

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 8 December 2021

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### COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

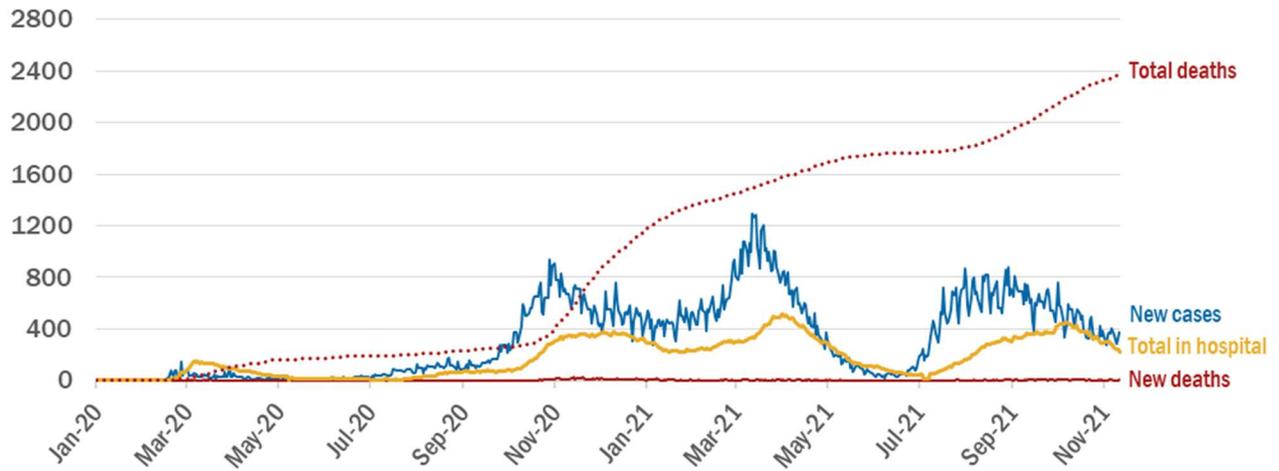
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Dec 7</b>	<b>As of Dec 8</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	220,856	221,235	379
Total active cases in BC	2,814	2,874	60
Currently in intensive care	82	77	-5
Currently hospitalized	242	224	-18
Total hospitalized to date	12,458	12,472	14
Total deaths in BC	2,363	2,369	6
Total recovered in BC	215,577	215,884	307
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Dec 7</b>	<b>As of Dec 8</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	45,333	45,397	64
Fraser Health	110,014	110,118	104
Island Health	13,239	13,304	65
Interior Health	34,094	34,188	94
Northern Health	17,877	17,926	49
Out of Canada	299	302	3
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Dec 7</b>	<b>As of Dec 8</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	1,556	1,561	5
Total active cases	41	44	3
Total deaths	14	14	0
Total recovered	1,502	1,505	3
<b>STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Dec 6</b>	<b>As of Dec 7</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	50,880	50,966	86
Total active cases	911	906	-5
Total hospitalized	2,366	2,369	3
Total deaths	544	544	0
Total recovered	49,425	49,516	91
Total confirmed cases in BC	6,163	6,172	9

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

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

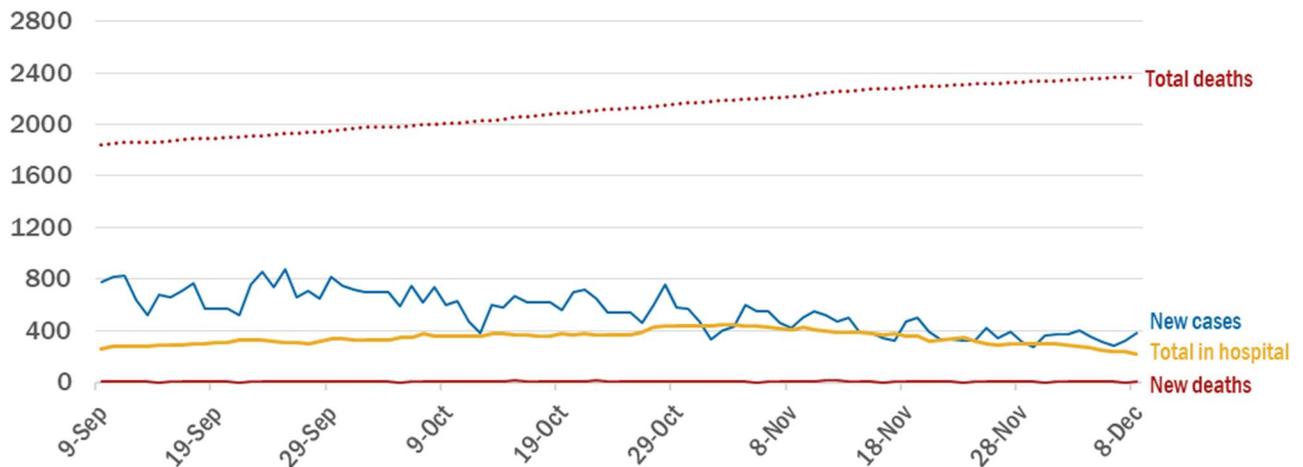
<sup>3</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

### COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

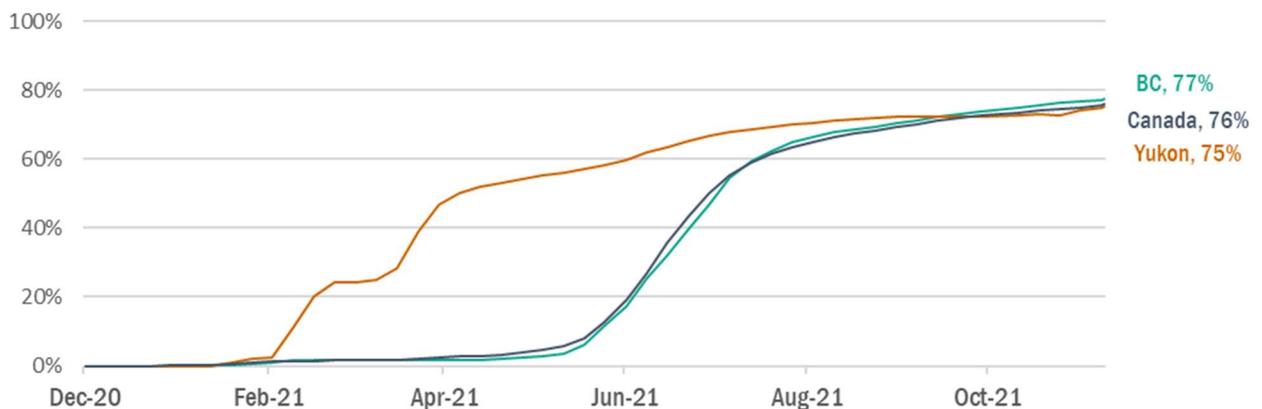


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



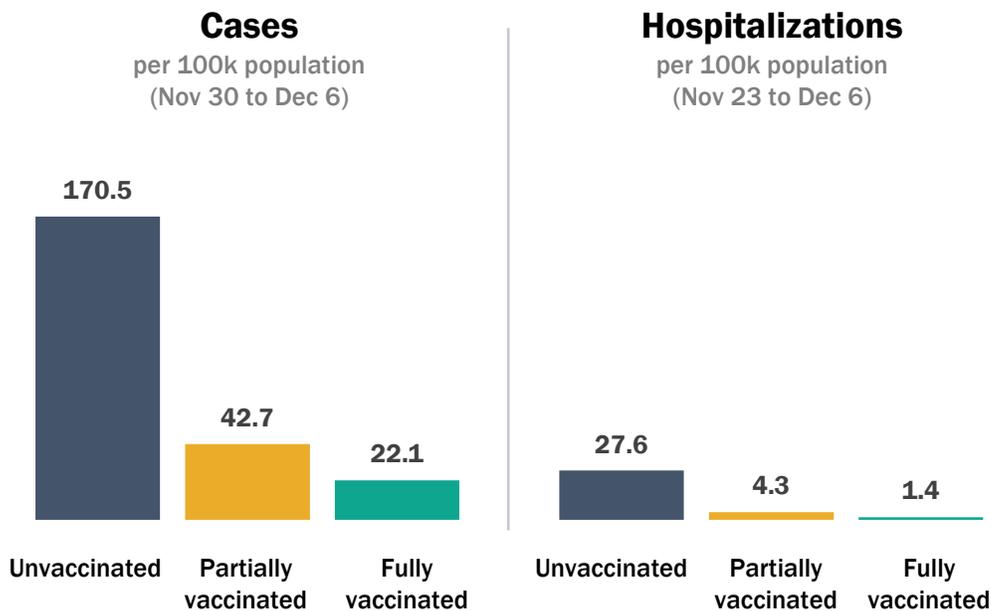
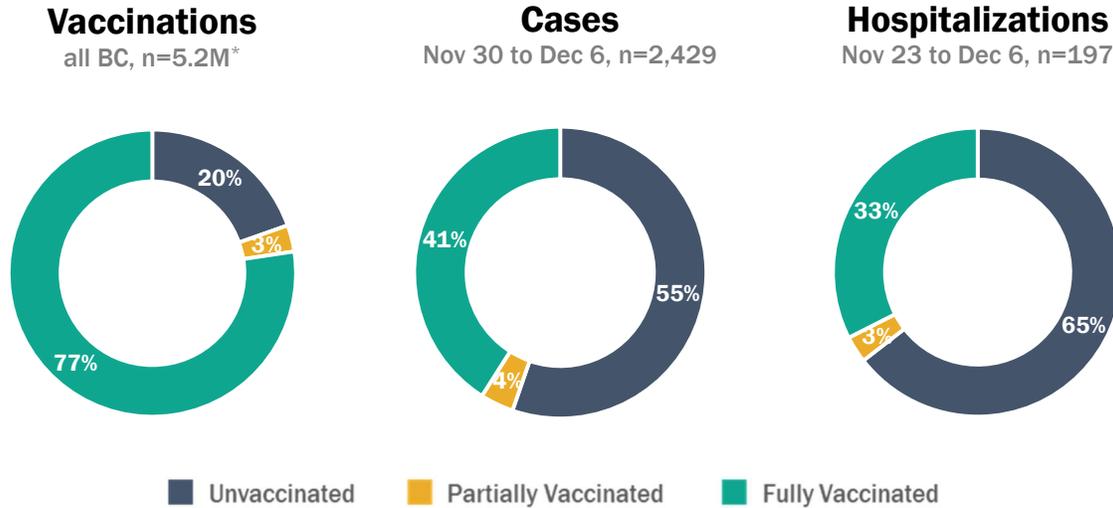
### CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE<sup>4</sup>



