

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 18 January 2022

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COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

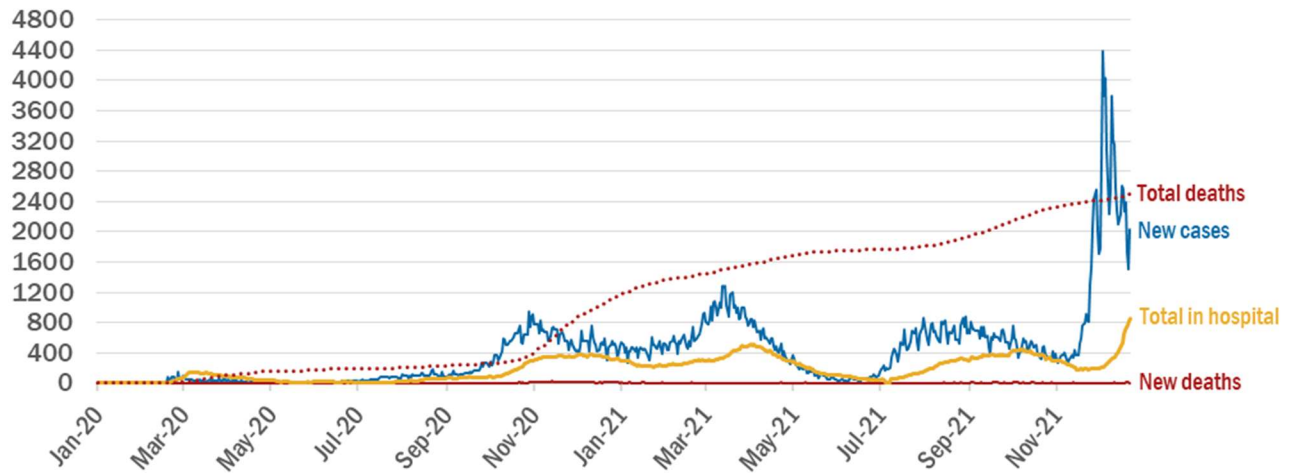
STATUS OF CASES IN BC ¹	As of Jan 17	As of Jan 18	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	299,146	301,178	2,032
Total active cases in BC	35,985	37,224	1,239
Currently in intensive care	99	112	13
Currently hospitalized	819	854	35
Total hospitalized to date	14,291	14,366	75
Total deaths in BC	2,490	2,492	2
Total recovered in BC	257,677	258,417	740
CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION¹	As of Jan 17	As of Jan 18	Change
Vancouver Coastal Health	63,186	63,668	482
Fraser Health	143,651	144,352	701
Island Health	24,429	24,666	237
Interior Health	45,343	45,822	479
Northern Health	22,204	22,336	132
Out of Canada	333	334	1
STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON ²	As of Jan 17	As of Jan 18	Change
Total confirmed cases	2,720	2,747	27
Total active cases	351	306	-45
Total deaths	15	15	0
Total recovered	2,417	2,490	73
STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES³	As of Jan 14	As of Jan 17	Change
Total confirmed cases	62,451	63,602	1,151
Total active cases	5,579	5,374	-205
Total hospitalized	2,526	2,533	7
Total deaths	581	584	3
Total recovered	56,291	57,644	1,353
Total confirmed cases in BC	6,923	7,059	136

¹ BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard

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

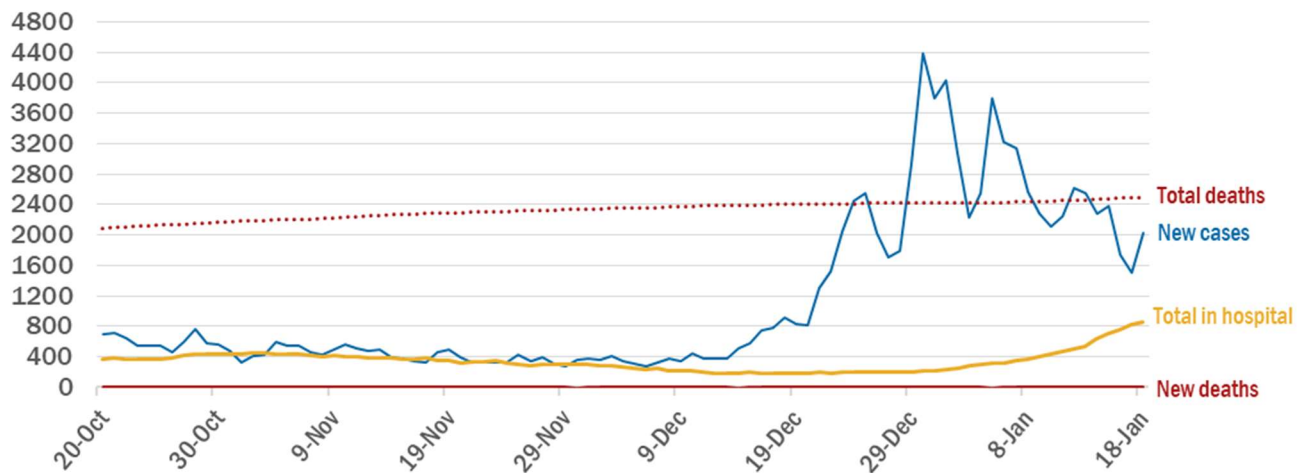
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COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

