

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 29 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

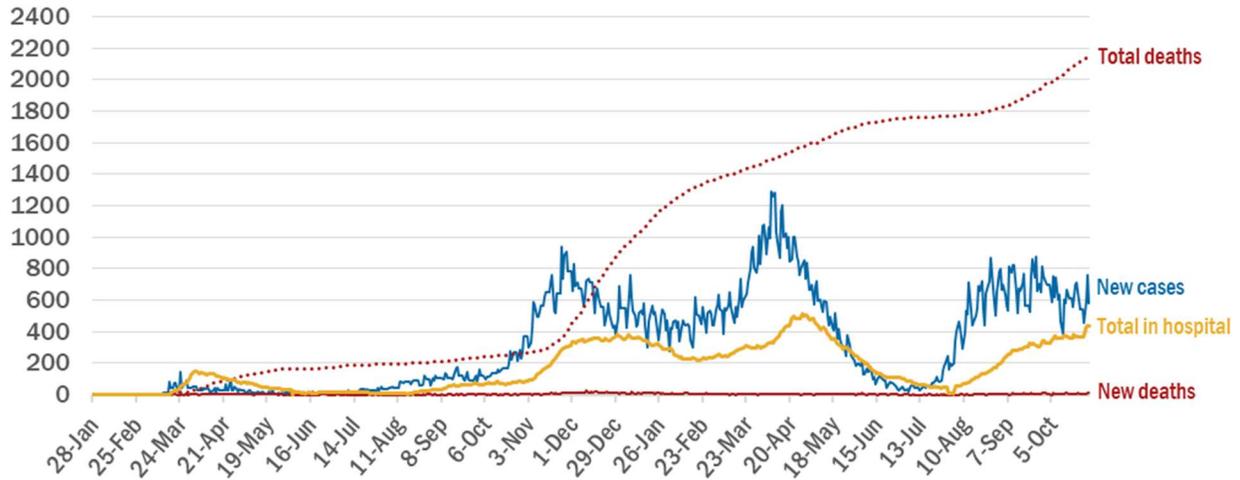
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Oct 28</b>	<b>As of Oct 29</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	204,330	204,914	<b>584</b>
Total active cases in BC	4,961	4,982	<b>21</b>
Currently in intensive care	155	155	<b>0</b>
Currently hospitalized	434	436	<b>2</b>
Total hospitalized to date	11,287	11,338	<b>51</b>
Total deaths in BC	2,147	2,156	<b>9</b>
Total recovered in BC	196,858	197,396	<b>538</b>
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Oct 28</b>	<b>As of Oct 29</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	43,331	43,412	<b>81</b>
Fraser Health	104,335	104,567	<b>232</b>
Island Health	10,600	10,682	<b>82</b>
Interior Health	30,556	30,641	<b>85</b>
Northern Health	15,211	15,315	<b>104</b>
Out of Canada	297	297	<b>0</b>
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Oct 28</b>	<b>As of Oct 29</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	913	921	<b>8</b>
Total active cases	74	70	<b>-4</b>
Total deaths	10	10	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	851	856	<b>5</b>
<b>STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Oct 26</b>	<b>As of Oct 27</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	46,204	46,564	<b>360</b>
Total active cases	1,654	1,562	<b>-92</b>
Total hospitalized	2,136	2,168	<b>32</b>
Total deaths	475	487	<b>12</b>
Total recovered	44,075	44,515	<b>440</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	5,234	5,297	<b>63</b>

