

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 12 January 2022

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

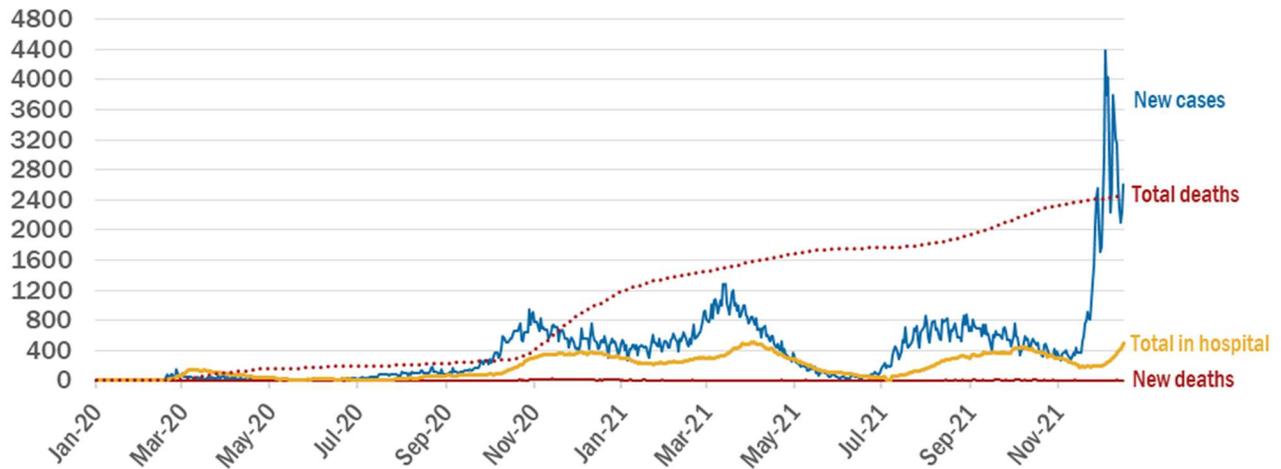
STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Jan 11	As of Jan 12	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	286,080	288,692	2,612
Total active cases in BC	36,087	36,394	307
Currently in intensive care	97	102	5
Currently hospitalized	469	500	31
Total hospitalized to date	13,558	13,659	101
Total deaths in BC	2,449	2,455	6
Total recovered in BC	244,551	246,693	2,142
CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION¹	As of Jan 11	As of Jan 12	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	60,501	61,023	522
Fraser Health	139,173	140,069	896
Island Health	22,574	23,039	465
Interior Health	42,617	43,124	507
Northern Health	20,895	21,117	222
Out of Canada	320	320	0
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Jan 11	As of Jan 11	Change
Total confirmed cases	2,445	2,515	70
Total active cases	456	471	15
Total deaths	15	15	0
Total recovered	2,016	2,071	55
STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES³	As of Jan 10	As of Jan 11	Change
Total confirmed cases	59,095	59,793	698
Total active cases	4,623	4,985	362
Total hospitalized	2,484	2,490	6
Total deaths	572	573	1
Total recovered	53,900	54,235	335
Total confirmed cases in BC	6,748	6,782	34