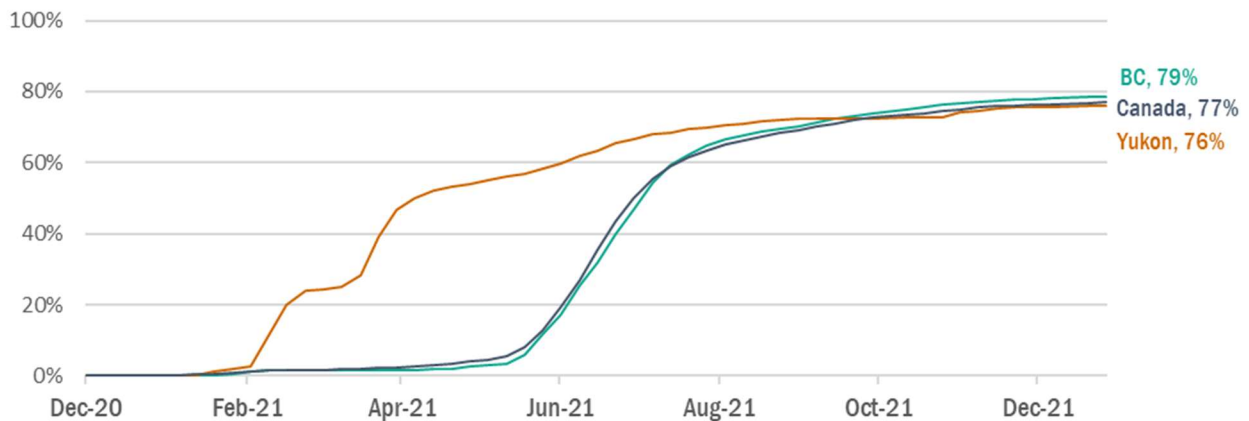


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



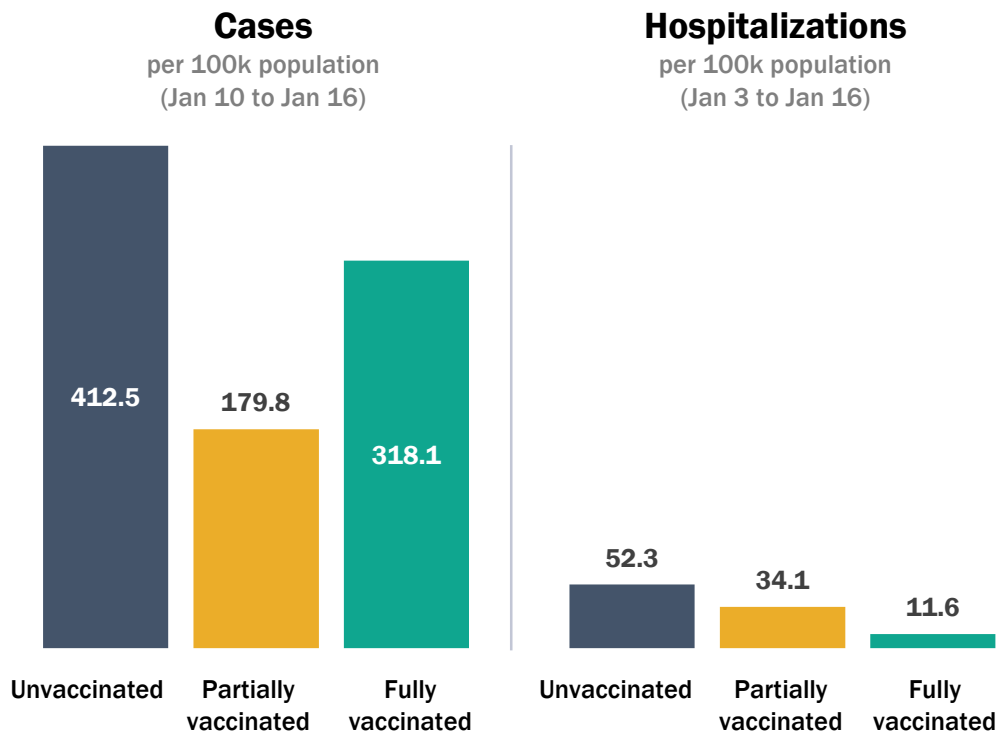
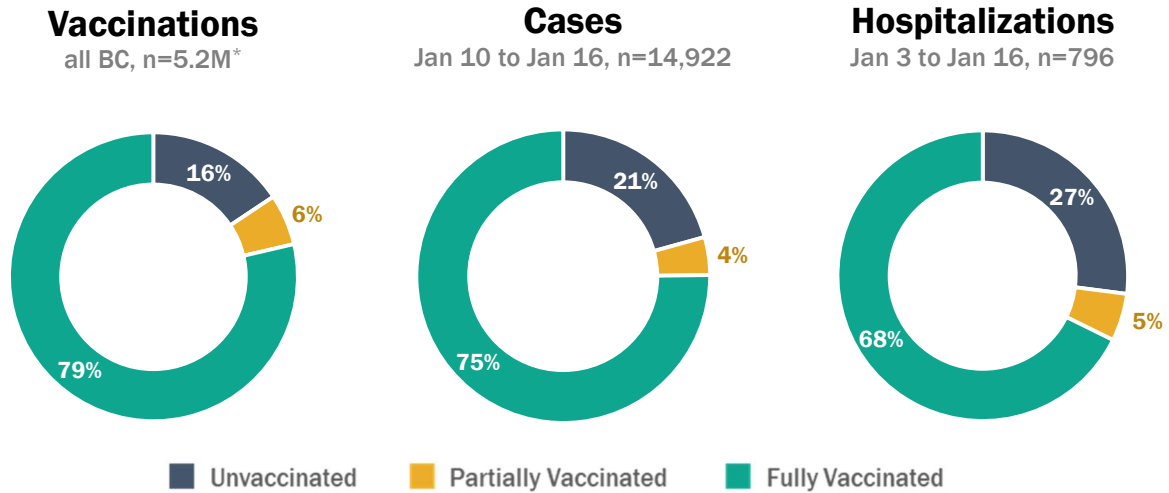
CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE⁴



