

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 5 November 2021

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

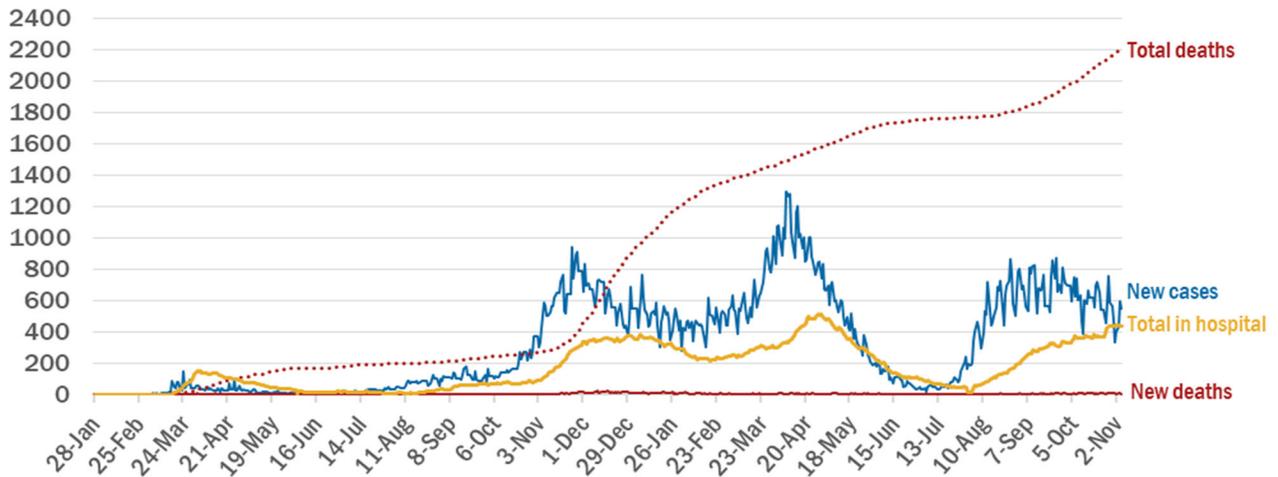
STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Nov 4	As of Nov 5	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	207,716	208,265	549
Total active cases in BC	4,451	4,483	32
Currently in intensive care	130	129	-1
Currently hospitalized*	438	441	3
Total hospitalized to date	11,552	11,601	49
Total deaths in BC	2,200	2,201	1
Total recovered in BC	200,749	201,267	518
CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION¹	As of Nov 4	As of Nov 5	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	43,679	43,757	78
Fraser Health	105,727	105,911	184
Island Health	11,052	11,125	73
Interior Health	31,161	31,271	110
Northern Health	15,800	15,902	102
Out of Canada	297	299	2
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Nov 4	As of Nov 5	Change
Total confirmed cases	995	1,017	22
Total active cases	87	102	15
Total deaths	10	10	0
Total recovered	901	907	6
STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES³	As of Nov 3	As of Nov 4	Change
Total confirmed cases	47,325	47,508	183
Total active cases	1,319	1,305	-14
Total hospitalized	2,204	2,218	14
Total deaths	499	503	4
Total recovered	45,507	45,701	194
Total confirmed cases in BC	5,485	5,504	19

