

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 4 November 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

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Nov 3	As of Nov 4	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	207,120	207,716	596
Total active cases in BC	4,373	4,451	78
Currently in intensive care	137	130	-7
Currently hospitalized*	-	438	-
Total hospitalized to date*	-	11,552	-
Total deaths in BC	2,192	2,200	8
Total recovered in BC	200,220	200,749	529
CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION¹	As of Nov 3	As of Nov 4	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	43,633	43,679	46
Fraser Health	105,505	105,727	222
Island Health	10,998	11,052	54
Interior Health	31,046	31,161	115
Northern Health	15,641	15,800	159
Out of Canada	297	297	0
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Nov 3	As of Nov 4	Change
Total confirmed cases	973	995	22
Total active cases	77	87	10
Total deaths	10	10	0
Total recovered	889	901	12
STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES³	As of Nov 2	As of Nov 3	Change
Total confirmed cases	47,189	47,325	136
Total active cases	1,393	1,319	-74
Total hospitalized	2,201	2,204	3
Total deaths	495	499	4
Total recovered	45,301	45,507	206
Total confirmed cases in BC	5,467	5,485	18

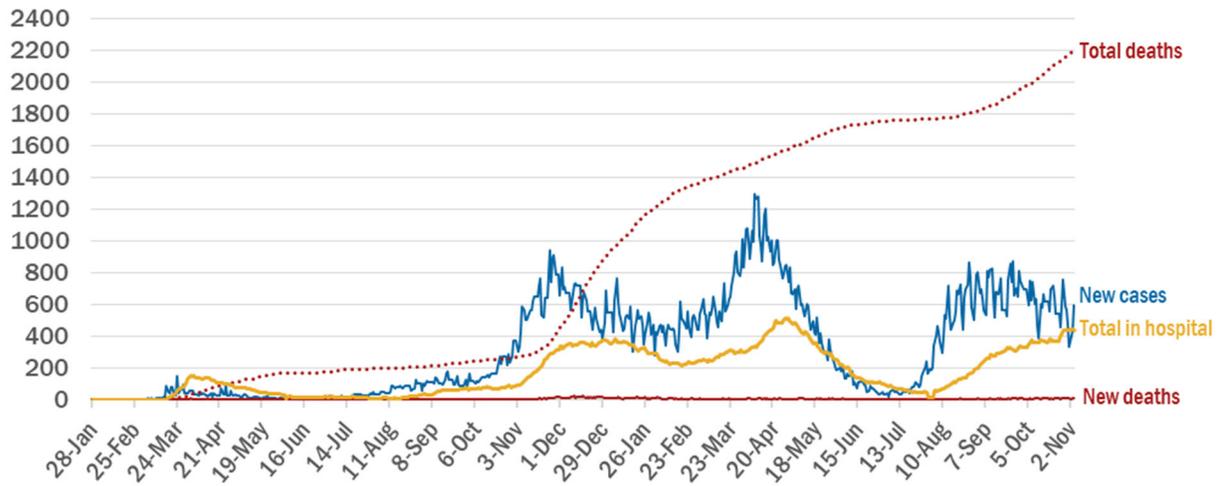
* Due to a B.C. Government database error, hospitalization data was not available on Nov 3.

¹ BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard

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

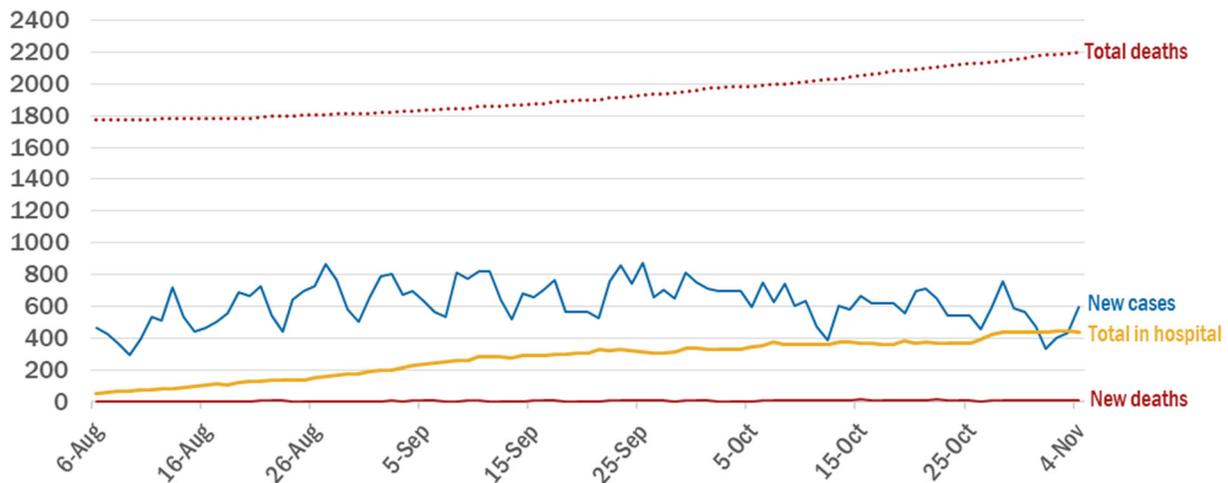
³ <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

