site due to the quick and effective case management by the mine medical team.

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.

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/acting-chief-medical-officer-health-recommends-wearing-masks-indoor-public-spaces>

¹⁰ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/october-8-2021-covid-19-case-update-10-new-cases-48-hours>