

## NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 24 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

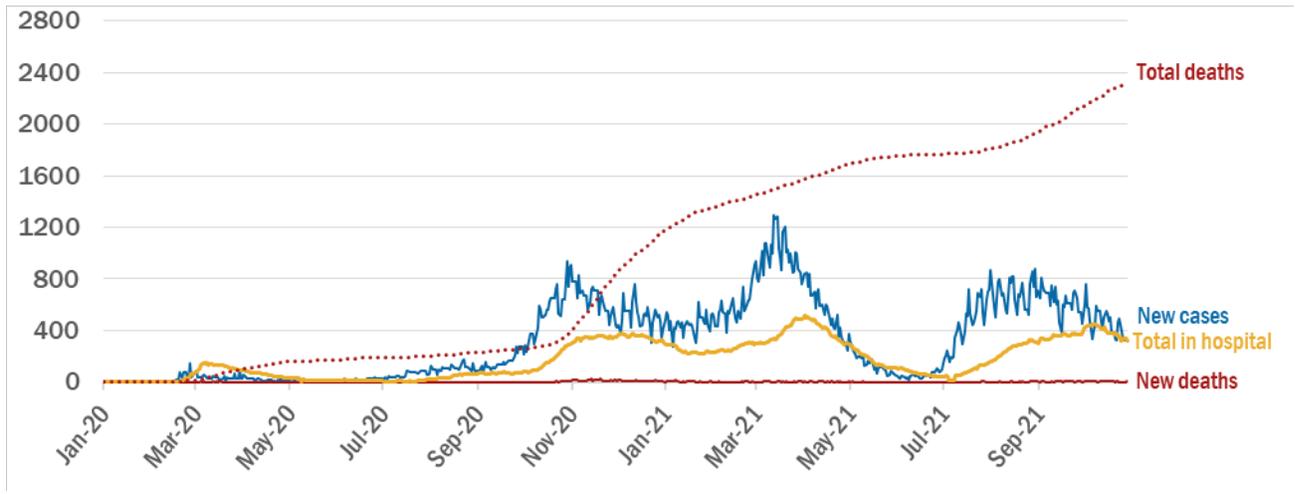
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Nov 23</b>	<b>As of Nov 24</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	216,012	216,334	<b>322</b>
Total active cases in BC	3,047	3,015	<b>-32</b>
Currently in intensive care	115	109	<b>-6</b>
Currently hospitalized	345	318	<b>-27</b>
Total hospitalized to date	12,143	12,171	<b>28</b>
Total deaths in BC	2,304	2,313	<b>9</b>
Total recovered in BC	210,478	210,828	<b>350</b>
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Nov 23</b>	<b>As of Nov 24</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	44,644	44,694	<b>50</b>
Fraser Health	108,586	108,686	<b>100</b>
Island Health	12,244	12,286	<b>42</b>
Interior Health	32,989	33,075	<b>86</b>
Northern Health	17,249	17,293	<b>44</b>
Out of Canada	300	300	<b>0</b>
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Nov 23</b>	<b>As of Nov 24</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	1,446	1,454	<b>8</b>
Total active cases	126	121	<b>-5</b>
Total deaths	12	12	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	1,313	1,338	<b>25</b>
<b>STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Nov 22</b>	<b>As of Nov 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	49,612	49,693	<b>81</b>
Total active cases	1,038	1,023	<b>-15</b>
Total hospitalized	2,324	2,331	<b>7</b>
Total deaths	532	534	<b>2</b>
Total recovered	48,042	48,136	<b>94</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	5,953	5,953	<b>0</b>

