

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 10 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 9	As of Nov 10	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	210,203	210,758	555
Total active cases in BC	4,301	4,321	20
Currently in intensive care	124	117	-7
Currently hospitalized	426	404	-22
Total hospitalized to date*	11,737	-	-
Total deaths in BC	2,223	2,234	11
Total recovered in BC	203,375	203,909	203,534
CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION¹	As of Nov 9	As of Nov 10	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	43,960	44,010	50
Fraser Health	106,638	106,835	197
Island Health	11,422	11,510	88
Interior Health	31,713	31,827	114
Northern Health	16,171	16,277	106
Out of Canada	299	299	0
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Nov 9	As of Nov 10	Change
Total confirmed cases	1,132	1,153	21
Total active cases	158	156	-2
Total deaths	10	10	0
Total recovered	955	965	10
STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES³	As of Nov 8	As of Nov 9	Change
Total confirmed cases	47,976	48,070	94
Total active cases	1,268	1,218	-50
Total hospitalized	2,237	2,244	7
Total deaths	508	509	1
Total recovered	46,200	46,343	143
Total confirmed cases in BC	5,612	5,623	11

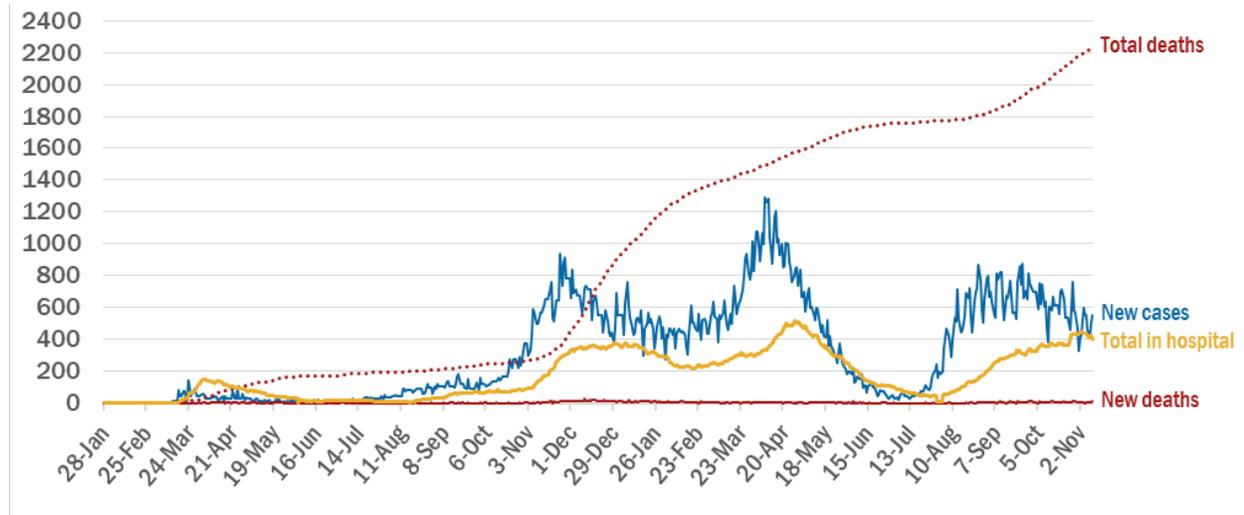
¹ BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard

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

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

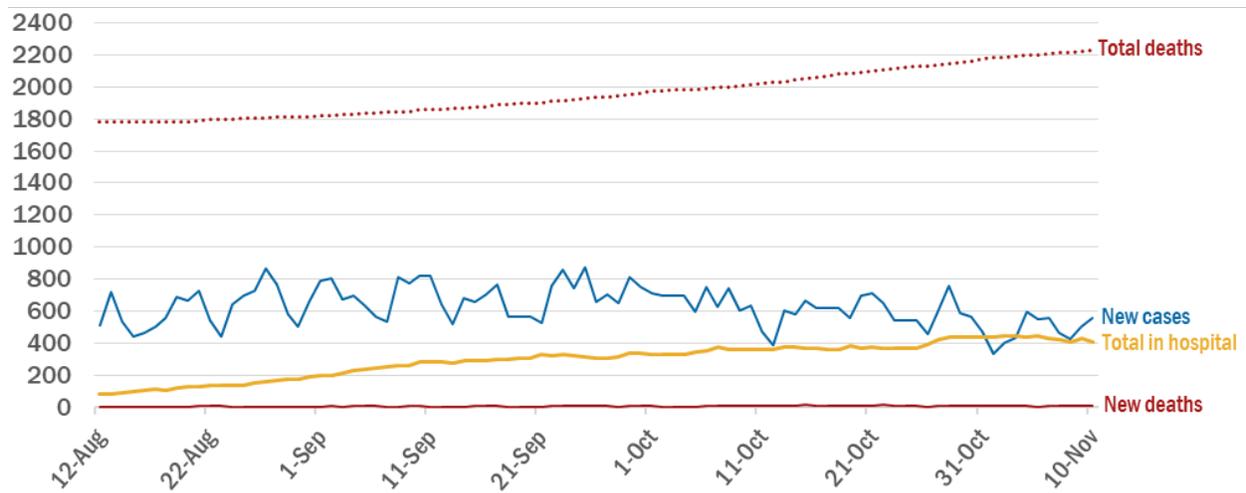
*Due to a B.C. Government database error, total hospitalizations was not available on Nov 10.

COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

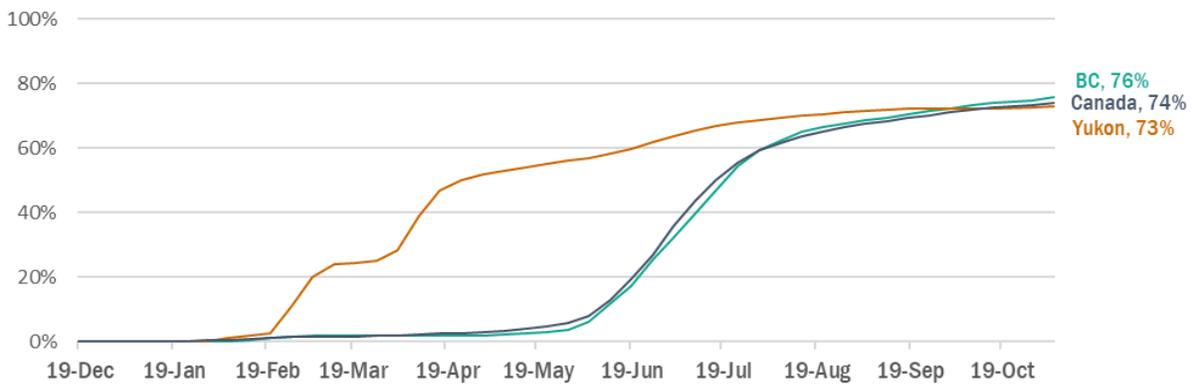


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



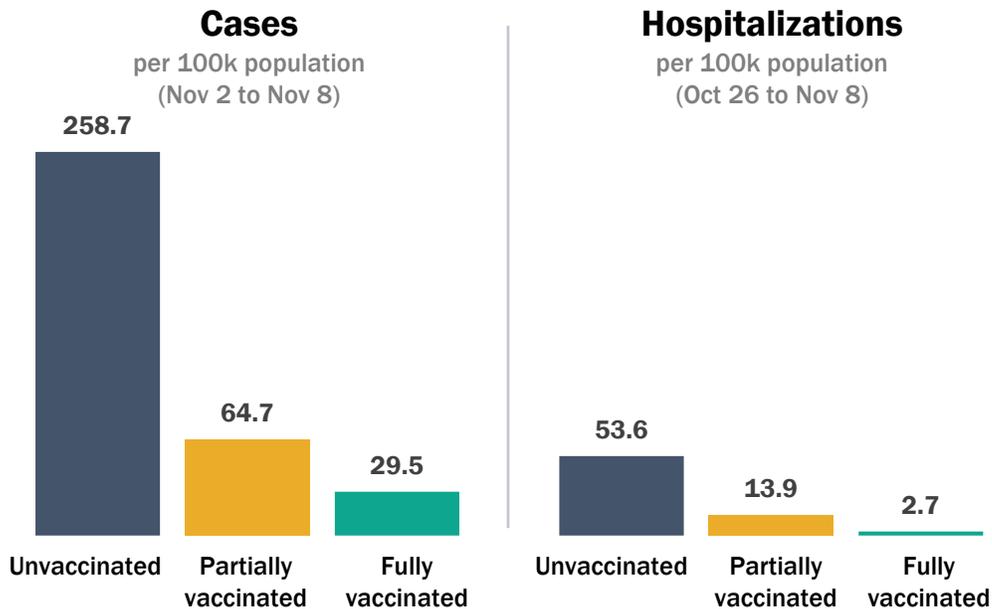
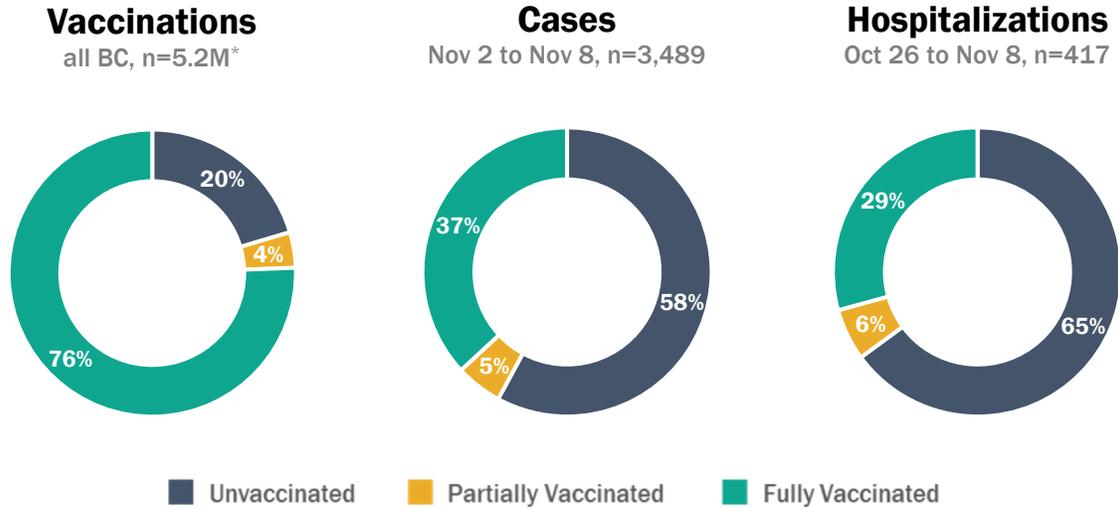
CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE⁴