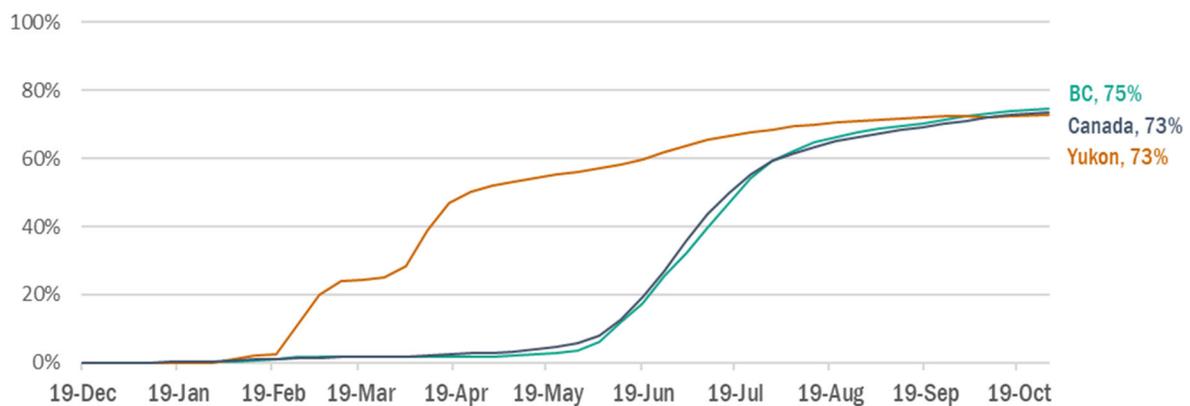


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



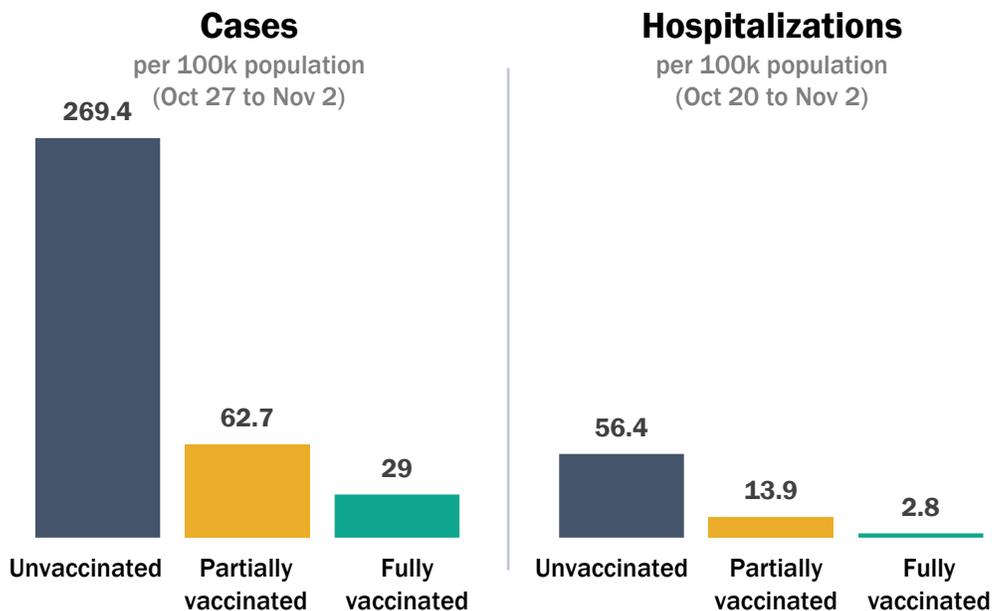
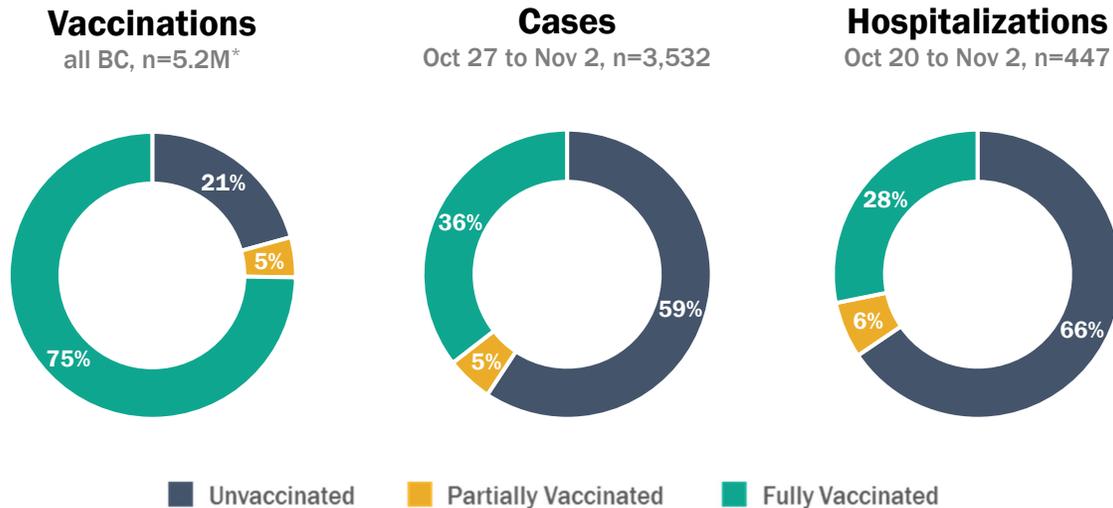
CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE⁴