¹ BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard

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

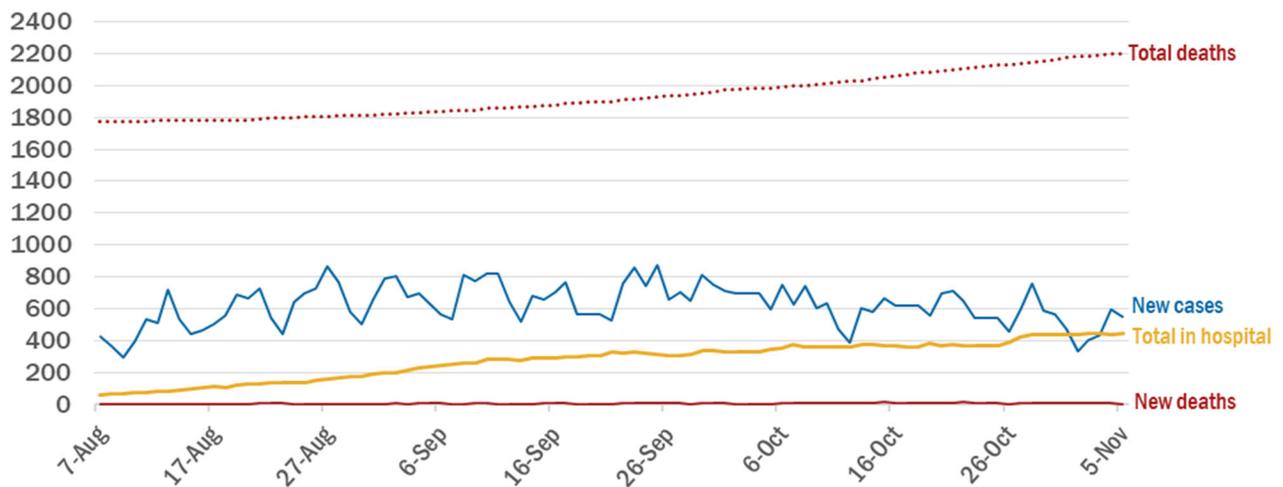
³ <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

