

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 04 January 2022

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 BC ¹	As of Dec 31	As of Jan 4	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	254,849	266,710	11,861*
Total active cases in BC	20,811	27,106	6,295
Currently in intensive care	73	86	13
Currently hospitalized	220	298	78
Total hospitalized to date	12,922	13,109	187
Total deaths in BC	2,423	2,427	4
Total recovered in BC	231,058	236,309	5,251
CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION¹	As of Dec 31	As of Jan 4	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	54,944	57,066	2,122
Fraser Health	124,684	131,001	6,317
Island Health	17,834	19,305	1,471
Interior Health	38,047	39,499	1,452
Northern Health	19,028	19,527	499
Out of Canada	312	312	0
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON ²	As of Dec 31	As of Jan 4	Change
Total confirmed cases	1,755	1,944	189
Total active cases	106	269	163
Total deaths	15	15	0
Total recovered	1,653	1,684	31
STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES ³	As of Dec 31	As of Jan 4	Change
Total confirmed cases	53,961	55,347	1,386
Total active cases	1,673	2,667	994
Total hospitalized	2,464	2,473	9
Total deaths	564	566	2
Total recovered	51,724	52,114	390
Total confirmed cases in BC	6,391	6,489	98

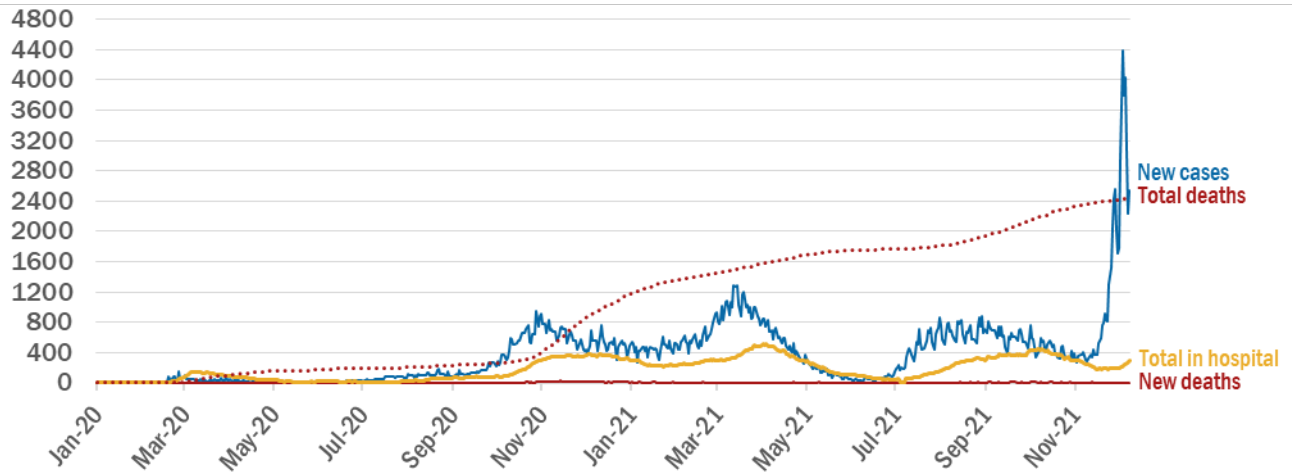
* The B.C. Government reported 4,033 new cases Jan. 1st, 3,069 Jan. 2nd, 2,230 Jan. 3rd, and 2,542 Jan. 4th.