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

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

- From October 27 to November 2, 2021, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 64.5% of cases, and from October 20 to November 2, 2021, they accounted for 71.8% of hospitalizations.^{5,6}



⁵ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/>

⁶ 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, Adrian Dix, B.C. Minister of Health, and Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C. Provincial Health Officer, presented the latest COVID-19 epidemiological modelling during a live news conference.⁷ Highlights from the news conference include the following:
 - Overall, cases and hospitalizations are decreasing province-wide.
 - Case counts remain low in parts of the province with high vaccination rates.
 - Testing rates remain high and there has been a decrease in the test positivity rate.
 - Cases in the 5-8 and 9-11 age groups increased after the start of the school year but have now dropped dramatically.
 - Higher case counts persist in the Northern Health and Fraser Health regions.
 - Fraser Health has had the bulk of cases since the start of the pandemic.
 - A spillover effect from Northern Health is affecting hospitals province-wide. 100 ICU patients have been transferred out of Northern Health, including 9 since October 31st, most with COVID-19, to other parts of the province.
 - Remaining unvaccinated people are still a tremendous burden on the healthcare system.
 - After adjusting for age, data shows that an unvaccinated person has a 10 times greater risk of infection, a 50 times greater risk of hospitalization, and a 46 times greater risk of death.
 - The reproductive number of the virus has dropped below 1.
 - The reproductive number of the COVID-19 virus has dropped below one in all regions for the first time in several months.
 - The reproductive number represents the average number of people each person with COVID-19 goes on to infect. A value of 1 indicates that every person infected will infect, on average, one other person.
 - The reproductive number is a measure of how fast the disease is spreading. A value above one means an outbreak is growing. When the reproductive number is under 1, disease spread slows and there is potential for the outbreak to be controlled.
 - Without vaccination, the reproductive number is estimated to have been 3.43.
 - 98% of healthcare workers are fully vaccinated and 96% have 1 dose.
 - A breakdown of vaccination rates by major occupation groups in the healthcare system is to be announced tomorrow.
 - Most operating rooms are performing surgeries with some reductions.
 - Non-urgent and urgent surgeries are reapproaching pre-pandemic levels.

⁷ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7ayPGr1aaE&list=PLbER4Sxdn0R5jvMRXJo7tEVE2W_-SFcTC&index=1

- Today, the First Nations Health Authority released a statement encouraging people to get their flu shot to protect themselves and their community.⁸ Details include the following:
 - “The flu shot is more important than ever during the COVID-19 pandemic.”
 - “Due to the pandemic, the health care system is experiencing some of its highest utilization, demand and pressure on record.”
 - “Many rural and remote First Nations communities have limited capacity for hospitalization so reducing the need for hospital beds can be done by getting immunized.”
 - “You do not need to delay getting your flu shot until you receive a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose.” In many clinics you can get them both at the same time.
 - “Even the healthiest people can become seriously ill from the flu, and that puts everybody at risk.”
 - To protect yourself from the flu, follow the same general practices you would for COVID-19
 - Get your flu shot as soon as possible;
 - Avoid touching your face and cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing. For safety, wear a face mask in public spaces;
 - Practice safer social interactions whenever you can;
 - Stay home if you feel sick.
 - “For many First Nations communities, the winter season is usually a time of ceremony and gatherings. This year, with the dual risks of COVID-19 and the flu, we urge you to take extra precautions especially if those at highest risk of severe disease and complications, including Elders and children, are attending.”
 - “The flu shot undergoes rigorous testing before approval and is safe for all ages and health conditions, and effectively prevents transmission.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates today from the Government of Yukon.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- No significant updates today from the Government of Canada.

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

⁸ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/the-flu-shot-is-about-keeping-yourself-and-your-community-safe>