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

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

- From November 2 to November 8, 2021, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 63.1% of cases, and from October 26 to November 8, 2021, they accounted for 70.8% 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, Dr. Shannon McDonald, acting Chief Medical Officer for the First Nations Health Authority, released a statement on COVID-19 booster shots.⁷ Highlights include the following:
 - **What are booster shots and why are they needed?**
 - Booster shots are common for many types of vaccines (such as Tetanus, Influenza, or Whooping Cough, to name a few) where the effectiveness gradually weakens over time.
 - Booster shots keep the antibodies in your immune system at a high level, providing better and longer protection to you and the people around you.
 - **When is the best time to get a booster shot?**
 - If you are over 18 and fully vaccinated, you should get a booster shot when it becomes available to you.
 - In BC, this will be about six to eight months after your second shot.
 - In certain circumstances, such as an outbreak in community, doctors may recommend a booster as early as two months after the second shot.
 - This is the best timing to ensure the longest and strongest protection.
 - This timing also minimizes the potential for side effects (mostly a sore arm and “flu-like” symptoms).
 - **Does this mean my vaccine is no longer effective?**
 - Those of us who are fully vaccinated can rest assured that our immunity will not suddenly disappear.
 - Immunity to COVID-19 infection decreases slowly over time.
 - Even though you may be more likely to get infected with COVID-19 as your immunity decreases, protection against severe illness remains strong for most people for at least six to eight months and even longer.
 - People who are being prioritized to get their boosters first include:
 - Those whose immunity weakens more quickly;
 - Those who are exposed to the virus more often; and
 - Those who are likely to get very sick.
 - This includes people who are over 70, health care workers, Indigenous people who are over 18, and all people who live in remote and Indigenous communities.
 - **Does it matter which booster I get?**
 - Both Moderna (SpikeVax) and Pfizer (Comirnaty) have been carefully studied and are safe and effective as boosters.
 - Clinics may have only one type of vaccine on hand, and either can be used for the booster shot, no matter which vaccine you received for your first two shots.