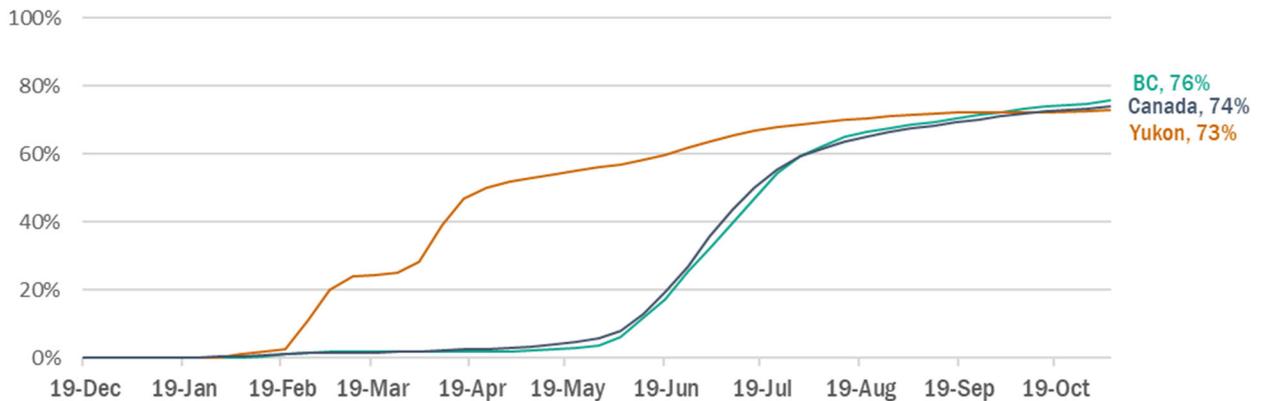


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



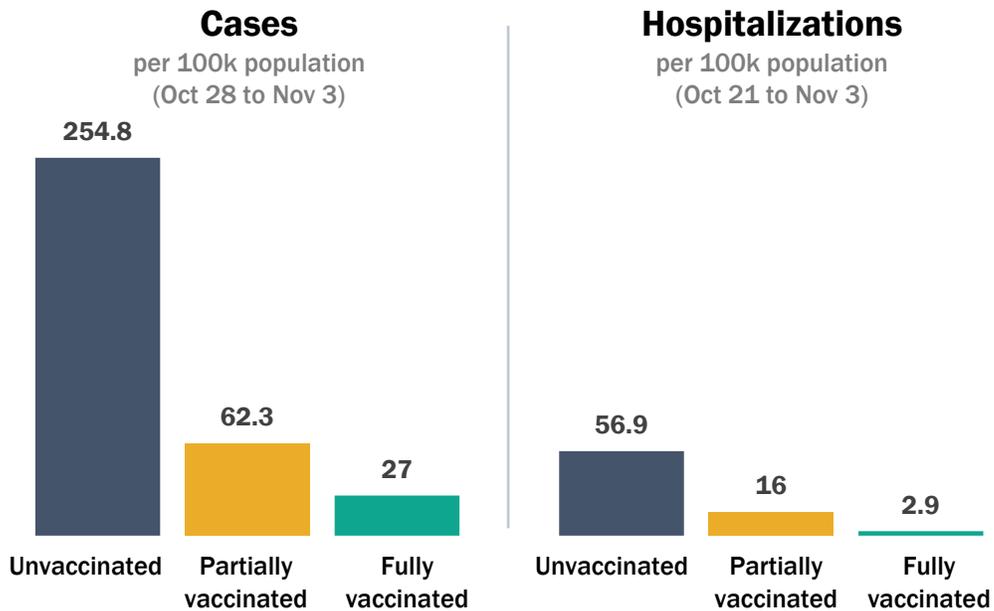
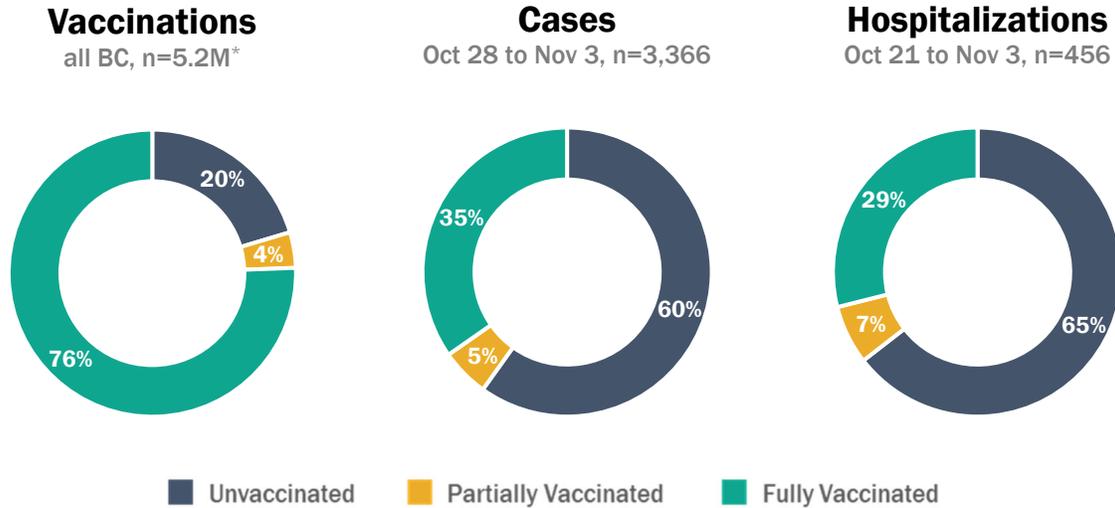
CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE⁴



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

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

- From October 28 to November 3, 2021, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 65.3% of cases, and from October 21 to November 3, 2021, they accounted for 71.1% 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

- No significant updates today from the Government of British Columbia.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today the Yukon's acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Catherine Elliot, confirmed that there is now widespread community transmission of COVID-19 in Whitehorse.⁷
 - There is an increasing number of infected people, many of whom have no known connection to other known cases or exposure sites.
 - Given the increasing case numbers, the acting Chief Medical Officer of Health strongly encourages Yukoners to follow public health recommendations:
 - Follow the Safe 6.
 - Wear a mask indoors.
 - Limit indoor social gatherings to 20 people if everyone 12 and over is fully vaccinated.
 - Limit social gatherings to 6 people if not everyone is fully vaccinated.

Note: COVID-19 public exposure notices can be found at the following locations:
<https://bit.ly/NorthernHealthExposures> and <https://bit.ly/YukonExposures>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, released a statement on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in Canada.⁸ Highlights include the following:
 - “With the predominance of the highly contagious Delta variant, the longer-range forecast continues to reinforce the importance and beneficial impact of public health measures and individual precautions, even at current levels of vaccination coverage.”
 - “While we are continuing to see positive signs, cases could begin to rise again with only a modest increase in transmission.”
 - “This suggests that there could be still bumps in our COVID-19 trajectory and the winter months may bring additional challenges as other respiratory infections make a comeback, but we know that individual practices work to reduce infection and protect against severe outcomes from COVID-19 as well as other respiratory pathogens.”
 - “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), accounts for the majority of recently reported cases, is associated with increased severity, and may reduce the effectiveness of vaccines.