¹ BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard

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

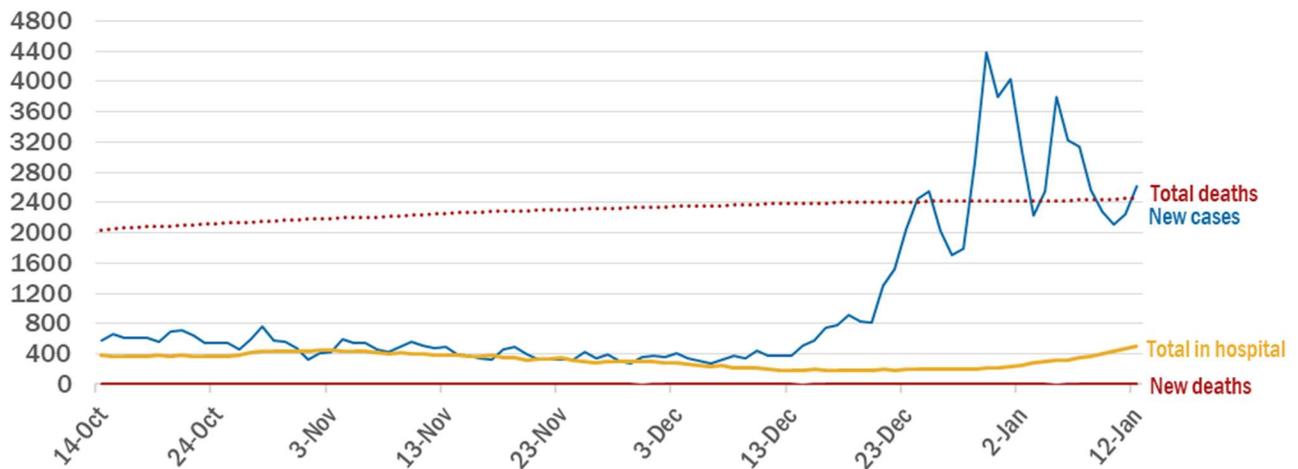
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COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