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

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

- From January 10, 2022, to January 16, 2022, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 24.9% of cases, and from January 3 to January 16, they accounted for 32.3% 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 Northern Health Region announced the adjustment of services to strengthen patient safety.⁷ Highlights are as follows:
 - “Northern Health is planning temporary services adjustments to strengthen patient care due to existing staffing challenges and Omicron related COVID-19 staffing pressures.”
 - The temporary service changes include:
 - Surgical service postponements are planned or ongoing in the coming weeks at University Hospital of Northern BC-Prince George, Wrinch Memorial Hospital in Hazelton, Bulkley Valley District Hospital in Smithers, and at Northeast BC facilities including Dawson Creek & District Hospital, impacting both surgical and ambulatory care procedures.
 - Wrinch Memorial Hospital is reducing from two surgical slates to one, for the week of January 23 by postponing or not booking approximately 20 procedures including scopes and dental procedures.
 - Bulkley Valley District Hospital is reducing from two surgical slates to one, postponing 10-12 procedures per week between January 16 and January 29
 - In Northeast BC, Dawson Creek & District Hospital is reducing surgical bookings over the next three to four weeks.
 - In long-term care, staffing at sites across the region is being monitored on a daily basis:
 - Several LTC facilities in the region have paused admissions and are operating fewer beds to ensure safe provision of care within existing staffing levels.
 - There are temporary reductions across the NH region to adult day programs and non-urgent home health services.
 - Temporary reductions across NH to outpatient ambulatory clinics, some community care services, and outpatient laboratory services in some communities.
 - Situation response teams are in place to support site managers in Hazelton and Burns Lake, as both communities are experiencing staffing challenges across all facilities and services.
 - “Patients and clients affected by service level changes will be contacted directly, as Northern Health assesses impacts and reviews alternate options for care.”
 - “NH is focused on and committed to restoring service levels in every community as soon as possible, as rates of staff absences due to illness decline, and ongoing recruitment efforts succeed in filling existing vacancies.”

⁷ <https://stories.northernhealth.ca/news/northern-health-adjusting-services-strengthen-patient-safety>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, Tracy-Anne McPhee, Minister of Health and Social Services, and Dr. Catherine Elliott, acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, released a statement regarding the new COVID-19 treatment PAXLOVID.⁸ Details are as follows:
 - The Government of Yukon is pleased that Health Canada has authorized a new drug to treat adults who have been diagnosed with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 and are at risk of developing serious disease.
 - The new oral antiviral drug is the first COVID-19 therapy that can be taken at home.
 - The new drug is a combination of two medications that work to stop the virus from replicating and greatly reducing the likelihood of hospitalization or death in high-risk COVID-19 patients.
 - “We are working with the federal government to receive the Yukon’s initial allocation as soon as possible.
 - This will be a very limited quantity of treatment courses.
 - Additional treatment courses will be available as the supply of the medication increases in the coming weeks and months.”
 - “While this adds a new option for health care providers treating people with COVID-19, please know that these drugs are not an alternative to vaccination.”

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.

⁸ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/statement-new-covid-19-treatment-paxlovid>