

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 19 October 2021

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

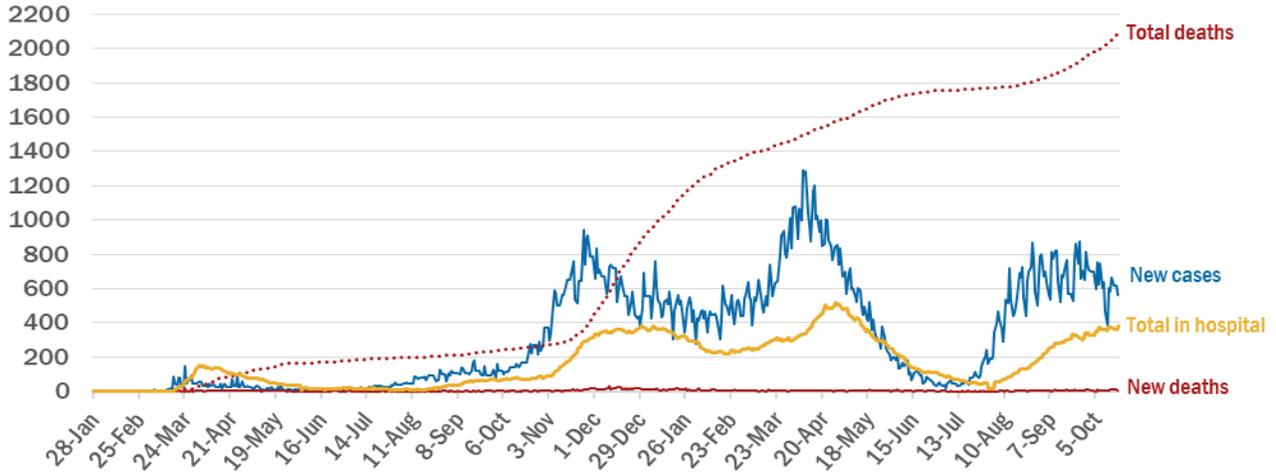
STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Oct 18	As of Oct 19	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	198,278	198,838	560
Total active cases in BC	4,917	4,913	-4
Currently in intensive care	151	146	-5
Currently hospitalized	360	382	22
Total hospitalized to date	10,690	10,718	28
Total deaths in BC	2,081	2,086	5
Total recovered in BC	190,918	191,476	558
CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION¹	As of Oct 18	As of Oct 19	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	42,655	42,735	80
Fraser Health	101,847	102,055	208
Island Health	9,924	9,985	61
Interior Health	29,603	29,682	79
Northern Health	13,953	14,084	131
Out of Canada	296	297	1
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Oct 18	As of Oct 19	Change
Total confirmed cases	858	867	9
Total active cases	66	64	-2
Total deaths	10	10	0
Total recovered	797	805	8
STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES³	As of Oct 15	As of Oct 18	Change
Total confirmed cases	44,259	44,818	559
Total active cases	1,682	1,662	-20
Total hospitalized	2,019	2,039	20
Total deaths	452	457	5
Total recovered	42,125	42,699	574
Total confirmed cases in BC	4,854	4,963	109

¹ BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard

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

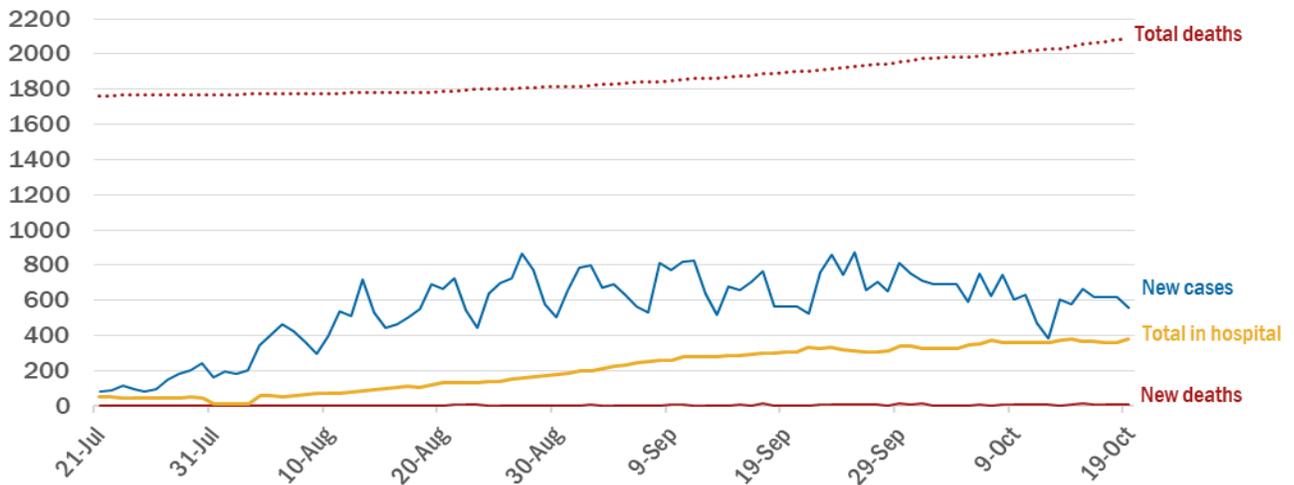
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COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