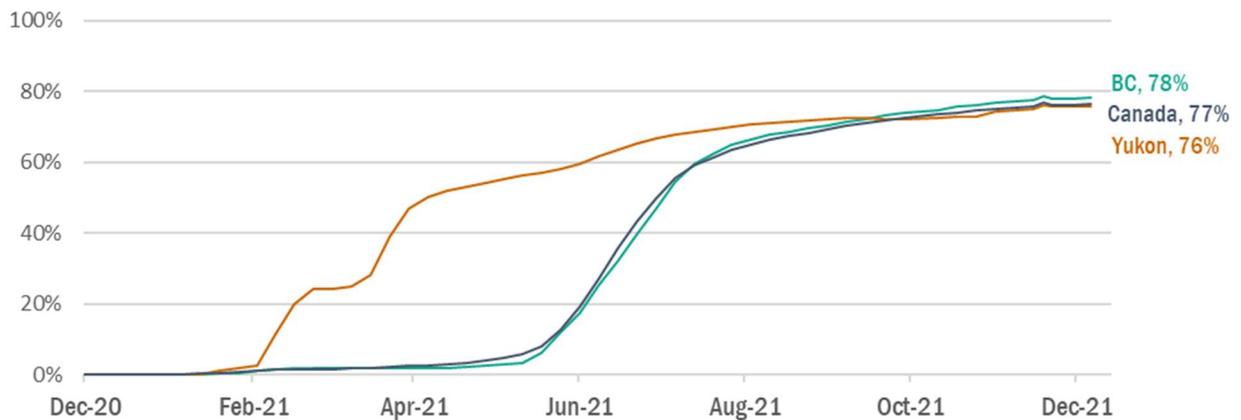


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



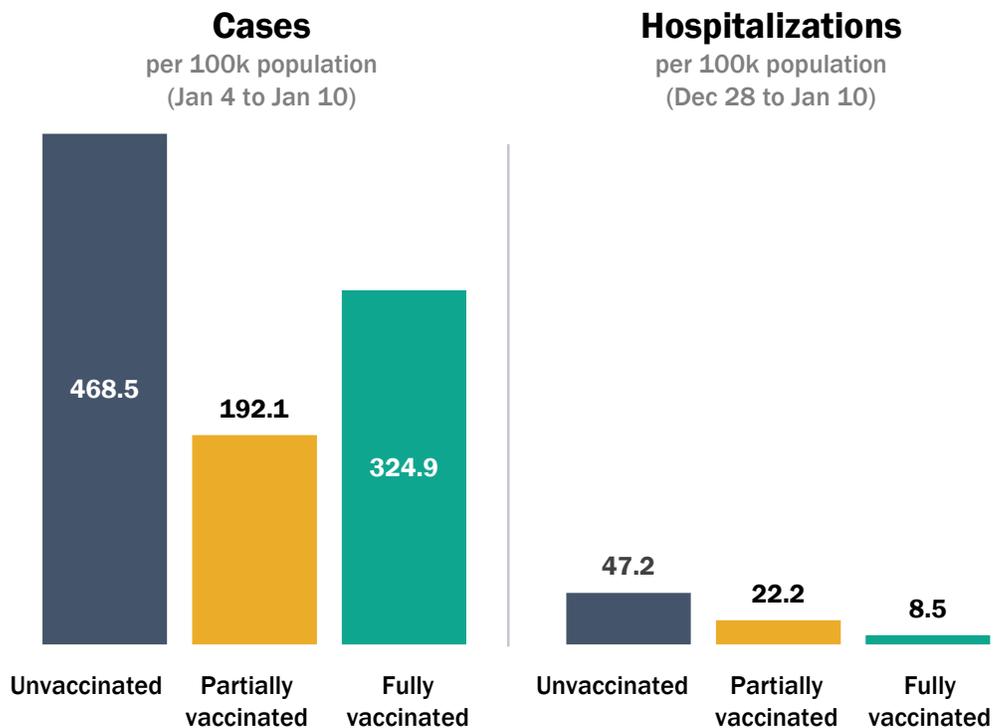
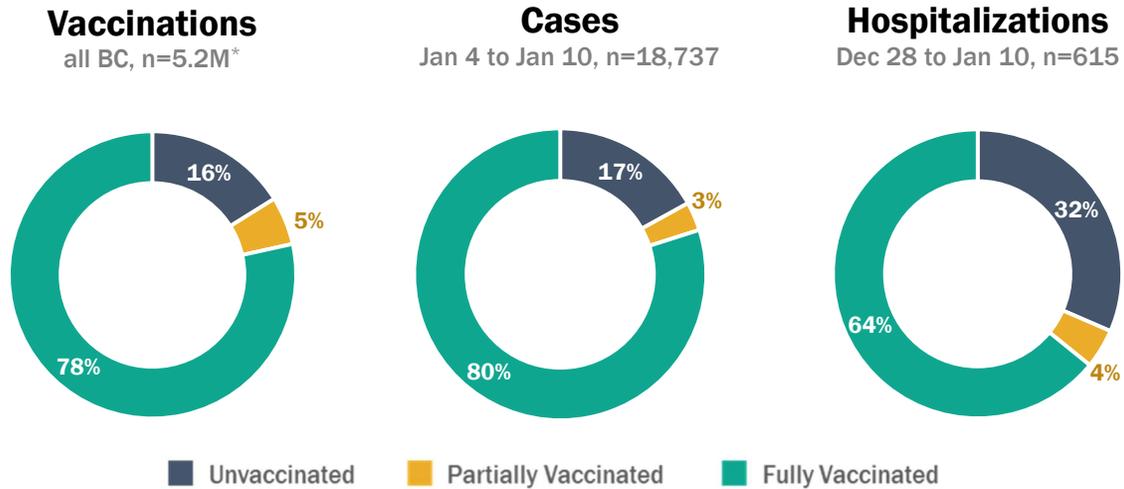
CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE⁴



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

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

- From January 4, 2022, to January 10, 2022, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 20.1% of cases, and from December 28 to January 10, they accounted for 35.9% 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, the Government of British Columbia announced that applications are now open for COVID-19 Closure Relief Grants.⁷ Details include the following:
 - “Businesses can now apply for the COVID-19 Closure Relief Grant, a new program the Province has fast-tracked to support B.C. businesses ordered to temporarily close their doors due to recent public-health measures.”
 - “Businesses that were ordered to fully close on Dec. 22, 2021, including bars, nightclubs and lounges that do not serve full meals, gyms, fitness and adult dance centres and event venues that can no longer hold events, can apply for relief grants of between \$1,000 and \$10,000.”
 - “Funds from the program, which is expected to support more than 3,000 businesses, can help with expenses such as rent, employee wages, insurance, maintenance and utilities.”
 - “The total grant amount per business will be based on the number of employees and follows a formula similar to the previous Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant that supported businesses in the spring of 2021.”
 - “To apply for a grant, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/business-relief.”
 - “This \$10-million provincial program complements existing federal government programs, including the recently expanded Local Lockdown Program and the Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit.”
 - “The Local Lockdown Program provides wage and commercial rent support for businesses and other organizations, regardless of their sector, that have been affected by regional provincial health officer orders.”
 - “This program is a way businesses, charities and non-profit organizations can be eligible for up to 75% of wage and rent support.”
 - “The Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit provides \$300 a week in income support to eligible workers who are directly affected by a COVID-19-related public health order and who have lost 50% or more of their income.”
 - “On January 7, 2022, B.C.’s public health officer ordered all businesses to reactivate their COVID-19 safety plans to help keep employees and communities safe during the rapid spread of cases related to the COVID-19 Omicron variant.”
- Today, First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) released a statement on the rollout of COVID-19 rapid tests, and reminders for when they should be used.⁸ Highlights include the following:
 - “In BC, rapid tests for use by individuals at home are going out—or have arrived already—to health centres in First Nations communities as well as other facilities around the province.”
 - “The tests are also called rapid antigen tests or point-of-care tests because they are portable, rapid, and provide results at the point of testing—usually within 15 to 20 minutes depending on the brand.”