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

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

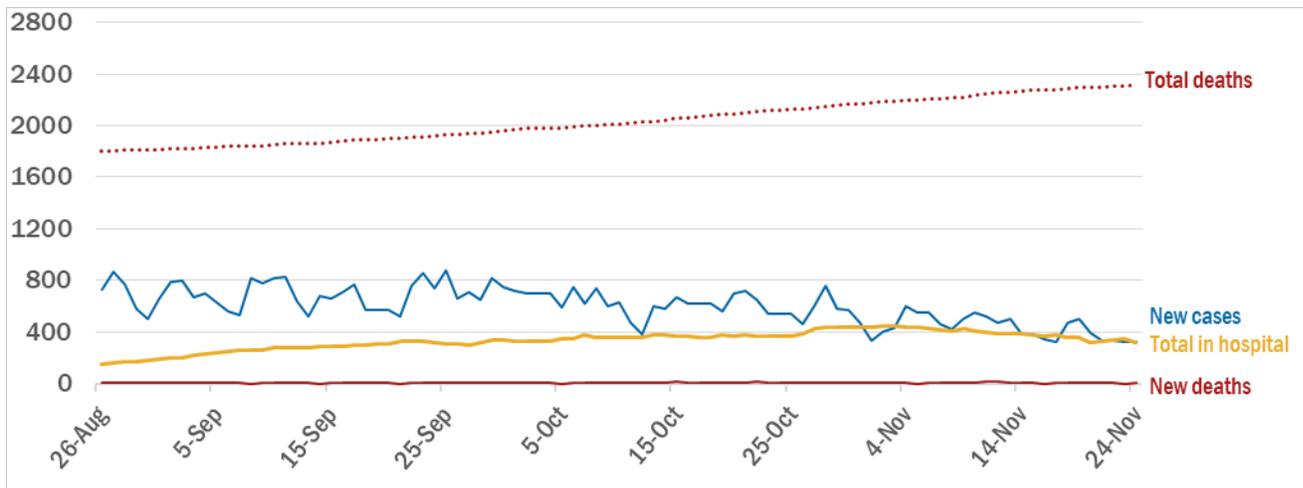
<sup>3</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

### COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

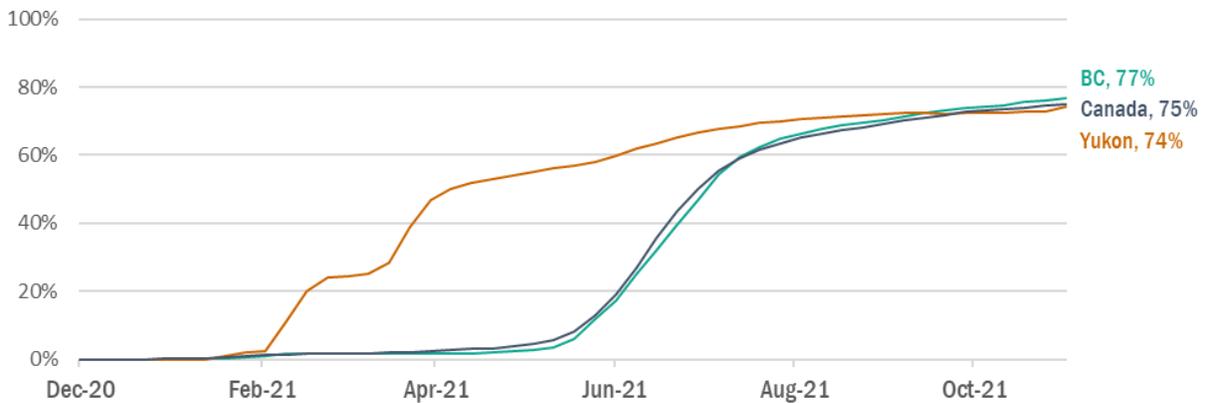


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



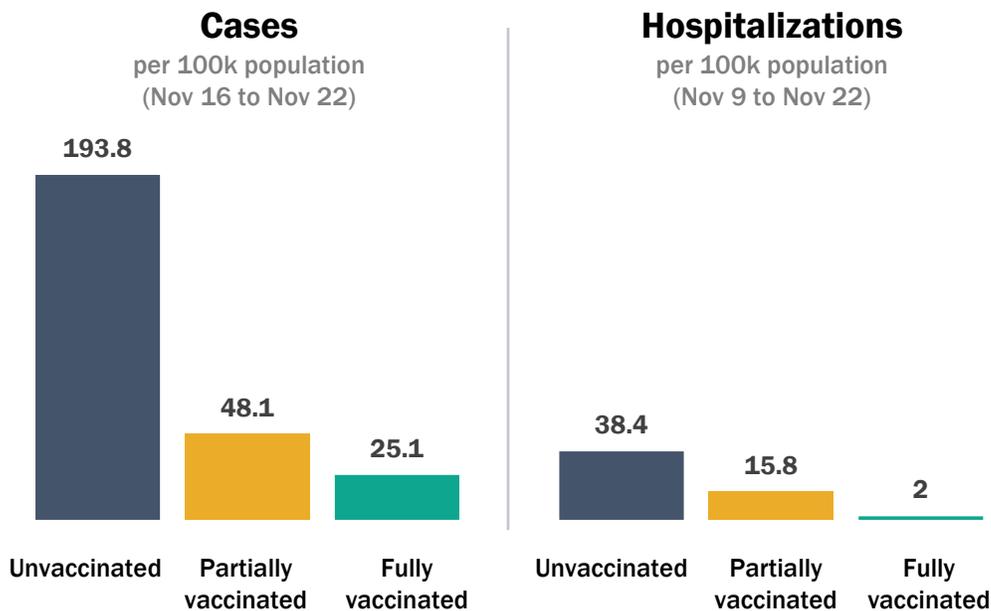
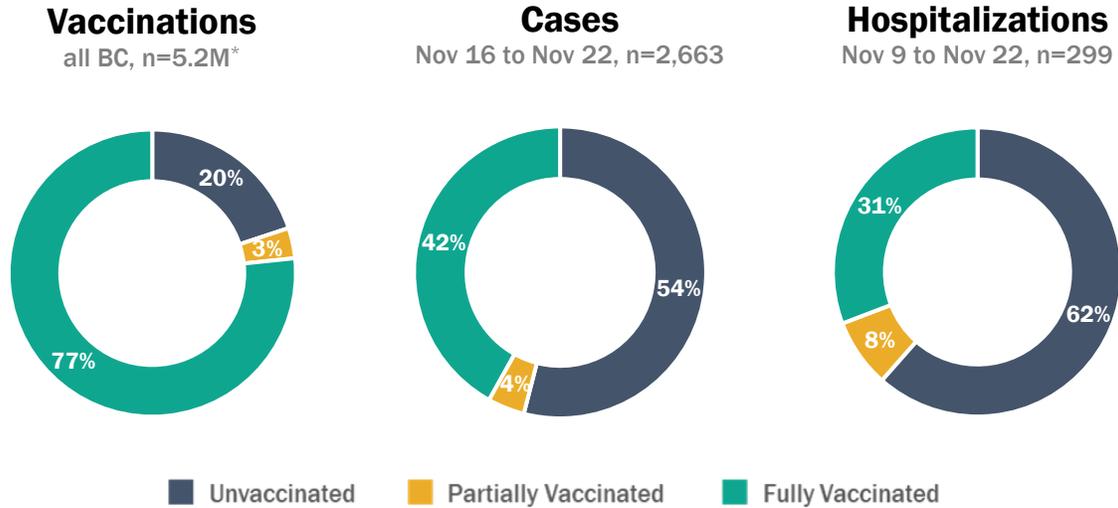
### CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE<sup>4</sup>



