

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 30 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 29	As of Nov 30	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	218,068	218,426	358
Total active cases in BC	2,882	2,889	7
Currently in intensive care	115	104	-11
Currently hospitalized	303	300	-3
Total hospitalized to date	12,320	12,329	9
Total deaths in BC	2,333	2,333	0
Total recovered in BC	212,704	213,053	349
CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION¹	As of Nov 29	As of Nov 30	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	44,924	44,977	53
Fraser Health	109,232	109,339	107
Island Health	12,655	12,712	57
Interior Health	33,434	33,519	85
Northern Health	17,524	17,580	56
Out of Canada	299	299	0
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Nov 29	As of Nov 30	Change
Total confirmed cases	1,507	1,514	7
Total active cases	69	59	-10
Total deaths	13	13	0
Total recovered	1,429	1,458	29
STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES³	As of Nov 27	As of Nov 29	Change
Total confirmed cases	50,043	50,625	582
Total active cases	958	919	-39
Total hospitalized	2,340	2,346	6
Total deaths	539	543	4
Total recovered	48,546	48,803	257
Total confirmed cases in BC	6,001	6,045	44

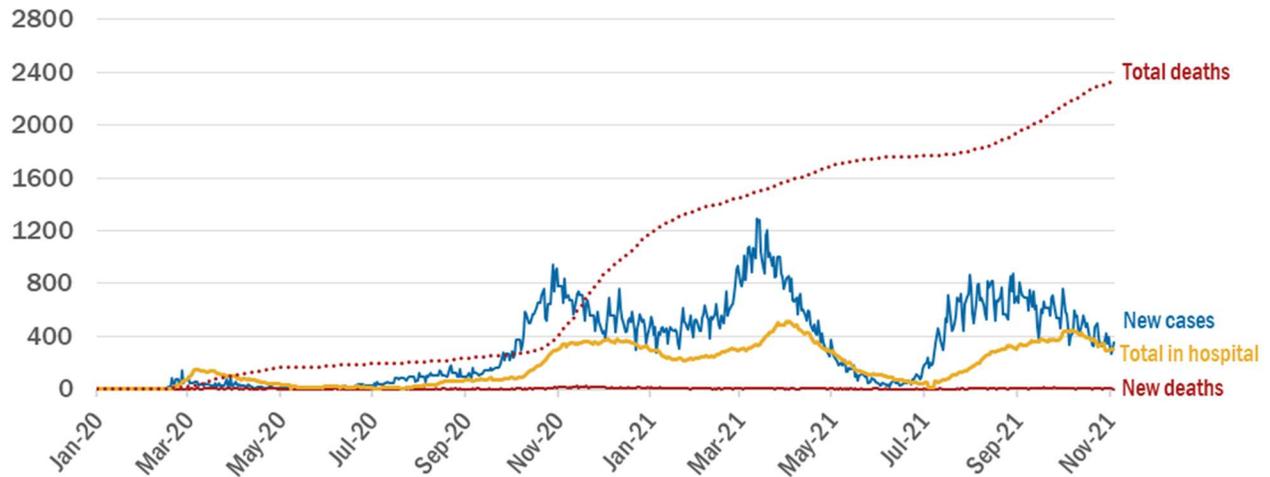
¹ BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard

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

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

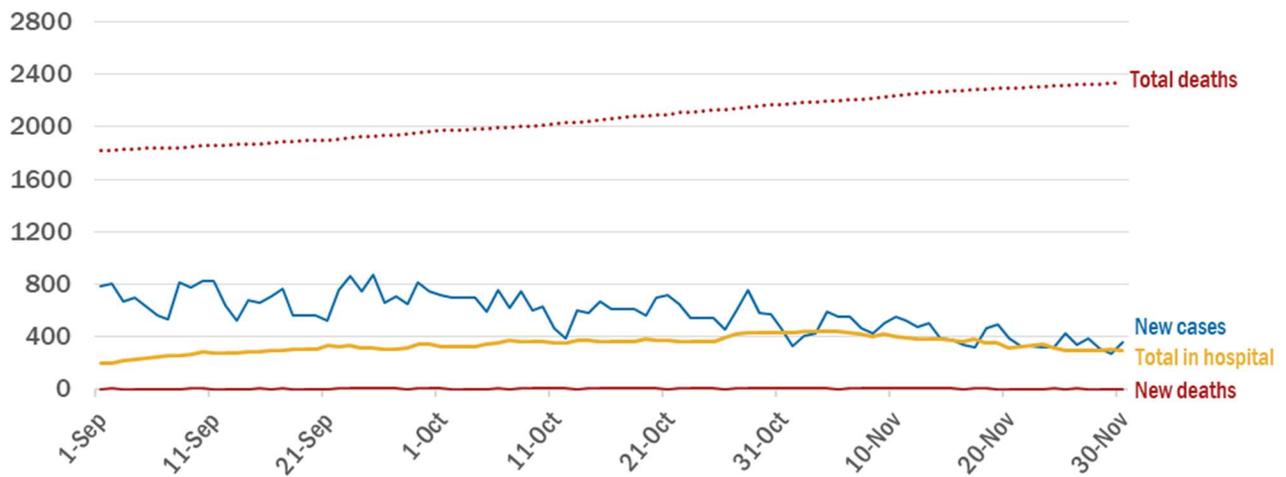
*The BCCDC is reporting 389 new cases on November 27, 309 new cases on November 28, and 272 new cases on November 29.

COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

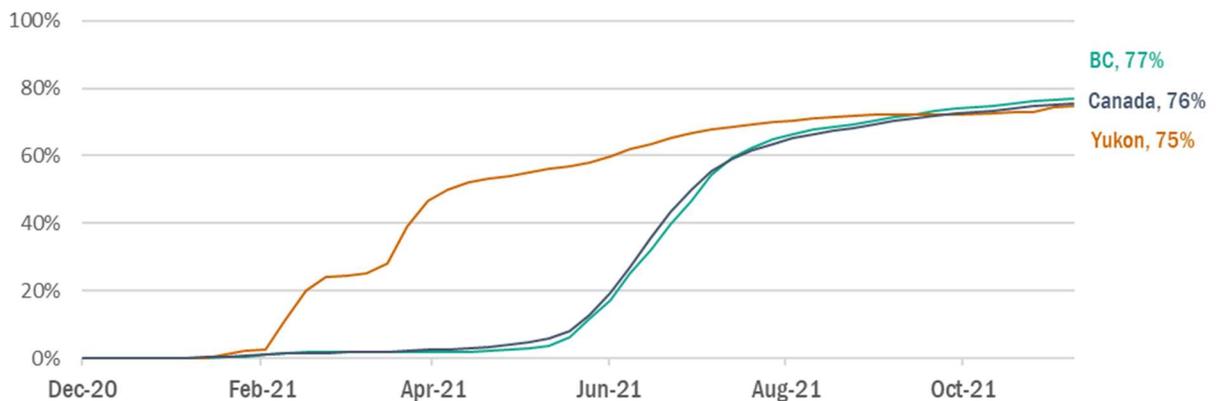


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



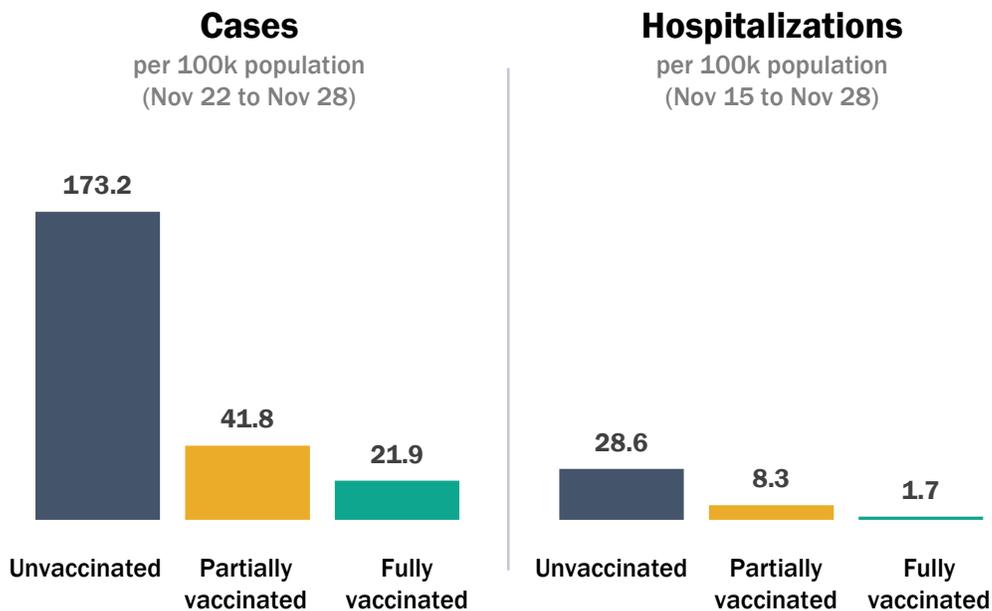
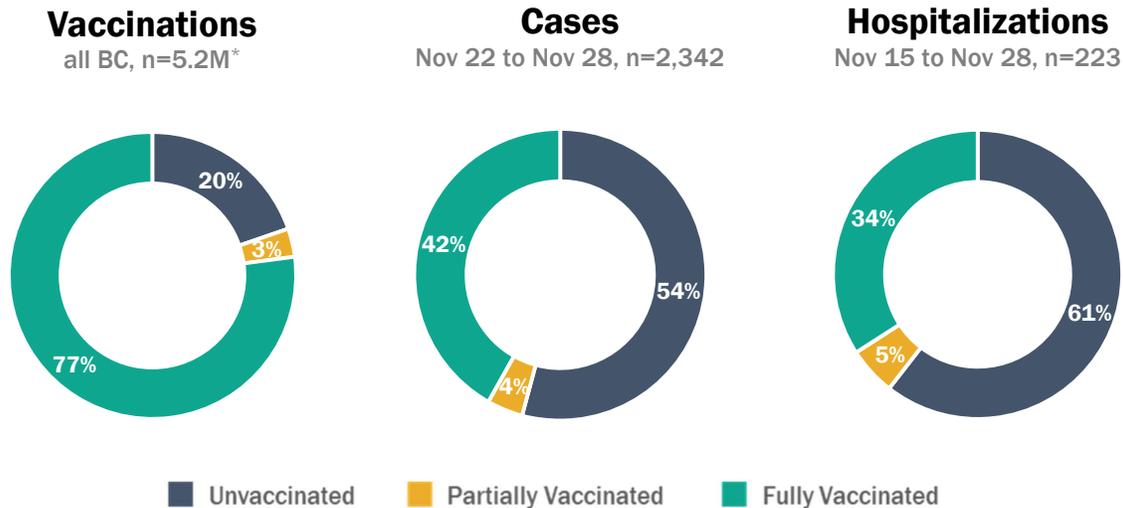
CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE⁴



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

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

- From November 22 to November 28, 2021, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 58.2% of cases, and from November 15 to November 28, 2021, they accounted for 65.9% 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, Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry confirmed during a live press briefing that B.C. has identified its first case of the COVID-19 Omicron variant.⁷ Highlights from the briefing include the following:

1st case of Omicron variant confirmed

- The first case of the Omicron variant was found in an individual residing in the Fraser Health Authority who had recently returned from a trip to Nigeria.
- The individual is currently isolating, and public health officials are following up with them and their contacts at this time.
- A further 204 people in B.C. who recently travelled to countries affected by the variant have been sent for PCR testing and instructed to isolate by the Public Health Agency of Canada.
- “We can be confident that we are not seeing widespread transmission of this variant in B.C. yet”, stated Dr. Henry.
- “This new variant of concern reminds us that we are in a global storm and that it [access to vaccination] is not equal everywhere. Equal access to vaccination is something that's going to be important for us to get through this.”
- “There is still a lot we do not yet know about the Omicron variant, and it will take some weeks for us to get sufficient data to understand.”

Updates on regional restrictions in B.C.

