

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 01 February 2022

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### COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

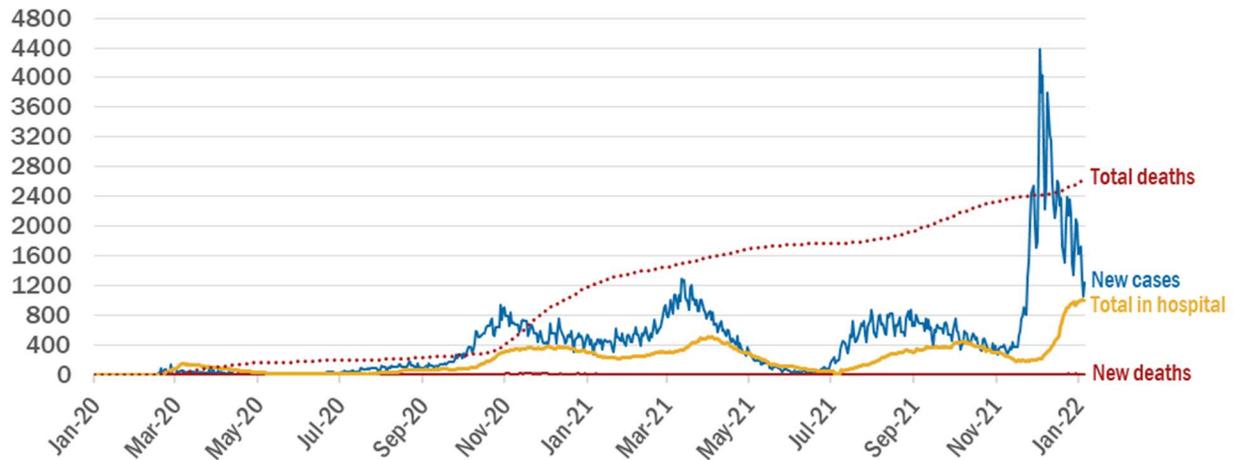
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Jan 31</b>	<b>As of Feb 01</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	324,615	325,851	<b>1,236</b>
Total active cases in BC	27,454	28,302	<b>848</b>
Currently in intensive care	136	139	<b>3</b>
Currently hospitalized	1,008	1,035	<b>27</b>
Total hospitalized to date	15,855	15,896	<b>41</b>
Total deaths in BC	2,616	2,625	<b>9</b>
Total recovered in BC	293,124	293,488	<b>364</b>
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Jan 31</b>	<b>As of Feb 01</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	67,906	68,118	<b>212</b>
Fraser Health	151,509	151,762	<b>253</b>
Island Health	27,884	28,072	<b>188</b>
Interior Health	52,140	52,546	<b>406</b>
Northern Health	24,827	24,998	<b>171</b>
Out of Canada	349	355	<b>6</b>
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Jan 31</b>	<b>As of Feb 01</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	3,106	3,128	<b>22</b>
Total active cases	140	138	<b>-2</b>
Total deaths	16	16	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	2,977	3,002	<b>25</b>
<b>STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Jan 27</b>	<b>As of Jan 31</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	71,052	73,706	<b>2,654</b>
Total active cases	5,375	5,284	<b>-91</b>
Total hospitalized	2,592	2,614	<b>22</b>
Total deaths	603	606	<b>3</b>
Total recovered	65,074	67,816	<b>2,742</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	7,475	7,620	<b>145</b>