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

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

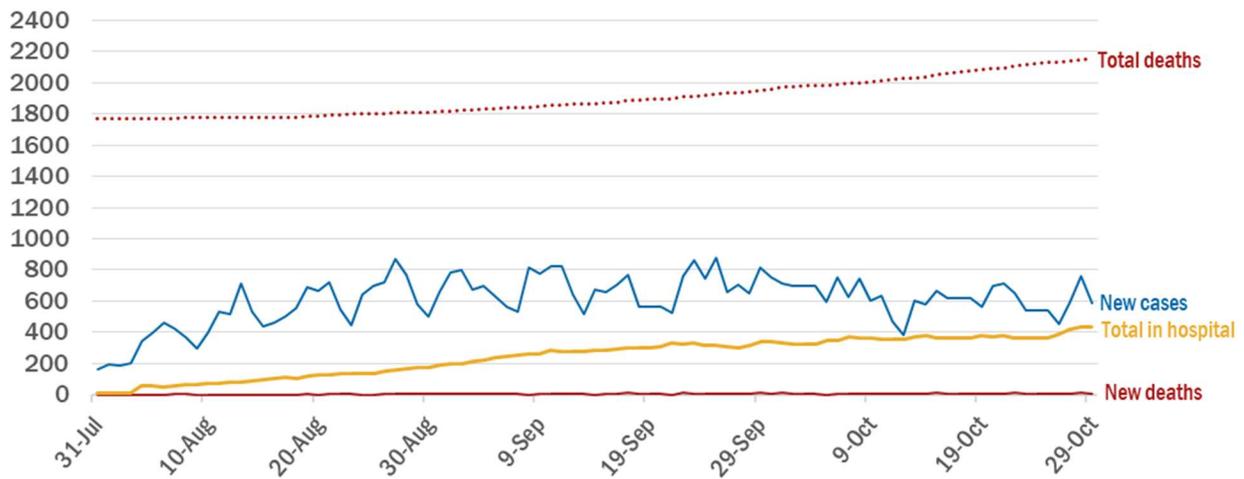
<sup>3</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

### COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

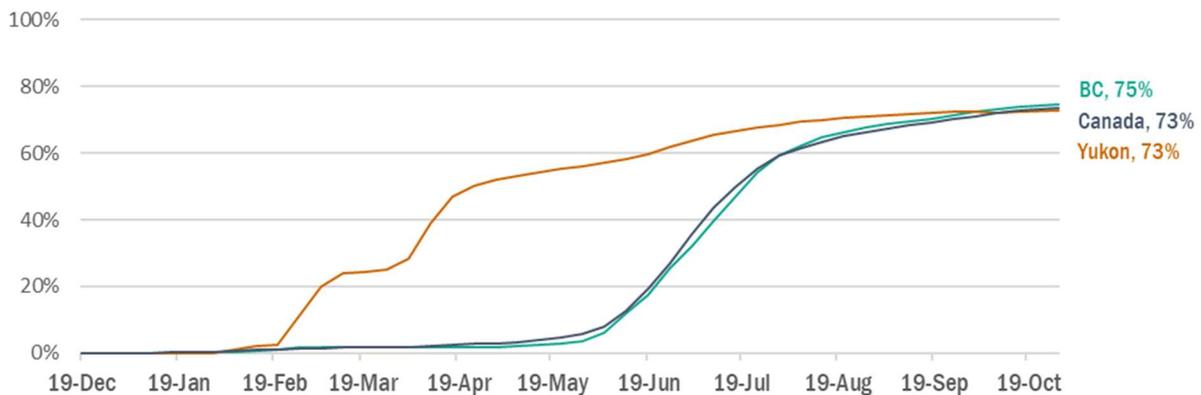


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



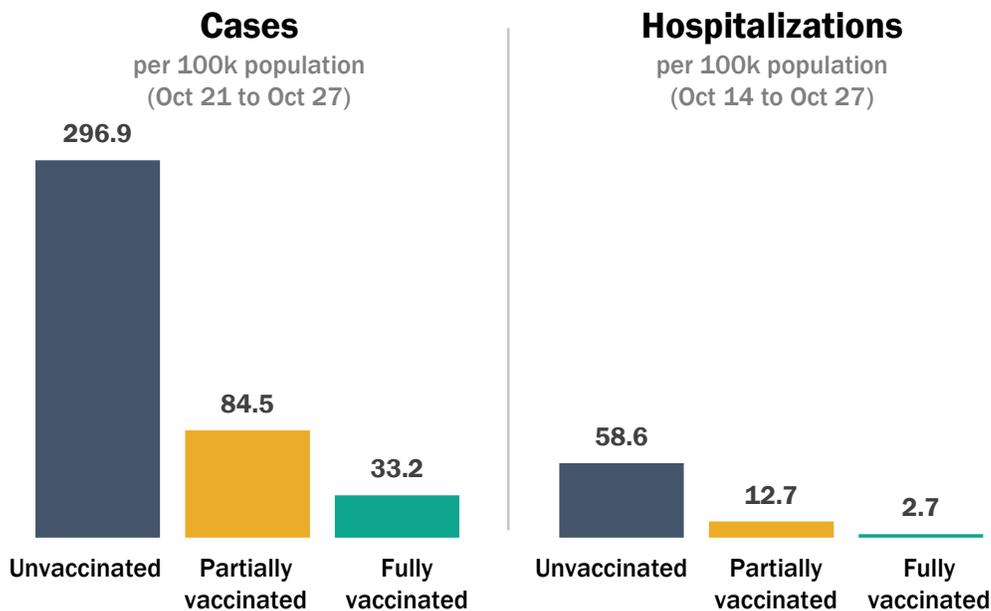
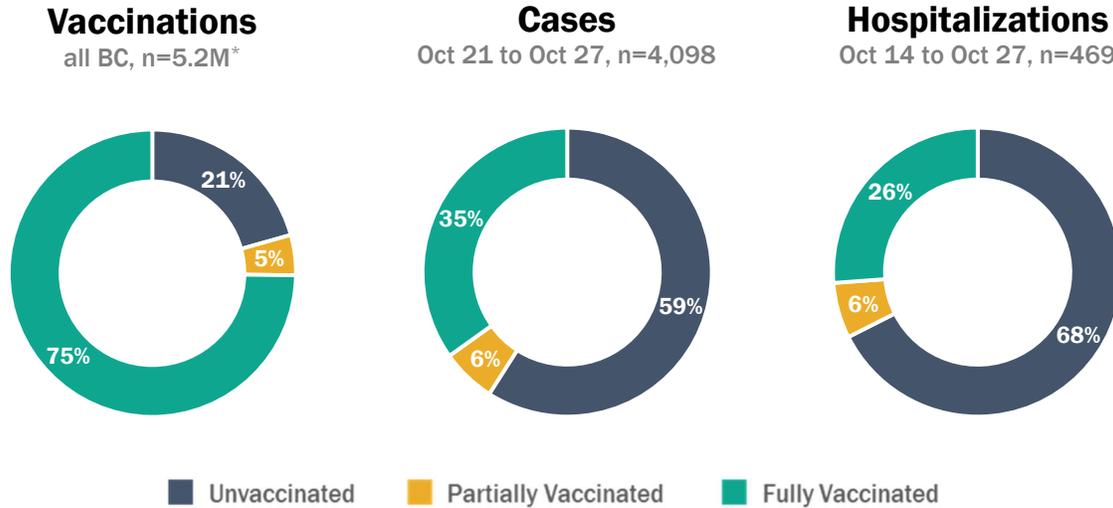
### CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE<sup>4</sup>



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

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

- From October 21 to October 27, 2021, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 65.1% of cases, and from October 14 to October 27, 2021, they accounted for 73.8% of hospitalizations.<sup>5,6</sup>



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

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

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

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, British Columbia’s provincial health officer has **extended the mask mandate that requires masks be worn in all indoor public spaces throughout B.C.** <sup>7</sup> Highlights are as follows:
  - “The previous order, which was set to expire on Oct. 31, 2021, has been extended to continue to slow the transmission of COVID-19.”
  - “The requirement to wear masks in indoor public spaces is being extended during this time of higher transmission of COVID-19 in communities.”
  - Masks are required in all public indoor settings for all people five and older, regardless of vaccination status. These settings include:
    - malls, shopping centres, coffee shops and retail and grocery stores;
    - liquor and drug stores;
    - airports, city halls, libraries, community and recreation centres;
    - restaurants, pubs and bars (unless seated);
    - on public transportation, in a taxi or ride-sharing vehicle;
    - areas of office buildings where services to the public are provided;
    - common areas of sport and fitness centres when not engaged in physical activity;
    - common areas of post-secondary institutions and non-profit organizations; and
    - inside schools for all K-12 staff, visitors and students.
  - Masks may be removed temporarily in indoor public places:
    - to identify the individual wearing the mask;
    - to consume food or beverage at a location designated for this purpose;
    - while participating in a sport or fitness activity in a sport facility;
    - or while receiving a personal or health service that requires the mask to be removed.
  - “People who cannot wear a mask or who cannot put on or remove a mask without the assistance of others are exempt.”
    - “A person may not be able to wear a mask for a psychological, behavioural or health condition or due to a physical, cognitive or mental impairment.”
- Today, the Government of British Columbia announced that **British Columbians can now access the Canadian COVID-19 proof of vaccination for travel.** <sup>8</sup> Highlights are as follows:
  - “Starting Oct. 30, 2021, this proof of vaccination will be required when travelling in Canada by air, rail or cruise ship.”
  - “The Government of Canada has said the federal proof of vaccination can also be used for international travel.”
    - “Before leaving, all travellers are encouraged to check the Government of Canada’s travel requirements and the requirements of the country to which they are travelling.”