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

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

- From November 16 to November 22, 2021, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 58.1% of cases, and from November 9 to November 22, 2021, they accounted for 69.2% 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, the Government of British Columbia announced the introduction of paid sick leave for workers in the province.<sup>7</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - Beginning on **January 1, 2022**, a **minimum of five paid sick days per year** will be standard for workers in British Columbia.
  - “This new workplace protection applies to **all workers covered by the Employment Standards Act, including part-time workers.**”
  - “During a two-month period at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, workplace outbreaks led to nearly 200 businesses being shut down in the Fraser Health region alone.”
    - “Workplaces with pre-existing paid sick leave policies saw less workplace transmission.”
  - “The Province consulted with workers and employers around B.C. to find out what currently exists in the way of paid sick leave and to gather feedback on three options – three, five or 10 days of paid sick leave – to come into effect in the new year. More than 60,000 people participated in the engagement.”
  - “Feedback from the workplaces that already provide paid sick leave found that most workers take between zero and five days of sick leave each year.”
  - “The Province looked to other jurisdictions that have mandated paid sick leave, including in the United States, Australia, New Zealand and several European countries.”
    - “Their experiences have shown the cost increases for most business were less than expected.”
    - “They also experienced significant benefits, including increased productivity and retention of trained staff, reduced risks of injury, improved morale and increased labour-force participation.”
  - Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.’s provincial health officer, added that the province has “learned in this pandemic how important it is for workers to be able to stay home if they are sick. Paid sick leave is one more way we can support workers and help prevent the transmission of disease. It gives people the means to stay away from work if they’re sick and reduces the risk to their co-workers or others they come in contact with through their jobs.”

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Yesterday, the Government of Yukon announced the new Yukon Vaccination Verifier app is now available for download.<sup>8</sup> Details include the following:
  - “The app will help designated services and establishments verify Yukoners’ proof of vaccination credentials.”
  - “The app will scan the QR code located on the proof of vaccination credential and confirm if someone is partially or fully vaccinated.”

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<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PREM0073-002235>

<sup>8</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/new-yukon-vaccination-verifier-app-now-available-download>

- “Designated establishments and services can either use the app to verify vaccination status or visually verify. People age 12 and up will be required to show one piece of government-issued photo identification to confirm their identity.”
- “The app can scan any QR code that meets the federal standard. At this time almost all provinces and territories meet the standard.”
- “The proof of vaccination credential and the app are designed to protect your privacy. The app does not store any data and the QR code only contains the minimum amount of information needed. The proof of vaccination credential does not link to any other records.”
- “The app is free to download from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. You must have an internet connection to download the app, but you do not need an internet connection to scan QR codes.”

**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 Government of Canada announced the introduction of legislation (Bill C-2) in the House of Commons that would provide targeted COVID-19 recovery measures and support.<sup>9</sup> Highlights of the introduced Bill C-2 include the following:
  - Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland today introduced Bill C-2 for consideration by Parliament.
  - The bill would:
    - “Extend the Canada Recovery Hiring Program until May 7, 2022, for eligible employers with current revenue losses above 10% and increase the subsidy rate to 50%. The extension would help businesses continue to hire back workers, increase hours, and create the additional jobs Canada needs for a robust recovery.”
    - “Deliver targeted support to businesses still facing significant pandemic-related challenges. Support would be available through three streams:
      - **Tourism and Hospitality Recovery Program**, which would provide support through wage and rent subsidies to, for example, hotels, tour operators, travel agencies, and restaurants, with a subsidy rate of up to 75%. The types of business that would be eligible are detailed in the proposed legislation and in the backgrounder associated with today’s announcement.
      - **Hardest-Hit Business Recovery Program**, which would provide support through wage and rent subsidies to other businesses that have faced deep losses, with a subsidy rate of up to 50%.
      - **Local Lockdown Program**, which would provide businesses that face temporary new local lockdowns up to the maximum amount available through the wage and rent subsidy programs.”

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/11/government-introduces-legislation-to-create-jobs-and-implement-targeted-covid-19-support.html>

- The proposed legislation would also:
  - “**Extend the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit and the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit** until May 7, 2022, and increase the maximum duration of benefits by 2 weeks. This would extend the caregiving benefit from 42 to 44 weeks and the sickness benefit from 4 to 6 weeks.
  - **Establish the Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit** which would provide \$300 a week in income support to eligible workers who are directly impacted by a COVID-19-related public health lockdown in their region up until May 7, 2022. Eligible workers would be able to apply to receive this support retroactively from October 24, 2021.”

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