<sup>1</sup> BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard

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

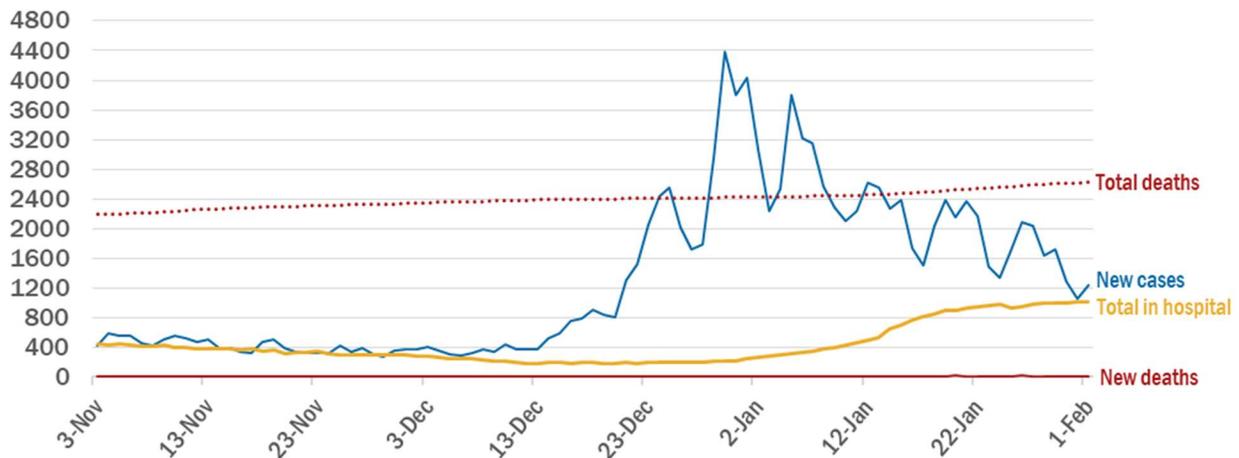
<sup>3</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

### COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

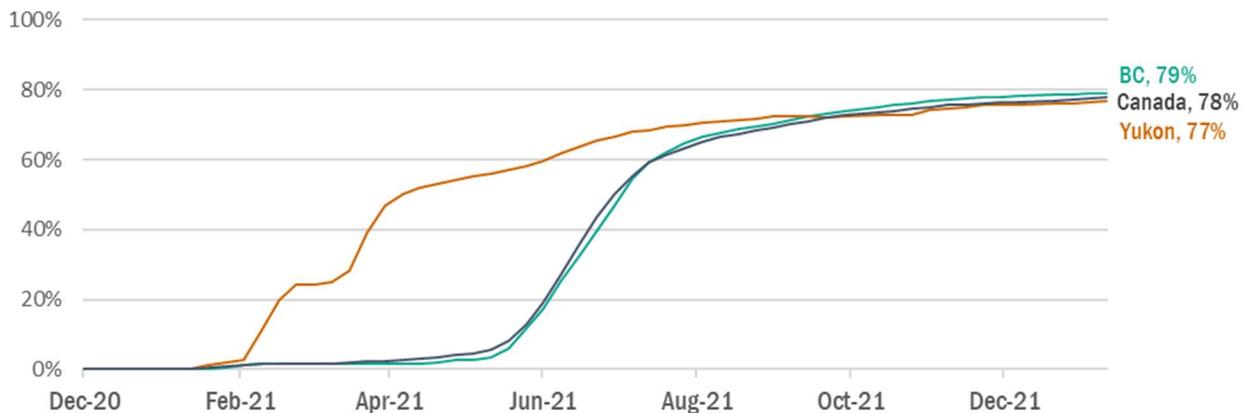


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



### CUMULATIVE % OF PEOPLE FULLY\* VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE<sup>4</sup>

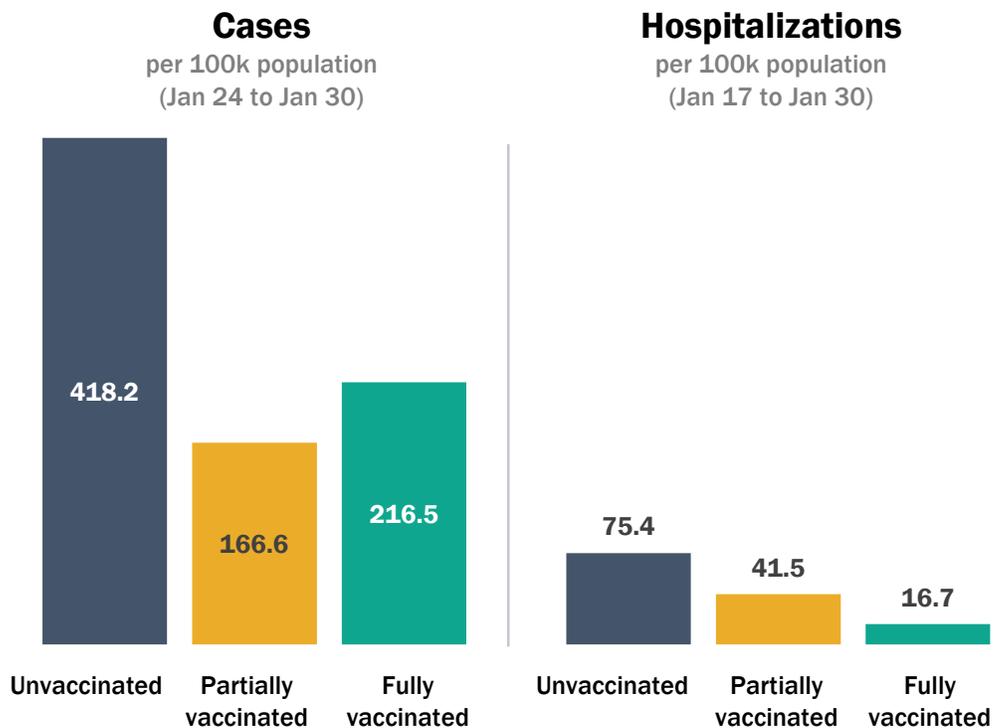
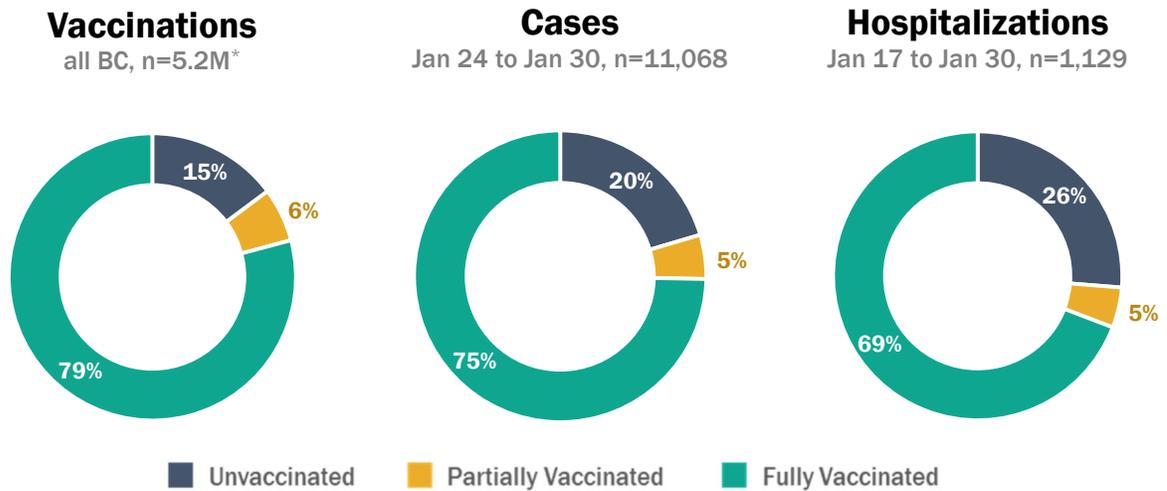


\*People who have received 2 doses of Pfizer, Moderna, and AstraZeneca or 1 dose of Janssen are considered **fully** vaccinated.

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

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

- From January 24, 2022, to January 30, 2022, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 25.3% of cases, and from January 17 to January 30, they accounted for 30.8% of hospitalizations.<sup>5,6</sup>



<sup>5</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/>

<sup>6</sup> As more people get vaccinated and there are fewer unvaccinated people, the % of cases among vaccinated people is expected to increase.