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<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0190-002077>

<sup>8</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0068-002075>

- “As with the B.C. Vaccine Card, the new federal proof of vaccination can be accessed through Health Gateway, the Ministry of Health’s web service, by phone or in person at most Service BC offices.”
- “Two doses of any federally approved COVID-19 vaccines, with the second dose administered at least 14 days before travel, are required to be considered fully vaccinated.”
  - “Canadians who are not fully vaccinated must complete testing requirements and mandatory quarantine when returning to Canada.”
- “B.C.’s Vaccine Card will continue to be used for non-essential activities in B.C., including going to a restaurant or sporting event.”
- “The Government of Canada has also indicated it will allow people in B.C. to use the B.C. Vaccine Card to travel within Canada until Nov. 30, 2021, while the new federal proof of vaccination is rolled out.”

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

- Today, Yukon’s acting chief medical officer of health issued a statement on COVID-19.<sup>9</sup> Highlights are as follows:
  - With the number of cases of COVID-19 climbing steadily through September and October, the acting chief medical officer of health asks people to diligently follow her recommendations:
    - Unvaccinated people should stick to groups of six, while people who are vaccinated may have 20 people indoors.
    - People should wear a mask in indoor public spaces and also follow the Halloween guidance to wear a mask when they are within two metres of another person while they are trick or treating.
    - If people have symptoms, they should isolate and get tested.
- On October 28, the Government of Yukon announced **COVID-19 boosters will be available to Yukoners ages 50 and older**.<sup>10</sup> Highlights are as follows:
  - “Following recommendation from the acting Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, COVID-19 boosters will be available to Yukoners ages 50 and older starting November 1.”
  - “People are eligible for a booster when it has been at least six months since they completed their primary COVID-19 vaccine series.”
  - “A booster dose strengthens the immune system response when protection from a primary vaccine series shows signs of waning over time.”
    - “COVID-19 boosters will be launched in a phased approach beginning with Yukoners ages 50 and over as they are at a higher risk of having severe illness from the virus.”
  - “Clinics will begin in Carcross, Watson Lake and Whitehorse the week of November 1.”

**Note:** COVID-19 public exposure notices can be found at the following locations:

<https://bit.ly/NorthernHealthExposures> and <https://bit.ly/YukonExposures>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/10/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-october-29-2021.html>

<sup>10</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/covid-19-booster-doses-be-available-starting-yukoners-ages-50-and-older>

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Canada's chief public health officer issued a statement on COVID-19.<sup>11</sup> Highlights include:
  - The National Advisory Committee on Immunization's (NACI) latest review of vaccine effectiveness data finds that while COVID-19 vaccines in use in Canada continue to be very effective in protecting most people against serious illness, emerging evidence suggests vaccine effectiveness against infection may decrease over time in some situations.
    - "NACI is recommending a booster dose for some populations at highest risk of severe illness and waning protection following their primary series."
    - NACI has expanded their late-September recommendation that adults in long-term care or other congregate care settings should be offered a booster dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine to include seniors, 80 years of age or older, as well.
    - NACI recommends that those at increased risk of severe illness or increased risk of lower protection over time, and front-line health workers who are essential be offered a booster dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.
- Today, the Government of Canada provided further details on new vaccine requirements.<sup>12</sup> Highlights are as follows:
  - **Requirements effective October 30**
    - "As the Government of Canada announced on August 13, travellers in the federally regulated air and rail sectors will need to be vaccinated against COVID-19."
    - "After extensive consultations, Transport Canada issued the final orders and guidance to airlines and railways to implement the vaccination requirements for travellers which are effective at 3 AM (EDT) October 30, 2021."
    - The vaccination requirements will apply to all travellers 12 years of age plus four months who are:
      - Air passengers flying on domestic, transborder, or international flights departing from certain airports in Canada; and
      - Rail passengers on VIA Rail and Rocky Mountaineer trains.
    - "Travellers will need to show airlines and railways proof of vaccination."
      - "For a short transition period until November 29, 2021, travellers have the option to show proof of a valid COVID-19 molecular test in order to board."
    - "There will very few exceptions for emergencies and special accommodations for designated remote communities so residents can continue to access essential services."
  - **Requirements effective November 30**
    - "As of November 30, a negative COVID-19 molecular test will no longer be accepted as an alternative to vaccination."
      - "If travellers have not already started the vaccination process, or do not start very soon, they will not be eligible to travel starting November 30."

This summary was compiled by [CCEM Strategies Ltd.](#) at the request of the 3 Nations Society.

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/10/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-october-29-2021.html>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/10/government-of-canada-provides-further-details-on-new-vaccine-requirements.html>