

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 06 January 2022

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

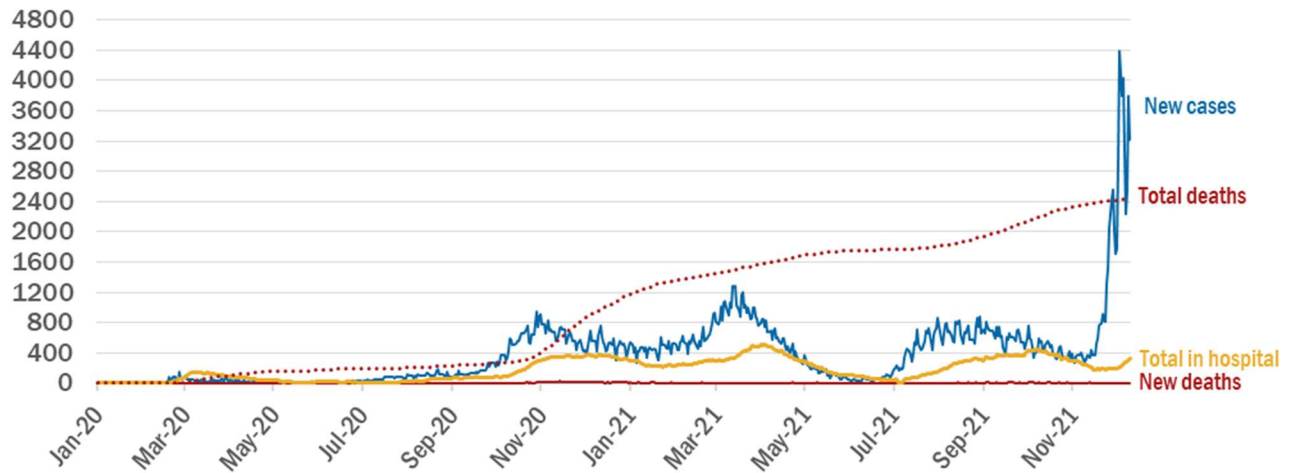
STATUS OF CASES IN BC ¹	As of Jan 5	As of Jan 6	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	270,508	273,731	3,223
Total active cases in BC	29,967	31,817	1,850
Currently in intensive care	83	90	7
Currently hospitalized	317	324	7
Total hospitalized to date	13,147	13,188	41
Total deaths in BC	2,427	2,430	3
Total recovered in BC	237,195	238,524	1,329
CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION¹	As of Jan 5	As of Jan 6	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	57,906	58,568	662
Fraser Health	132,740	134,278	1,538
Island Health	19,871	20,288	417
Interior Health	39,972	40,380	408
Northern Health	19,706	19,900	194
Out of Canada	313	317	4
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON ²	As of Jan 5	As of Jan 6	Change
Total confirmed cases	2,010	2,084	74
Total active cases	325	328	3
Total deaths	15	15	0
Total recovered	1,704	1,752	48
STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES³	As of Jan 4	As of Jan 5	Change
Total confirmed cases	55,347	56,428	1,081
Total active cases	2,667	3,404	737
Total hospitalized	2,473	2,473	0
Total deaths	566	567	1
Total recovered	52,114	52,457	343
Total confirmed cases in BC	6,489	6,502	13

¹ BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard

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

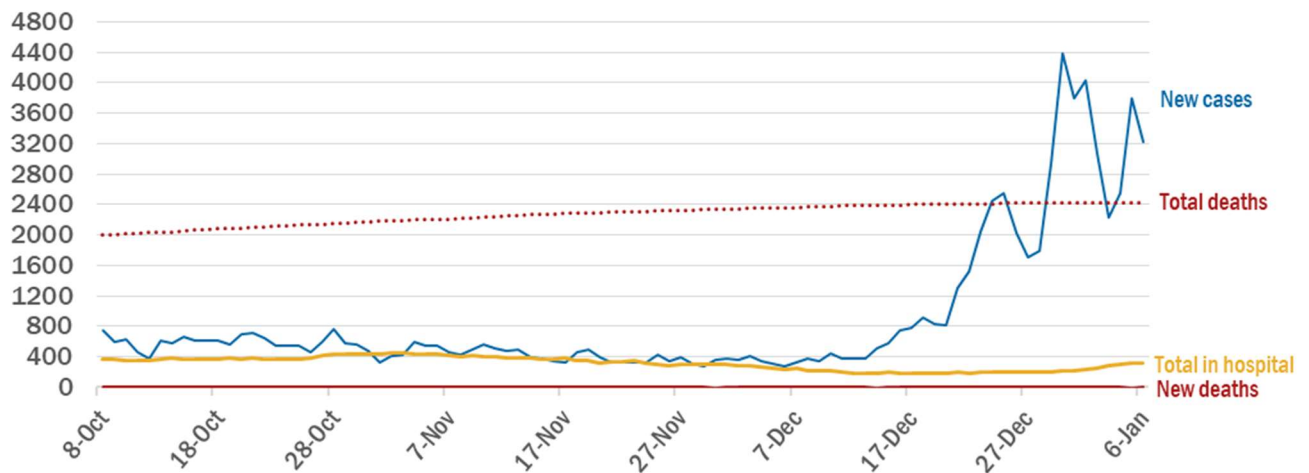
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COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