¹ BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard

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

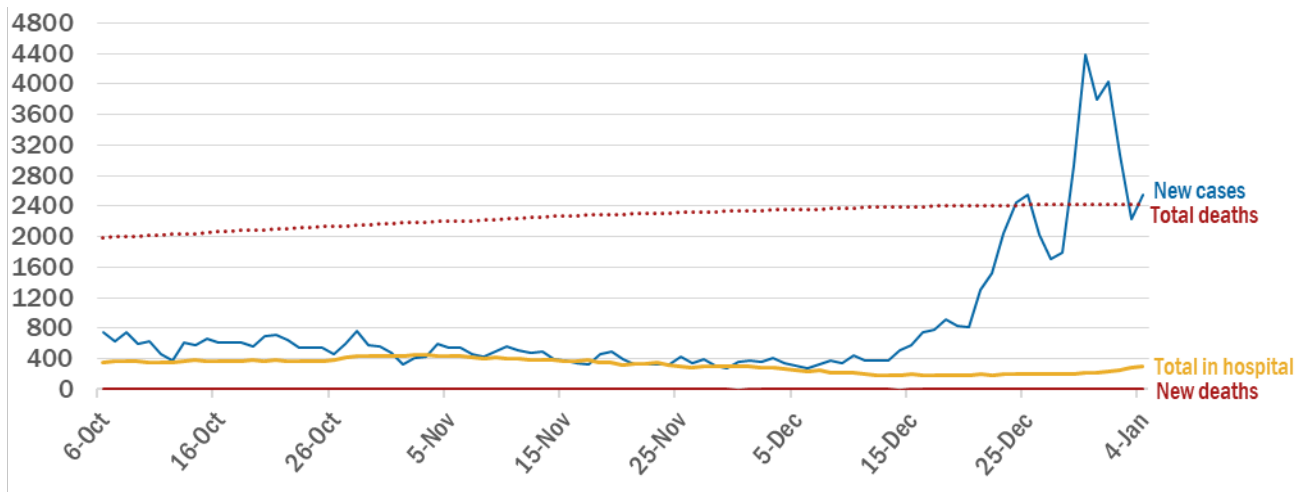
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COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

