

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 7 December 2021

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

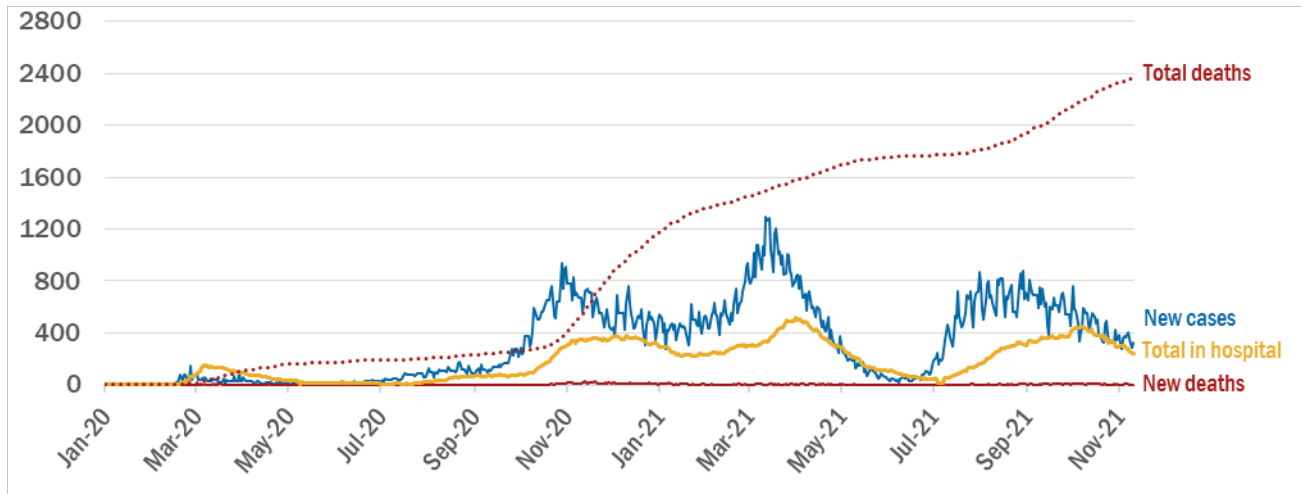
STATUS OF CASES IN BC ¹	As of Dec 6	As of Dec 7	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	220,530	220,856	326
Total active cases in BC	2,876	2,814	-62
Currently in intensive care	89	82	-7
Currently hospitalized	241	242	1
Total hospitalized to date	12,454	12,458	4
Total deaths in BC	2,362	2,363	1
Total recovered in BC	215,190	215,577	387
CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION¹	As of Dec 6	As of Dec 7	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	45,280	45,333	53
Fraser Health	109,922	110,014	92
Island Health	13,168	13,239	71
Interior Health	34,006	34,094	88
Northern Health	17,855	17,877	22
Out of Canada	299	299	0
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON ²	As of Dec 6	As of Dec 7	Change
Total confirmed cases	1,554	1,556	2
Total active cases	50	41	-9
Total deaths	14	14	0
Total recovered	1,492	1,502	10
STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES ³	As of Dec 3	As of Dec 6	Change
Total confirmed cases	50,607	50,880	273
Total active cases	823	911	88
Total hospitalized	2,363	2,366	3
Total deaths	543	544	1
Total recovered	49,241	49,425	184
Total confirmed cases in BC	6,110	6,163	53

¹ BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard

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

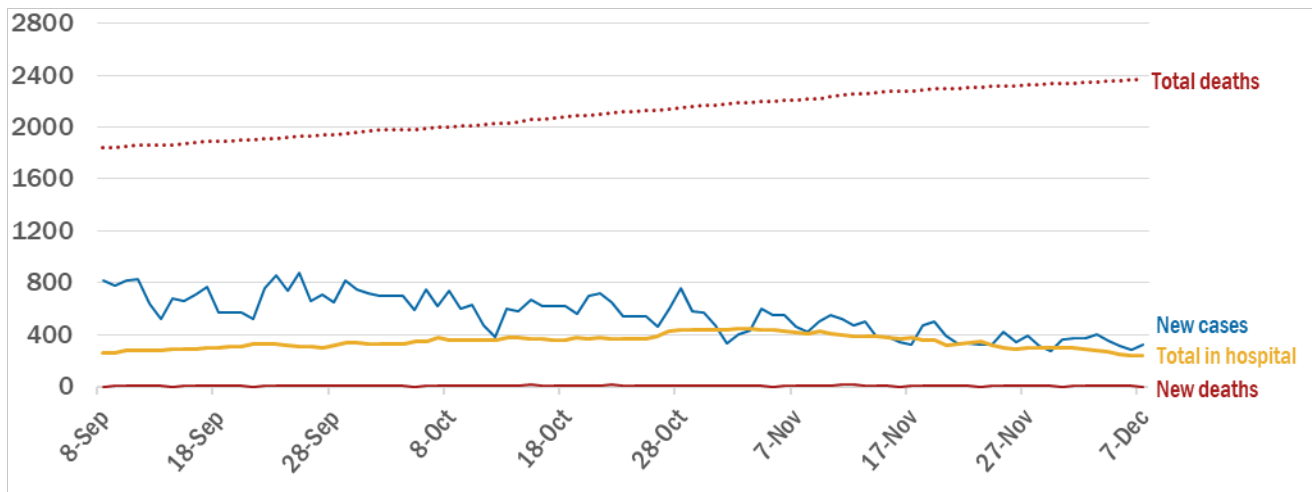
³ <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

