

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 9 December 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 Dec 8	As of Dec 9*	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	221,235	221,576	341
Total active cases in BC	2,874	2,915	41
Currently in intensive care	77	73	-4
Currently hospitalized	224	220	-4
Total hospitalized to date	12,472	12,488	16
Total deaths in BC	2,369	2,378	9
Total recovered in BC	215,884	216,185	301
CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION¹	As of Dec 8	As of Dec 9	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	45,397	45,458	61
Fraser Health	110,118	110,201	83
Island Health	13,304	13,402	98
Interior Health	34,188	34,258	70
Northern Health	17,926	17,955	29
Out of Canada	302	302	0
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Dec 8	As of Dec 9	Change
Total confirmed cases	1,561	1,567	6
Total active cases	44	46	2
Total deaths	14	14	0
Total recovered	1,505	1,509	4
STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES³	As of Dec 7	As of Dec 8	Change
Total confirmed cases	50,966	51,055	89
Total active cases	906	830	-76
Total hospitalized	2,369	2,371	2
Total deaths	544	545	1
Total recovered	49,516	49,680	164
Total confirmed cases in BC	6,172	6,183	11

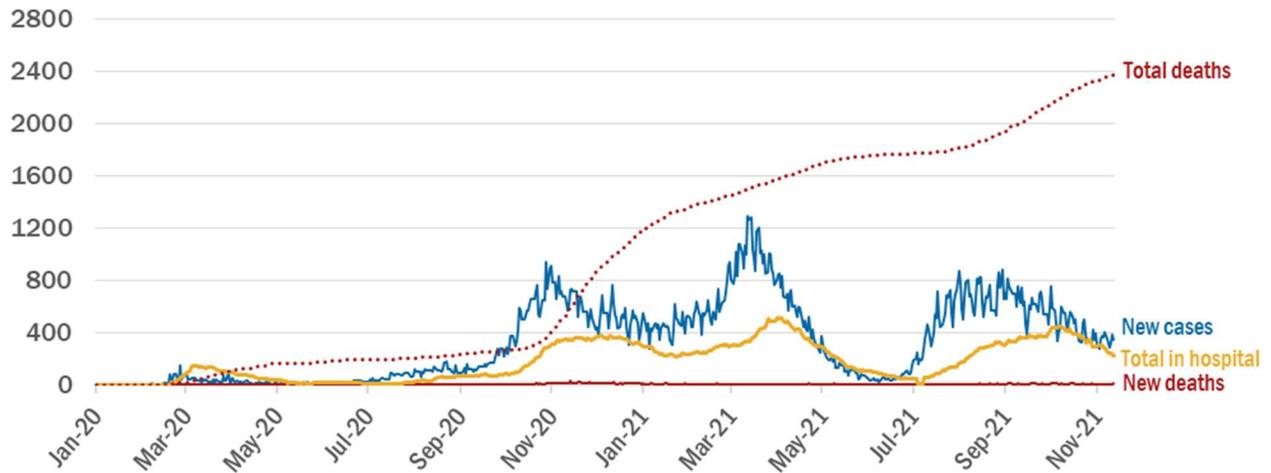
¹ BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard

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

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

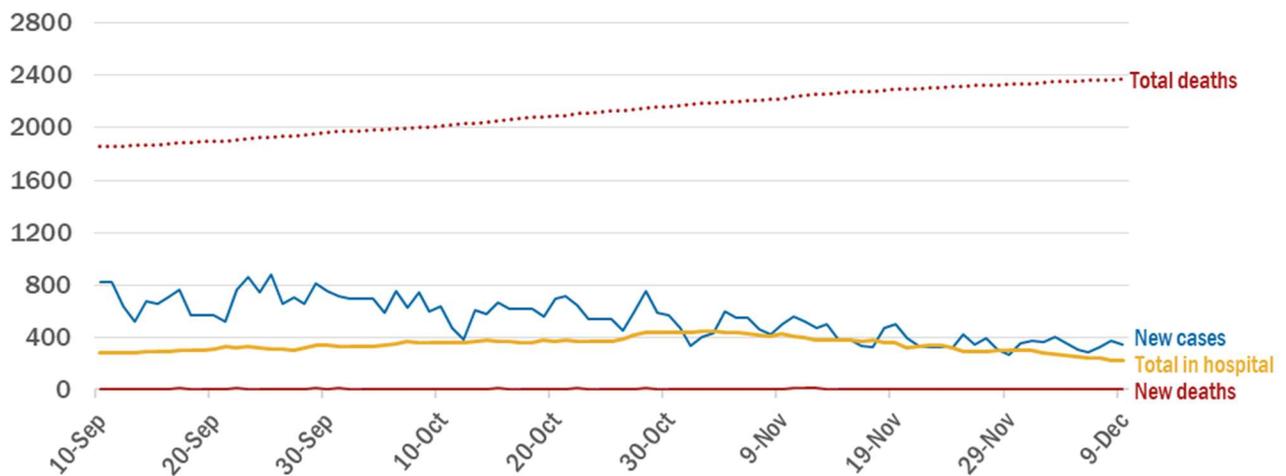
*The numbers of total and new COVID-19 cases are provisional due to a delayed data refresh and will be verified once confirmed.

COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

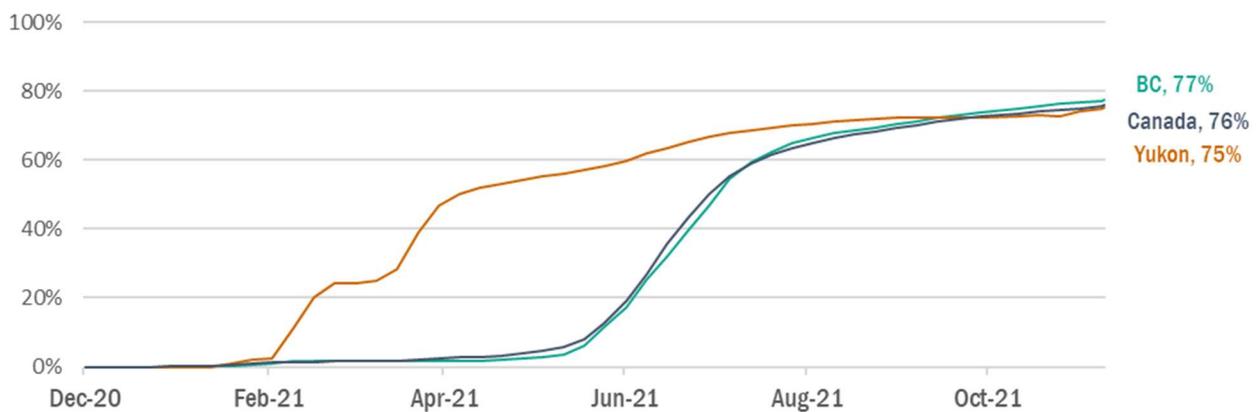


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



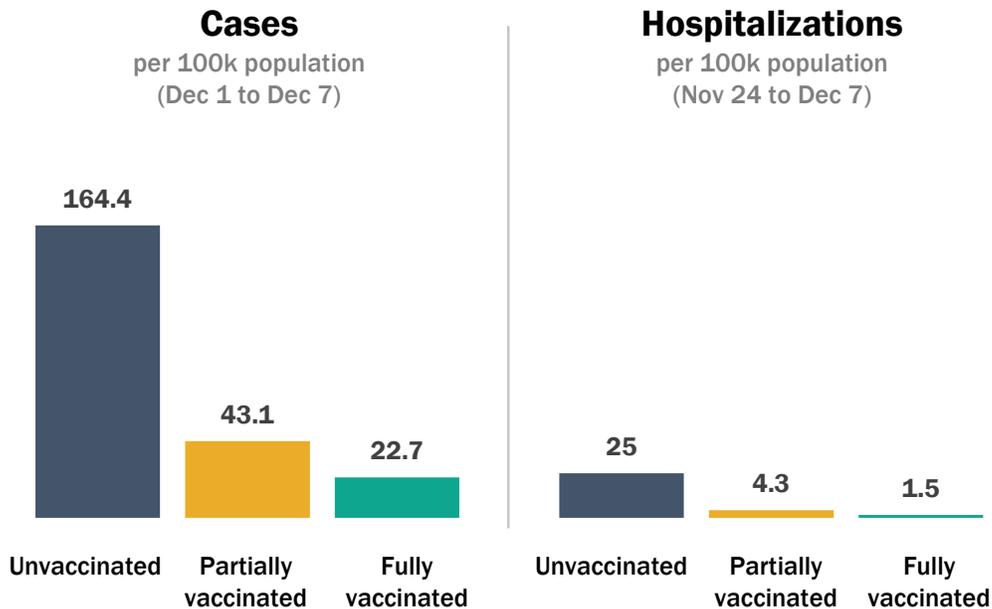
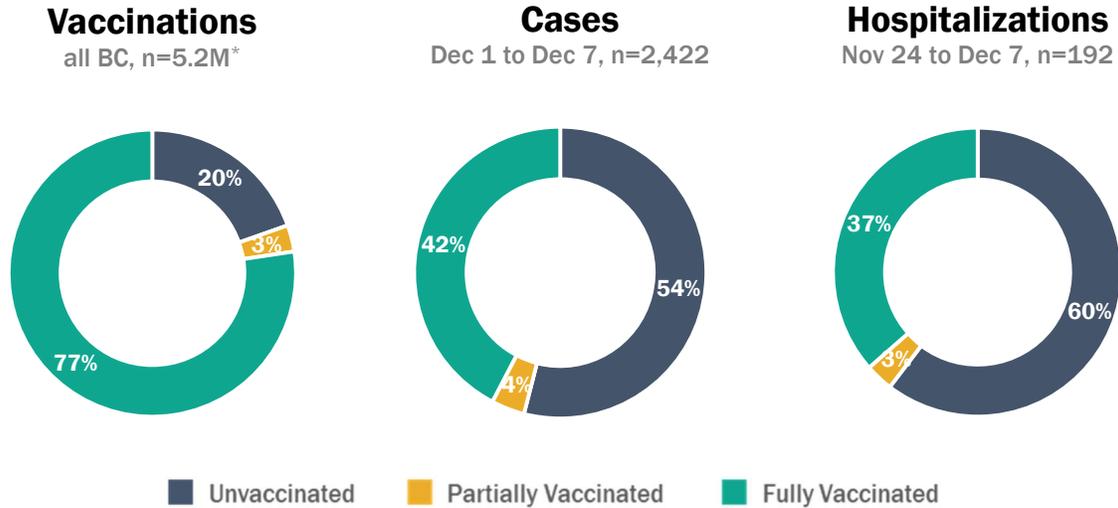
CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE⁴