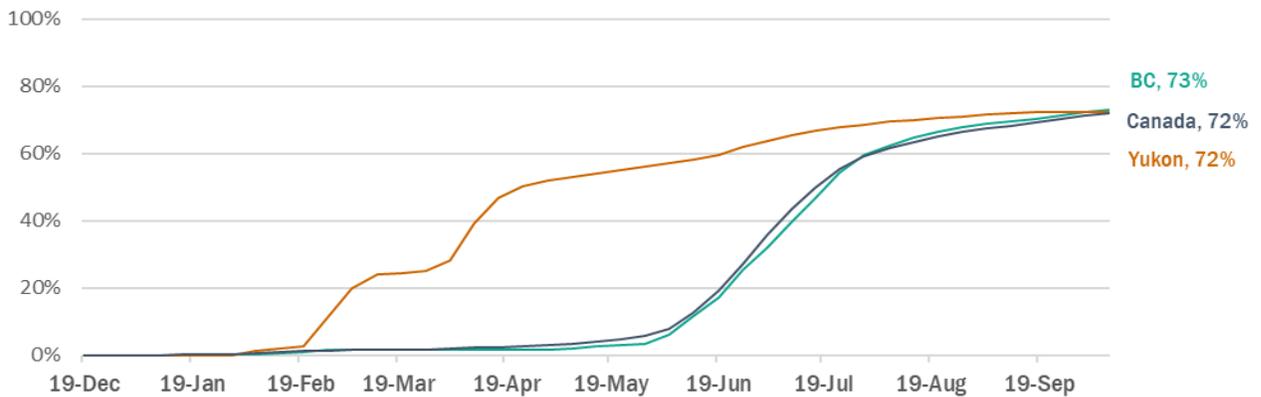


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



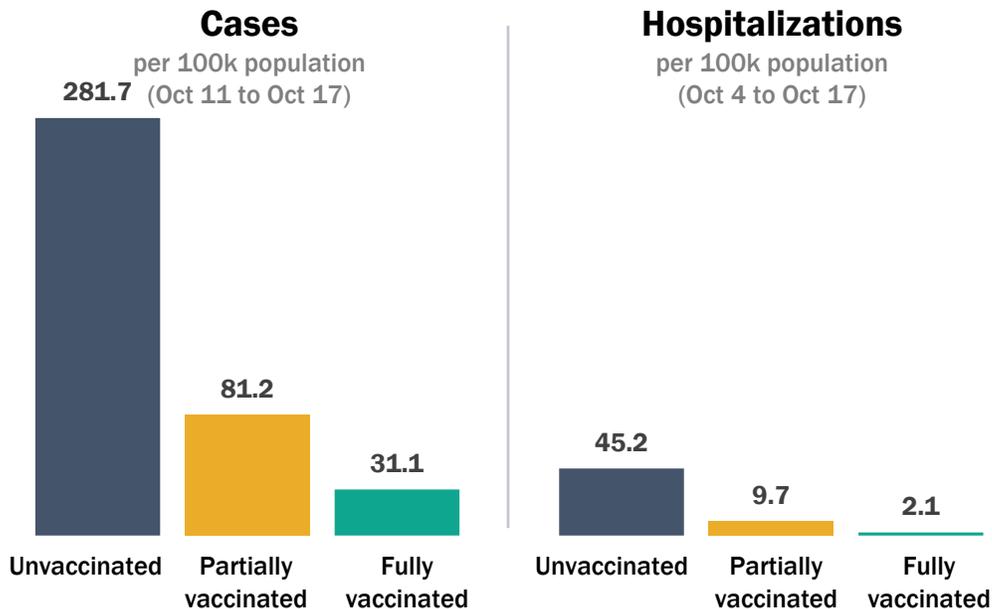
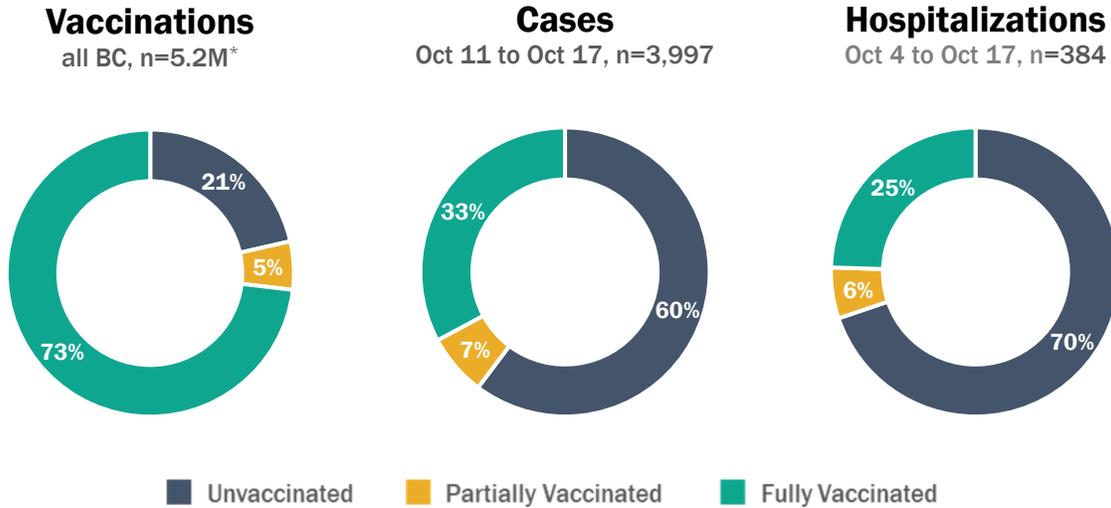
CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE⁴