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## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

- Today, Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, and Dr. Bonnie Henry, provincial health officer, provided a COVID-19 update.<sup>7</sup> Highlights are as follows:

### **PAXLOVID Rollout**

- The B.C. Therapeutics Committee has been developing a rational approach on how to use PAXLOVID in British Columbia.
- The limited supply of 4,000 courses has been prioritized for those who are most at risk.
- We've identified that people who are in our critically extremely vulnerable groups will now have access to this drug. This includes:
  - People who have immune compromising conditions because of medications.
  - People who have had a transplant.
  - People undergoing certain cancer therapies.
- These are conditional recommendations, and this is a very challenging medication combination that cannot be used in some cases.
- It can interfere with other medications and can affect people with impaired kidney function.
- Detailed information will be posted later today so people can look at whether they qualify for this medication. This will include updated testing guidelines to make sure that people who do qualify for it are able to get a test quickly.
- BC Renal, BC Cancer and BC Transplant will be reaching out and having these discussions with high-risk patients.

### **Hospitalizations**

- In January, we shared that we are updating how we'll report on hospitalizations to provide a more fulsome account of everybody who is in hospital with COVID-19 positive tests on any given day.
- We are at the highest levels of hospitalization in the whole pandemic.
- We are tracking patients who are admitted to hospital because of COVID-19, and those who are admitted for another reason but then test positive for COVID-19.
- Approximately 60% of people hospitalized for Omicron were admitted for other reasons and then tested positive, therefore it's not COVID that's causing them to be hospitalized.
- We need to understand those two populations to help us understand how we're going to get through this phase.
- The number of hospitalizations is now dropping among all age groups.
- Hospitalization from Delta was much more common in people who were not vaccinated.
- With Omicron, the unvaccinated are a smaller proportion of hospitalizations.
- Hospital stays for people with Omicron are approximately half as long as they are for Delta.
- There is a much smaller proportion of people requiring critical care.

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<sup>7</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1n9HuznhT4>

- Today, the Government of British Columbia announced more rapid tests and ventilation support for K-12 sector.<sup>8</sup> Highlights are as follows:
  - “Further pandemic supports are coming for B.C. students and schools, with 300,000 rapid antigen test kits to be delivered in phases.”
  - “The first phase will be rural and remote school districts for use by students with symptoms of COVID-19.”
  - “This will ensure that communities that are further away from regional testing facilities have access to tests.”
  - “In the second phase of distribution, tests will be shipped for students aged five to 11 in school districts within the Northern and Interior health authorities.”
  - “Test kits for students are in addition to the more than 200,000 test kits shipped in mid-January for symptomatic staff, teachers and administrators.”
  - “Since the beginning of the pandemic, B.C. has invested \$114.5 million to help school districts upgrade ventilation in thousands of classrooms around the province.”
  - “Additional support is available to implement targeted improvements, with a focus on deploying portable HEPA filtration units in classrooms with no access to mechanical ventilation systems.”

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY**

- Today, John Streicker, Minister of the Public Service Commission, released a statement on the vaccine requirement for Government of Yukon employees.<sup>9</sup> Highlights are as follows:
  - “As of now, all Government of Yukon public servants, volunteers and contractors are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.”
  - “This requirement for employment is important to ensure all employees have a safe workplace and can safely provide programs and services to Yukoners.”
  - “Currently 95 per cent of Yukon government employees have attested to being fully vaccinated or received an exemption.”
  - “Fully vaccinated means they have received two doses of a Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccine.”
  - “This does not include booster shots at this time.”
  - “The Government of Yukon is currently in the process of verifying all employees’ vaccination attestations.”
  - “Government of Yukon employees who have not yet complied with the requirement to attest to their first and second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine were placed on leave without pay.”
    - “Employees who did not attest to their first dose by November 30, 2021, were placed on leave without pay starting December 1, 2021.”
    - “Employees who did not attest to their second dose by January 30, 2022, were placed on leave without pay starting January 31, 2022.”

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<sup>8</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022EDUC0004-000148>

<sup>9</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/statement-vaccine-requirement-government-yukon-employees>

- “At present, this includes 108 full-time employees and 203 part-time/casual employees.”
- “Employees who are placed on leave without pay can return to work once they have attested to being fully vaccinated.”

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

- No significant updates from the Government of Canada.