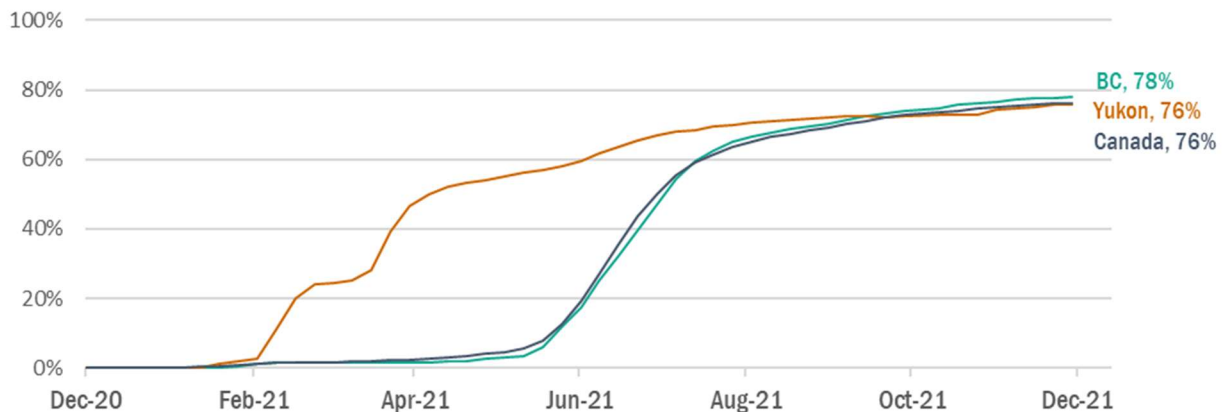


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



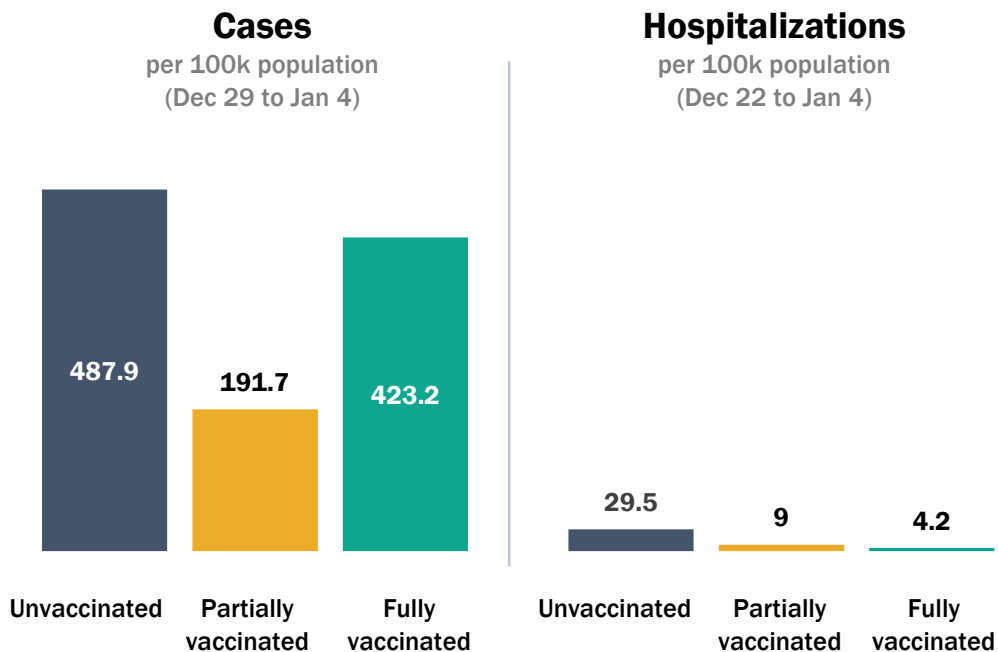
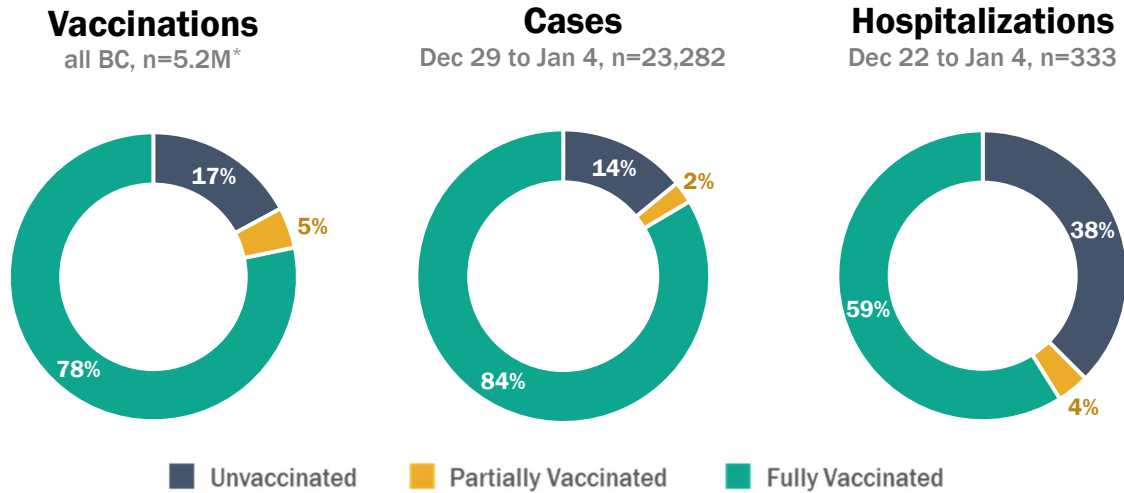
CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE⁴