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

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

- From December 1 to December 7, 2021, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 57.7% of cases, and from November 24 to December 7, 2021, they accounted for 63.5% 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, Northern Health Authority (NHA) announced the following amendments to its public health orders for Gathering and Events, to align with Provincial Health Officer Orders.⁷
 - The revised NHA Gatherings and Events COVID-19 Order takes effect at midnight, December 10, 2021, and will be in place until at least January 31, 2022.
 - Faith-based organizations will be permitted to:
 - Resume in-person worship services at a 50% reduced capacity if all participants over the age of 11 years old show proof of vaccination.
 - Hold virtual or drive-in services without checking for proof of vaccination.
 - Up to 10 fully vaccinated people gathering inside personal residences will be permitted.
 - Up to 25 fully vaccinated people gathering outside will be permitted.
 - Attendance at inside seated events, including weddings, funerals, and performing arts events will increase to 50% capacity of the venue with all attendees requiring proof of vaccination.
 - Attendance at outside events will increase to 50% capacity.
- Today, the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) shared a message from Dr. Kamran Golmohammadi, Office of the Chief Medical Officer, regarding the misconception that COVID-19 mRNA vaccines can change your DNA. Highlights include the following:⁸
 - “Messenger ribonucleic acid, or mRNA, is a molecule that provides your cells with instructions for making proteins. Specifically, the mRNA vaccines contain instructions for making a harmless version of the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) spike protein.”
 - “You can think of the mRNA vaccine as a recipe that the cells in your body read in order to learn how to make the spike protein. Our immune system will detect the spike protein, recognize it does not belong in our bodies, and trigger an immune response.”
 - “The COVID-19 mRNA vaccine is usually injected into the muscle of your upper arm so it can start doing its job. Once the spike protein is created, the contents of the vaccine are eliminated from your body in about two days. The actual mRNA content never enters your cells where your DNA is located. That is why it is impossible to alter your DNA with mRNA vaccines.”
 - “When comparing the risks of possible side effects of the vaccines versus the dangers of serious illness and death from COVID-19, the FNHA's Medical Officers join doctors around the world in recommending these vaccines. In fact, all FNHA Medical Officers have been fully vaccinated themselves.”
 - “Although mRNA vaccines are a relatively new technology in medicine, hundreds of scientists have been working on mRNA vaccines for more than 25 years—long before the coronavirus pandemic.”
 - “The COVID-19 mRNA vaccines are held to the highest standards for safety, effectiveness, and quality, as are all vaccines authorized for use in Canada.”

⁷ <https://stories.northernhealth.ca/news/nh-regional-public-health-orders-revised-worship-services-allowed-vaccination>

⁸ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/covid-19-mrna-vaccines-cant-change-your-dna-heres-why>

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, Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Health, announced \$13.7 million in funding for projects to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on children, youth and families .⁹
 - The Government of Canada is providing the funding for the research through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).
 - The 89 new research projects will provide evidence-based results to support governments, communities, and health care providers with the ongoing management of the pandemic.
 - Of the new research projects:
 - 70 projects will focus on understanding the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children, youth, and families.
 - 19 projects will focus on promoting vaccine confidence and encouraging vaccination, particularly among those with low vaccination rates.
- Today, Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport, announced that proposals are now being accepted, under the National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF), for projects that will support improvements to Canada's supply chain capacity, address current infrastructure issues, and stimulate the post COVID-19 economy.¹⁰
 - As Canada continues to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic and into economic recovery, while managing weather events and changes to consumer behaviours, the constraints affecting the resiliency of Canada's supply chain have been amplified.
 - Accepted projects under the NTCF will aim to strengthen Canada's resiliency and improve Canada's transportation sector.
 - Interested applicants are invited to submit interest from now until March 31, 2022, and successful applicants will be invited to submit a comprehensive project proposal by June 30, 2022.

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

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2021/12/health-researchers-across-canada-launch-projects-to-mitigate-impacts-of-covid-19-pandemic-on-children-youth-and-families0.html>

¹⁰ <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/12/government-of-canada-announces-a-new-national-trade-corridors-fund-call-for-proposals-to-increase-the-resiliency-of-canadas-supply-chain.html>