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

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

- From November 30 to December 6, 2021, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 59.0% of cases, and from November 23 to December 6, 2021, they accounted for 67.5% 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 First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) provided clarification on the recent announcement by the Government of Canada to introduce legislation that will require employees in federally regulated sectors to be vaccinated.<sup>7</sup> Details include the following:
  - “On December 7, 2021, in recognition of the dynamic public health situation in Canada, the Minister of Labour announced the Government of Canada's intention to introduce regulations under Part II (Occupational Health and Safety) of the *Canada Labour Code* that will require employers in the federally regulated sector to obtain confirmation that their employees are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.”
    - “The federally regulated sector is comprised of a broad range of industries, including interprovincial air, rail, road, and marine transportation, pipelines, banks, postal and courier services.”
    - “These regulations will complement existing occupational health and safety measures, such as masking, handwashing and physical distancing, and will come into force in 2022.”
  - “Normally, regulations under Part II of the *Canada Labour Code* that are not specific to a particular industry apply to Indigenous Governing Bodies and First Nations Band Councils as employers.”
  - “However, in recognition of Indigenous people's right to self-determination and self-government, the Minister has announced that Indigenous Governing Bodies, including First Nation Band Councils, will be exempted from the new requirement, thereby respecting their decisions around the introduction of vaccination requirements in the workplace.”
  - “The Government of Canada recognizes that many First Nations have already implemented strong public health measures, such as the wearing of masks, COVID-19 testing and social distancing within their communities.”
  - “The Government supports these efforts and encourages First Nations to continue to play a leadership role in protecting the safety of their communities by ensuring that strong public health measures are in place and that appropriate measures, including consideration of vaccination requirements, are taken to protect employees in the workplace.”

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon announced that booster shot appointments for residents over the age of 18 are now available.<sup>8</sup> Details include the following:
  - “Following recommendations from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) and the Yukon's acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, COVID-19 boosters are now available to eligible Yukoners aged 18 and over.”
  - “People in Whitehorse aged 18 and older are now able to book their booster shots at the Whitehorse Vaccine Clinic.”

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<sup>7</sup> <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/covid-19-vaccination-regulations-under-part-ii-of-the-canada-labour-code-information-summary-for-indigenous-partners>

<sup>8</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/booster-shot-appointments-now-available-yukoners-aged-18-and-over>

- “In communities, some booster clinics are now open for people aged 18 and older and more clinics will be added in the coming weeks.”
- “All Yukoners aged 18 and over who are eligible to get a booster should be able to receive one before the end of January.”
- “People are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine booster six months after they have completed their primary series, which is two doses for most people and three doses for people who are immunocompromised.”
- “Children’s COVID-19 vaccine clinics across the territory started on December 6, 2021, and the current priority is for children to get their first doses.”
  - “From December 13 to 17 the Whitehorse Vaccine Clinic will solely offer appointments for children aged five to 11.”
  - “No adult vaccine appointments will be available at the Whitehorse clinic during this time.”
- “Following recommendations from NACI and the Yukon’s acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, adults aged 18 to 29 will now be offered Pfizer (Comirnaty) for all doses, including their booster shots.”
  - “This is due to a rare association with heart inflammation in young adults, mainly males. Adults who are 30 years of age and older will be offered Moderna (SpikeVax) for their booster shot.”

**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**

- No significant updates from the Government of Canada.

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