⁷ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/covid-19-boosters-what-they-are-and-why-you-need-them>

- Some concern has been expressed about “half doses” being used for the Moderna booster.
 - The decision to provide this dose has been carefully studied.
 - It is important to know that you will receive the necessary booster dose of whichever vaccine you get.
 - The amount of vaccine needed as a booster can be different from the amount used for the first and second shots, as the body is already primed to fight infection.
 - Both booster vaccines are formulated to provide the best balance between boosting immunity and minimizing side effects.
- **Is a booster simply a “third shot”?**
 - No. A third shot is part of the primary vaccine series for people with immune systems that are moderately or severely weakened.
 - This includes people who are on cancer treatments or who have received an organ transplant.
 - Although these people are considered fully vaccinated on their BC Vaccine Card, they need the extra shot to more fully protect their health.
 - The third shot helps build enough antibodies to bring them up to a similar level of protection that people with healthy immune systems can expect after only two shots.
 - They will likely still need a booster shot as well.
- **Should we be isolating again until everyone gets their booster?**
 - Your two shots provide good protection until you are offered a booster, so there is no need to return to the kind of isolation required before vaccines were available.
 - You do need to continue following public health recommendations, including wearing a mask, staying home when you have symptoms, washing your hands frequently, and isolating when required.
 - Boosters are an extra layer of protection in addition to what you are already doing to keep yourself and your community healthy.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, **the Government of Yukon introduced vaccination requirements for designated settings** to protect public health.⁸ Highlights include the following:
 - “Starting November 13, 2021, people age 12 and up will be required to provide proof of vaccination to access designated establishments and services in the Yukon.”
 - “Designated settings that require proof of vaccination include bars, restaurants, gyms, recreation facilities, art galleries, theatres, and hair and nail salons.”
 - “Proof of vaccination will not be required to access essential services such as health care, grocery stores, banks, pharmacies, public transportation and shelters.”

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/vaccination-requirements-designated-settings-introduced-protect-public-health>

- “Beginning November 13, 2021, people will be required to show the paper or digital copy of their Proof of Vaccination Credential as well as a piece of government-issued photo identification in order to access those establishments and services on the list of designated settings.”
 - “Government-issued identification for youth age 12 to 18 will not require a photo.”
 - “Yukoners can request their Proof of Vaccination Credential online at Yukon.ca/vaccine-proof.”
- “A Yukon-specific QR code reader app is being developed to support local businesses and organizations to verify vaccination status.”
 - “The app will securely verify an individual’s Proof of Vaccination Credential and will be made available for free in the coming days.”
- “The Government of Yukon is also implementing a new vaccine requirement for all territorial government employees, including teachers, as well as all front-line health care workers.”
 - “Employees will be required to have their first dose of vaccine no later than November 30 and their second dose no later than January 30.”
 - “This vaccine requirement also applies to employees of partner organizations that the Yukon government funds to provide services to vulnerable populations.”
 - “Government officials are working directly with those organizations to help them implement these new public health requirements.”
 - “This vaccine requirement for employment will be in effect until general public health concerns are reduced to a level where workplaces can operate without COVID-19 related restrictions, as advised by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.”
- Today, Premier Sandy Silver and acting Chief Medical Officer of Health Catherine Elliott issued a joint statement on **respectful treatment of the Yukon’s health care providers**:⁹
 - “Our territory’s dedicated team of health care professionals are working hard every day to keep Yukoners safe and healthy.”
 - “Following the announcement of new COVID-19 health requirements and emergency measures there have been reports of verbal abuse and insults towards nurses and other front-line staff.”
 - “This aggressive and unacceptable behaviour is creating safety concerns and it must stop.”
 - “Complaints about public health policy and emergency measures should be directed toward government and health decision makers, not front-line staff.”
 - “Health care providers deserve our deep respect and gratitude.”
 - “We will continue supporting them while advancing safe and courteous working conditions.”
 - “We encourage all Yukoners to do the same and join us in showing appreciation for their continued service to our communities.”

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/joint-statement-respectful-treatment-yukons-healthcare-providers>

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, the Treasury Board of Canada released a statement regarding the **easing of COVID-19 restrictions in Government of Canada workplaces**.¹⁰ Highlights include the following:
 - “The Government of Canada occupational health update will allow more public servants to work together in larger numbers in federal work settings.”
 - The occupational health update will inform departmental planning around where and how federal public servants can work based on their operational contexts, the nature of their work, and the guidance of public health authorities.
 - “There is no one-size-fits-all approach.”
 - “As the heads of their organizations, deputy heads are responsible for the safety and well-being of their employees.”
 - “As has been the case from the outset of the pandemic, employees can be confident that every measure continues to be taken to ensure their health and safety in the workplace.”
 - Approximately 95% of federal public servants have been fully vaccinated and 98% have had at least one shot.
 - Public health measures will continue to be monitored to ensure the health and safety of employees is a priority.

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

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/treasury-board-secretariat/news/2021/11/the-president-of-the-treasury-board-mona-fortier-welcomes-easing-of-covid-19-restrictions-in-government-of-canada-workplaces.html>