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

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

- From October 11 to October 17, 2021, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 67.1% of cases, and from October 4 to October 17, 2021, they accounted for 75.5% 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 B.C. announced the lifting of capacity limits effective Sunday, October 24, 2021 as proof of full (two-dose) vaccination to access certain events, services, and business is required.⁷ Highlights include the following:
 - Full vaccination for everyone born in 2009 or earlier (12+) and presentation of your BC Vaccine Card will be required to access certain events, services and businesses.
 - On Monday, October 25, more people will be able to come together at organized gatherings and events in parts of the province where vaccination rates are high.
 - The provincial health officer order restricting capacity limits to 50% for inside organized events and gatherings will be revised to allow 100% capacity in those settings where the BC Vaccine Card is in place and proof of vaccination status is checked.
 - In addition, the requirement to remain seated at a table in restaurants and pubs will be lifted. Indoor mask requirements remain in effect for all indoor gatherings and events.
 - These changes apply to:
 - Indoor sporting events (e.g. hockey or basketball games)
 - Indoor concerts, theatre, movie theatres, dance and symphony events
 - Indoor organized events: examples are weddings, funeral receptions (outside of a funeral home) and organized parties.
 - Capacity limits remain in effect where regional orders are in place, including Fraser East and parts of Northern and Interior Health regions.
- Today, Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, and Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C. Provincial Health Officer, announced the start of the annual influenza immunization campaign.⁸ Highlights include the following:
 - This year, influenza vaccination is free for everyone in B.C. older than six months.
 - The unique circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and the strain it has put on the health-care system continue to make influenza immunization a priority.
 - Seasonal influenza and other respiratory viruses will be in communities alongside COVID-19 this fall and winter.
 - In addition to COVID-19, it has the potential to escalate pressures already faced by the health-care system, particularly if the effects from COVID-19 and seasonal influenza occur at the same.
 - That is why vaccines are now available and the Province continues to increase vaccine accessibility through many locations and vaccine providers throughout B.C.
 - This year, influenza vaccines are available to pharmacies through a direct-distribution model.

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0184-001999>

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0062-001997>

- This means pharmacies are able to order vaccine directly from distributors, making influenza immunization easier and more flexible for people in B.C.
- Influenza vaccines have been available already for certain high-risk groups.
- As they become available more broadly to the public throughout the province, people in British Columbia are encouraged to check their health authority's website or call their health-care provider or pharmacist to check for availability and to make an appointment.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Yukon Territory Government issued an exposure notice for Elijah Smith Elementary School in Whitehorse.⁹
 - Students and staff in the Grade 1/2 split class and the Grade 5/6 split class on Monday, October 18, 2021 may have been exposed.
 - A letter was provided to affected students and staff that outlines measures to take. Details include:
 - Students and staff connected to the above class have been identified as close contacts of COVID-19.
 - If you have received 2 doses of COVID-19 immunization, with the last dose prior to October 4th, 2021, and you are not significantly immunosuppressed due to illness or medication, we recommend you self-monitor for symptoms through November 1st, inclusive. It is very important that if any symptoms develop, no matter how mild, you do not go to work and arrange for testing.
 - If you are partially-vaccinated (1 dose only) or unvaccinated, or are fully immunized but with significant immunosuppression, you are recommended to self-isolate until October 28th, inclusive, and then self-monitor for symptoms through November 1st, inclusive. It is very important that if any symptoms develop, no matter how mild, that you arrange for testing.

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/health-and-wellness/covid-19-information/your-health-covid-19/potential-covid-19-exposure-notices>