⁷ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/november-5-2021-covid-19-case-update>

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/11/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-november-5-2021.html>

- Most reported cases, hospitalisations and deaths are occurring among unvaccinated people.
- Virus spread in areas with low vaccination coverage presents an ongoing risk for emergence of and replacement by new VOCs, including a risk of VOCs with the ability to evade vaccine protection.”
- “Based on the latest data from 12 provinces and territories for the eligible population, 12 years or older, in recent weeks (September 19 - October 16, 2021) and adjusting for age, average weekly rates indicate that unvaccinated people were significantly more likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 compared to fully vaccinated people.
 - Among youth and adults aged 12 to 59 years, unvaccinated people were 51 times more likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 than fully vaccinated people
 - Among older adults aged 60 years or older, unvaccinated people were 19 times more likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 than fully vaccinated people.”
- “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.”
- “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.”
- Today, Correctional Services Canada (CSC) announced the proof of vaccination requirement for visitors to federal correctional sites.⁹ Details include the following:
 - “Starting on November 15, 2021, visitors will be required to show proof that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to entering a CSC facility such as a correctional institution, Community Correctional Centre, or parole office.”
 - “If someone is unable to be vaccinated, they must present proof of an exemption and a negative COVID-19 test result before entering our facilities.”
 - “To allow for a transition period, from November 15 to January 24, visitors who are not fully vaccinated can show proof of having received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine as well as a recent negative COVID-19 test result. This allows visitors to receive their second dose within this timeframe.”
 - “Vaccination against COVID-19 remains one of the most effective tools to prevent outbreaks and protect the health and safety of our staff, inmates, and communities.”
 - “This new requirement does not apply to children under the age of 12 and emergency services personnel entering our facilities on an urgent basis.”
 - “Health and safety measures implemented in response to the pandemic continue to be in place at all CSC facilities. Prior to entering an institution, visitors will continue to undergo a

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/correctional-service/news/2021/11/proof-of-vaccination-requirement-for-visitors-of-federal-correctional-sites.html>

- COVID-19 screening process and will be required to wear a mask and wash or sanitize their hands. Visitor spaces will continue to be cleaned and disinfected before and after each visit.”
- “Given that federal inmates live in congregate living environments, these additional measures will help ensure that our institutions are kept as safe as possible. In addition to in-person visits, CSC continues to make available video visitations and telephone calls to allow inmates to maintain regular contact with their family, friends, and support networks.”
 - Today, in advance of the U.S. border reopening to travelers on November 8, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) issued a reminder to travelers of COVID-19 border measures and testing requirements for re-entry to Canada.¹⁰
 - “On November 8, 2021, the United States will begin allowing fully vaccinated travellers from Canada to enter the United States at land and ferry points of entry for discretionary (non-essential) reasons, such as tourism.”
 - “The Canada Border Services Agency would like to remind travellers that border measures remain in place for travellers entering or returning to Canada and that they should get informed and understand their obligations as they make their travel plans.”
 - “Fully vaccinated travellers coming to Canada must complete the mandatory pre-arrival molecular COVID-19 test and submit their mandatory information including their digital proof of vaccination in English or French using the free ArriveCAN (App or website) within 72 hours before arriving in Canada.”
 - “Antigen tests, often called “rapid tests,” are not accepted.”
 - “Fully vaccinated travellers who are eligible to enter Canada continue to be subject to mandatory random testing on arrival.”
 - For short trips, that are less than 72 hours, Canadian citizens, people registered under the Indian Act, permanent residents and protected persons travelling to the United States are allowed to take their pre-arrival molecular test before they leave Canada.”
 - “If the test is more than 72 hours old when they re-enter Canada, they will be required to get a new pre-arrival molecular test in the United States.”
 - “Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated travellers who are eligible to enter Canada must continue to follow pre-arrival, arrival and Day-8 molecular COVID-19 testing requirements, and quarantine for 14 days.”

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

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2021/11/travel-advisory-reminder--travelling-to-the-us-covid-19-border-measures-and-testing-requirements-remain-in-place-when-you-come-home.html>