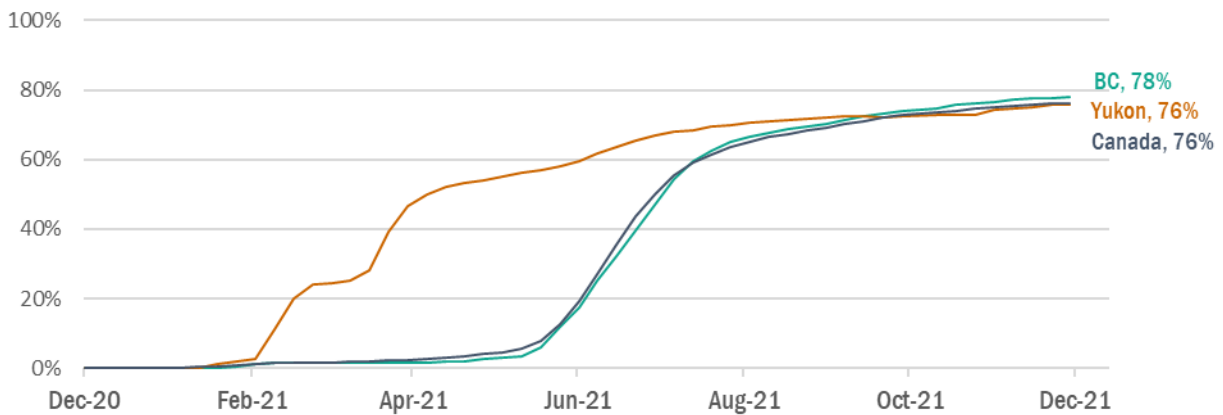


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



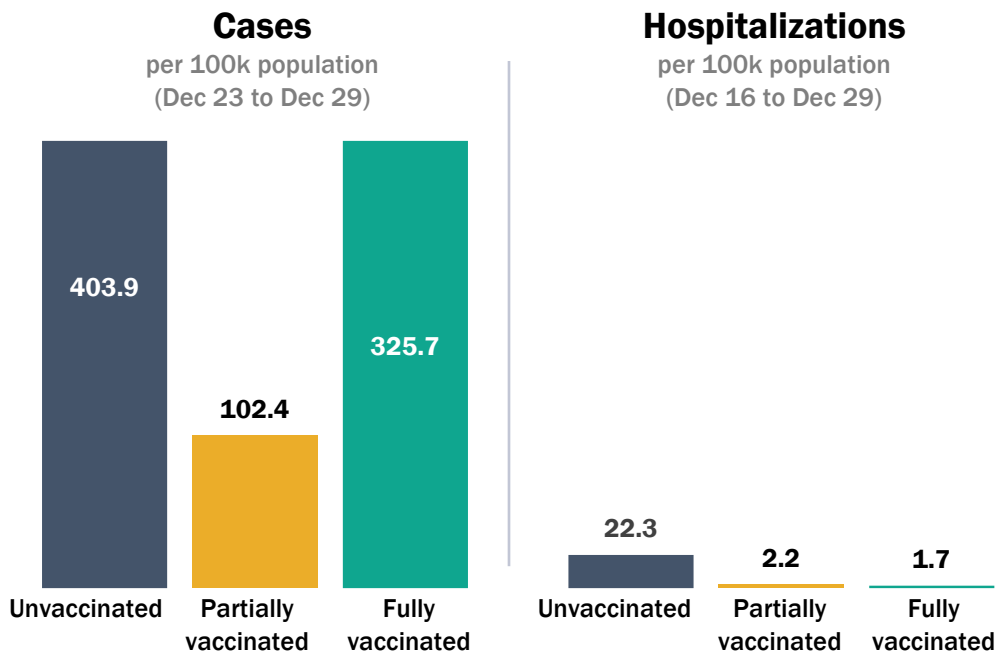
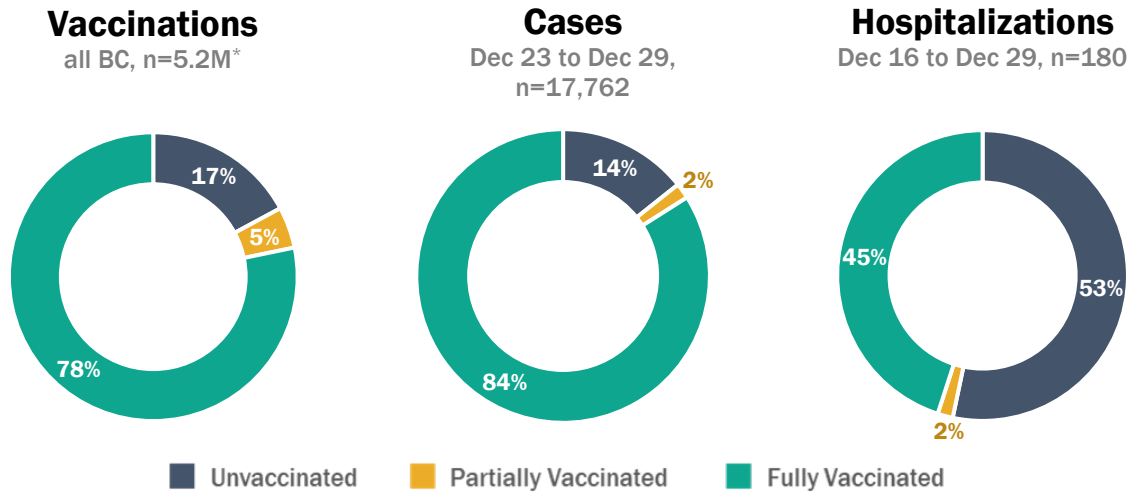
CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE⁴



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

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

- From December 23 to December 29, 2021, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 16.0% of cases, and from December 16 to December 29, 2021, they accounted for 55.0% 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 press conference regarding COVID-19 in B.C.⁷ Highlights include the following:
 - “The COVID-19 Omicron variant is transmitting rapidly and has taken over the Delta variant and is now the cause of approximately 80% of COVID-19 cases in B.C.”
 - “In B.C., we have taken measures to try to slow the transmission down, including getting vaccinated and using our layers of protection, and our efforts have made a big difference.”
 - “Because the Omicron variant has a shorter incubation period, it is transmitting rapidly, and many people are experiencing milder and upper respiratory symptoms that could be similar to a cold or influenza. This means that reactionary measures, including contact tracing, are no longer efficient in helping us contain the virus and instead we must be proactive.”
 - “Given the high rate of transmission, the short incubation period, and the large number of people becoming ill, we need businesses to put contingency plans in place, reactivate COVID-19 Safety Plans, and adapt businesses to ensure we can operate at reduced capacities.”
 - “While schools are an extension of the community, they are not a major source of COVID-19 transmission and it is important that we keep them open, beginning next week.”
 - “On Friday, restrictions were issued that limit one essential visitor per resident in long-term care facilities in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and will remain in place until January 18th.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- On January 3, 2022, the Government of Yukon announced that confirmed cases of COVID-19 are increasing throughout the territory.⁸ In response to the increase, Dr. Catherine Elliott, acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, released the following statement:
 - “Like most other jurisdictions in Canada, and as expected, we are unfortunately seeing the Omicron wave rising here in the territory. Omicron continues to spread much faster than other variants we’ve seen. I am urging anyone who has even the slightest symptoms to stay home.”

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.

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

⁷ B.C. COVID-19 Live Press Conference

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/omicron-cases-rising>