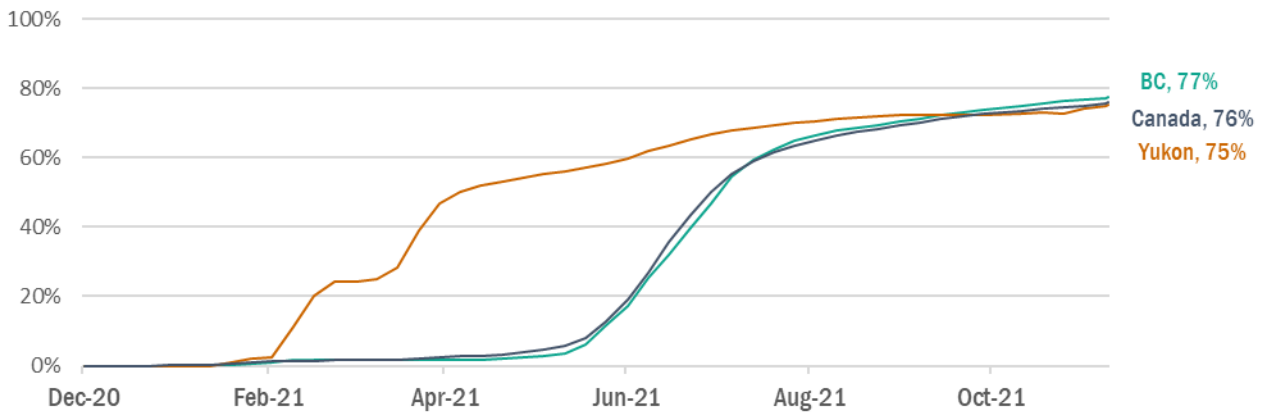


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



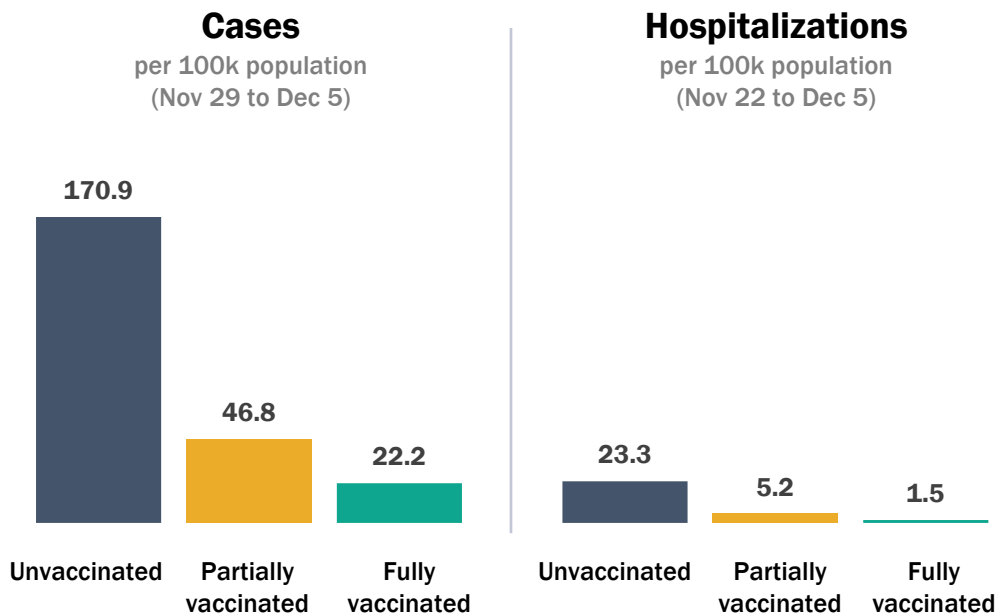
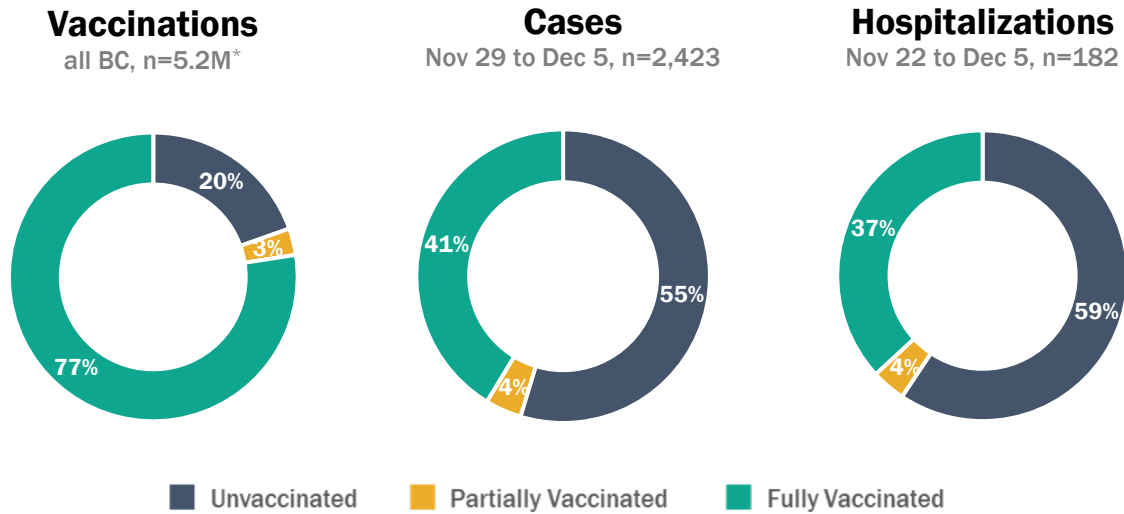
CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE⁴



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

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

- From November 29 to December 5, 2021, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 58.7% of cases, and from November 22 to December 5, 2021, they accounted for 63.1% 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

- Today, Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, and Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer, held a live briefing on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in British Columbia.⁷ Highlights include the following:
 - There are currently five active cases of the Omicron variant in BC, with a number of suspected cases pending confirmation.
 - All five current cases are linked to recent travel outside of Canada.
 - The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) released their recommendation on booster doses last week; the recommendation is aligned with the approach in BC.
 - A booster dose (i.e., a third dose) will be offered to individuals, aged 18 and over, in BC who have completed their full vaccination series (i.e., have two doses currently); this will be offered approximately six to eight months following the second dose.
 - Booster doses will also be offered to individuals 18 and over who have already received three doses; this fourth dose is offered six months following the third dose.
 - Invitations to priority groups for their booster dose is ongoing, and those over the age of 65, who had their second dose at least six months ago, will begin to receive their invitation to book an appointment later this week.
 - Invitations for other age groups will begin to roll out in January and February.