- Following a decrease in transmission, regional gathering restrictions in the Interior Health region will be removed Tuesday night.
 - The current restrictions in Northern Health will now expire on Jan. 31, 2022.
 - The restrictions in place for the Fraser East health region will remain in place.
 - Changes to worship services in B.C. (other than in Northern Health) beginning today:
 - Services must be limited to 50 per cent of capacity unless all participants are fully vaccinated. If they are all fully vaccinated, 100 per cent capacity will be allowed.
 - Those attending must wear a mask during services, unless eating or drinking is part of the ceremony. Worship leaders may remove them if they are distancing from others.
 - For further details on current provincial and regional restrictions, visit:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions>.
- Today, the Government of British Columbia shared that there has been high compliance with the vaccination requirement for BC Public Service.⁸ Details include the following:
 - As one of the largest employers in the province, the BC Public Service requires that all direct government employees be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of employment.
 - More than 98% of people working for the provincial government have met the requirement under the proof of vaccination policy that came into effect on Nov. 22, 2021, and are partially or fully vaccinated.

⁷ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UK0NUh0CjB4&ab_channel=cpac

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021FIN0077-002288>

- Data submitted by ministries to the BC Public Service Agency confirms that of more than 38,240 employees asked to provide proof of vaccination:
 - 97% of employees have met the requirement for full vaccination.
 - 439 employees, 1.15%, are partially vaccinated and have 35 days from the date of their first dose to become fully vaccinated.
 - 274 employees, 0.72%, have requested an accommodation based on a medical condition or other protected grounds and these requests are being reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
 - 432 employees, 1.13%, are unvaccinated or declined to disclose their vaccination status.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon announced that vaccination requirements for employment are now in effect.⁹ Details include the following:
 - Based on recommendations from the Yukon's acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Government of Yukon is requiring all public servants, volunteers and contractors to have their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine as of today. This includes teachers, health care professionals employed by the Government of Yukon and other public servants.
 - Employees are legally required to complete an attestation for their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine by midnight today or they will be placed on leave without pay starting tomorrow, December 1, 2021
 - So far, 92 per cent of Yukon government employees have attested to having their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Employees will be required to have their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by January 30, 2022.
 - This vaccine requirement for employment with the Government of Yukon will be in effect until general public health concerns are reduced to a level where workplaces can operate without COVID-19 restrictions, as advised by the acting Chief Medical Officer of Health.

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

⁹ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/vaccination-requirements-employment-now-effect>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, the Government of Canada announced additional measures to address COVID-19 Omicron variant of concern.¹⁰ Details include the following:
 - On November 26, 2021, the World Health Organization classified B.1.1.529 as a variant of concern called Omicron. Since then it has been found in a number of countries and regions, including the confirmation of several travel-related cases in Canada.
 - As of November 30, 2021, six cases of the Omicron variant of concern in Canada have been confirmed.
 - Based on data from ongoing surveillance efforts and the latest public health advice, the Government of Canada is expanding the list of countries with entry prohibitions originally announced on November 26, 2021, to include Egypt, Nigeria and Malawi.
 - Effective tomorrow, foreign nationals who have been in any of these countries within the previous 14 days will not be permitted entry into Canada:
 - Botswana
 - Egypt;
 - Eswatini;
 - Lesotho;
 - Malawi;
 - Mozambique;
 - Namibia;
 - Nigeria;
 - South Africa; and
 - Zimbabwe.
 - Public health officials noted that these 10 African countries have been singled out due to a significant number of positive test results among those arriving from these countries.
 - Canadian citizens, permanent residents and people with status under the Indian Act, regardless of their vaccination status or having had a previous history of testing positive for COVID-19, who have been in any of these 10 countries in the previous 14 days, will be subject to enhanced pre-entry and arrival testing, screening, and quarantine measures.
 - Moving forward, border testing surveillance will be adjusted based on the latest available evidence to further reduce the risk of importation of this variant. In the coming days, all fully vaccinated travellers arriving by air from departure points other than the United States will be subject to arrival testing. Fully vaccinated travellers will be required to quarantine while they await the results of their arrival test.
 - Unvaccinated travellers, with right of entry to Canada, will continue to be tested on both arrival and day 8, and are required to quarantine for 14 days. However, those arriving by air will now be required to stay in a designated quarantine facility or other suitable location while they await the result of their on arrival test.

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

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/11/government-of-canada-introduces-additional-measures-to-address-covid-19-omicron-variant-of-concern.html>