⁴ <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/covid-19/vaccination-coverage/> (last updated on 23/12/21 with data up to and including 18/12/2021)

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

- From December 29, 2021, to January 4, 2022, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 16.5% of cases, and from December 22 to January 4, they accounted for 41.1% 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, Northern Health and the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) issued an alert regarding an increase in overdose events in Northern British Columbia.⁷ Details include the following:
 - “There has been an increase in overdose events across the Northern region from substances sold as down.”
 - “Substances circulating are highly toxic and may be contaminated with benzodiazepines (benzos) causing heavy and prolonged sedation, and requires more naloxone to reverse.”
 - **“One of the first signs of an overdose is choking, gurgling, or snoring sounds.”**
 - **“For your safety**
 - Get overdose prevention, recognition, and response training; carry naloxone.
 - Don’t use alone. Make a plan and tell a buddy who can call for help if needed.
 - If you plan to use alone, use the [Lifeguard](#) or BeSafe app available free on the app store or on [Toward the Heart website](#), or call 1-888-688-6677.
 - Know your tolerance. If you are sick or had a time of abstinence or reduced use, use much less.
 - Don't mix drugs or mix drugs with alcohol.
 - Test a small amount first and go slow.
 - Use in an OPS if possible or connect with community supports listed below.
 - Access fentanyl drug checking where available (OPS sites).
 - Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number right away if someone overdoses.”
 - **“Overdose Prevention Services in the North:**
 - Needle Exchange, 1108 3rd Ave., Prince George
 - Two Doors Down, 1126 3rd Ave., Prince George
 - Terrace Intensive Case Management Team, 101-4450 Grieg Ave., Terrace
 - CSUN, #3-445 Anderson Drive, Quesnel
 - SNOW house, 833-103rd Ave., Dawson Creek.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Government of Yukon announced updates to the COVID-19 testing approach.⁸ Details include the following:
 - “Based on the recommendations of the acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Government of Yukon is adjusting its approach to testing for COVID-19 in response to the advent of the new Omicron variant of concern.”
 - “With widespread community transmission of Omicron throughout the territory and across Canada, there is no longer the capacity to use lab-based PCR tests for most people to confirm whether they have COVID-19.”

⁷ <https://stories.northernhealth.ca/news/overdose-alert-northern-bc>

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/government-yukon-updates-covid-19-testing-approach>

- “The Government of Yukon is prioritizing PCR testing for those who are most at risk of getting very sick from COVID-19.”
 - “This includes people who live in communities outside of Whitehorse, front line workers, people and staff in congregate living, people who are over 50, pregnant or have risk factors of severe disease, and people who are unvaccinated or partially unvaccinated.”
- “These changes will protect the Yukon’s most vulnerable people by making sure that as cases surge the PCR testing is available where it is needed most to protect public health.”
 - “This follows the lead of other jurisdictions that have made this shift in response to testing capacity overwhelm.”
- “For the majority of people, the Omicron variant is causing mild symptoms that can be safely managed at home.”
- “People with COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild, should isolate while they recover.”
- “Only individuals who are eligible for PCR testing in Whitehorse should access drive-thru testing or book a test at the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre in Whitehorse.”
- “People outside of Whitehorse who feel they need a test can contact the rural community health centre. This guidance may change as the situation evolves.”
- **“Who can get lab-based PCR testing:**
 - Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people who are 12 years or older (have not received two doses of mRNA vaccine greater than two weeks prior to exposure)
 - Residents or staff of a congregate setting
 - Patients in acute care settings
 - Front line health care workers with direct patient care (for example; family physicians, nurses, dentists) and first responders
 - People who are 50 years and older
 - People living in communities outside of Whitehorse
 - People who are pregnant
 - People who have one or more risk factors for severe disease

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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