 - Parents are encouraged to continue to register their children ages 5 to 11 through Get Vaccinated BC to ensure they receive their vaccination invitation.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- No significant updates from the Government of Yukon.

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, Employment and Social Development Canada announced that the Government of Canada will table legislation to require all employees working in a federally regulated workplace to be vaccinated against COVID-19.⁸ Details include the following:
 - “The Government of Canada will propose regulations under Part II of the *Canada Labour Code* to make vaccination mandatory in federally regulated workplaces.”
 - “These regulations would complement existing occupational health and safety measures, such as masking, handwashing, and physical distancing, and provide further protection against the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the workplace.”
 - “The Government will consult with key stakeholders, including representatives of small and medium-sized employers, as it works expeditiously to finalize the new regulations, which would come into force in early 2022.”

⁷ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PW298ScAHdY>

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2021/12/government-of-canada-will-require-employees-in-all-federally-regulated-workplaces-to-be-vaccinated-against-covid-19.html>

- “The Government will also develop resources to help federally regulated workplaces implement the COVID-19 vaccination requirements in consultation with their workplace health and safety committees or representatives.”
- “Mandatory vaccination requirements are already in place for the public sector, employees working in the federally regulated air, rail, and marine transportation sectors, and travelers on these modes of transportation.”
- “The new regulations would ensure that employees in all other federally regulated industries, such as road transportation, telecommunications, and banking, are also vaccinated.”