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/26075>

⁸ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/covid-19-rapid-tests-rolling-out-but-not-needed-for-mild-cases>

- “‘Rapid tests are being used because the number of people seeking COVID-19 tests has exceeded the province's ability to test them,’ said provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry.”
- “Even with hundreds of thousands of rapid tests going out around the province—with millions more on the way—Dr. Henry advised that testing is **not required when only mild symptoms are present.**”
 - “‘You likely have COVID-19,’ she said of people with cold or flu-like symptoms. ‘The onset is quick and mostly mild if you are protected by vaccination.’”
- “In these cases, she advises to ‘stay home for five days; continue to wear a well-fitting mask and avoid high-risk settings.’”
- “High-risk settings include being in close, indoor contact with Elders, unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people, people with higher risk medical conditions and those in hospital, long-term care or other group living facilities.”
- “People who are exhibiting symptoms can use at-home rapid tests to see if they need to manage their care or get further medical treatment in the case of worsening symptoms.”
 - “A positive result from an at-home rapid test is also acceptable to access self-isolation supports available through the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA).”
- “The at-home tests are only effective when used by people who **are showing symptoms** of COVID-19. They aren't useful for people who don't have symptoms even if they have COVID-19 because those people may not yet have enough of the virus in their bodies to show a positive result.”
- “People who test positive for COVID-19 with an at-home test are advised to:
 - Self-isolate (for at least five days from the first day you had symptoms if you are fully vaccinated, or at least 10 days if you are not);
 - Manage symptoms;
 - Notify close contacts;
 - Report positive test results via a secure online form from the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC).”
- “The advice for individuals to self-report COVID-19 cases and notify their close contacts are new developments in direct response to the rapid increase in cases that has overwhelmed the public health system's capacity to manage these tasks.”
 - “Public tracking of COVID-19 cases is now focusing more on monitoring severe illness, hospitalization, ICU rates, and deaths.”
- “Indigenous people may check with their local health clinic or health care provider if they think they need a COVID-19 test.”
- “Public health officials continue to emphasize that vaccination is the most important protection against any COVID-19 variant. They encourage people age five and older to get fully vaccinated if they are not already and if they are, to get a booster shot as soon as they are eligible for it.”

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, the Government of Canada announced the extension of the loan forgiveness repayment deadline for the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA).⁹ Details include the following:
 - Today, the Government of Canada “announced that the repayment deadline for CEBA loans to qualify for partial loan forgiveness is being extended from December 31, 2022, to **December 31, 2023**, for all eligible borrowers in good standing.”
 - “This extension will support short-term economic recovery and offer greater repayment flexibility to small businesses and not-for-profit organizations, many of which are facing continued challenges due to the pandemic.”
 - “Repayment on or before the new deadline of December 31, 2023, will result in loan forgiveness of up to a third of the value of the loans (meaning up to \$20,000).”
 - “Outstanding loans would subsequently convert to two-year term loans with interest of 5 per cent per annum commencing on January 1, 2024, with the loans fully due by December 31, 2025.”
 - “The government is also announcing that the repayment deadline to qualify for partial forgiveness for CEBA-equivalent lending through the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund is extended to December 31, 2023.”
 - “The Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) program has provided interest-free, partially forgivable loans.”

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

⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/01/government-extends-loan-forgiveness-repayment-deadline-for-the-canada-emergency-business-account.html>