

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 04 February 2022

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### COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

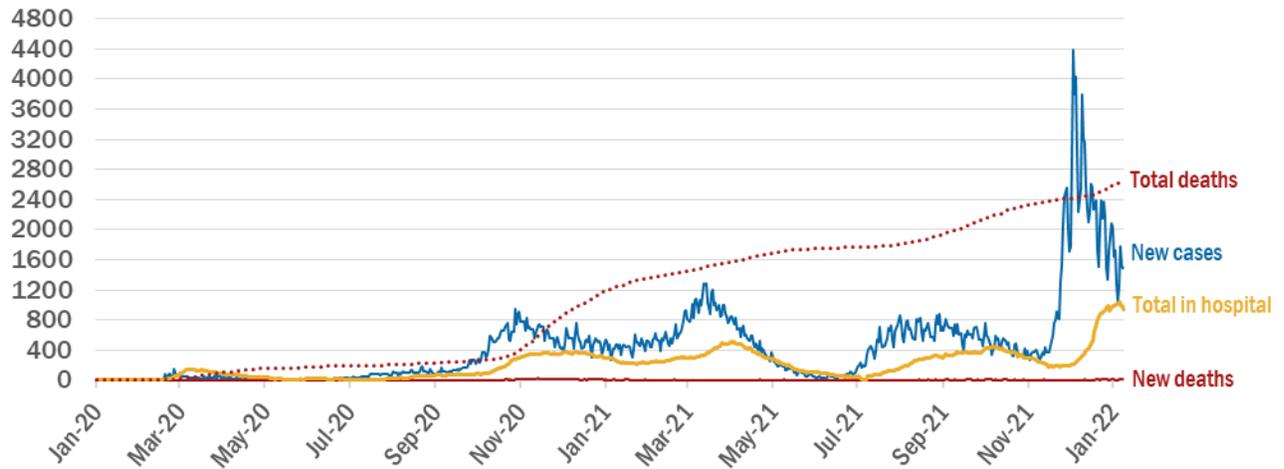
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Feb 03</b>	<b>As of Feb 04</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	329,143	330,638	<b>1,495</b>
Total active cases in BC	25,554	25,175	<b>-379</b>
Currently in intensive care	145	139	<b>-6</b>
Currently hospitalized	985	946	<b>-39</b>
Total hospitalized to date	16,235	16,346	<b>111</b>
Total deaths in BC	2,656	2,675	<b>19</b>
Total recovered in BC	299,657	301,573	<b>1,916</b>
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Feb 03</b>	<b>As of Feb 04</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	68,583	68,760	<b>177</b>
Fraser Health	152,693	153,042	<b>349</b>
Island Health	28,511	28,729	<b>218</b>
Interior Health	53,579	54,112	<b>533</b>
Northern Health	25,422	25,638	<b>216</b>
Out of Canada	355	357	<b>2</b>
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Feb 03</b>	<b>As of Feb 04</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	3,168	3,186	<b>18</b>
Total active cases	137	143	<b>6</b>
Total deaths	18	18	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	3,041	3,051	<b>10</b>
<b>STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Feb 02</b>	<b>As of Feb 03</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	74,786	75,088	<b>302</b>
Total active cases	4,820	4,736	<b>-84</b>
Total hospitalized	2,638	2,646	<b>8</b>
Total deaths	609	611	<b>2</b>
Total recovered	69,357	69,741	<b>384</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	7,660	7,702	<b>42</b>

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

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

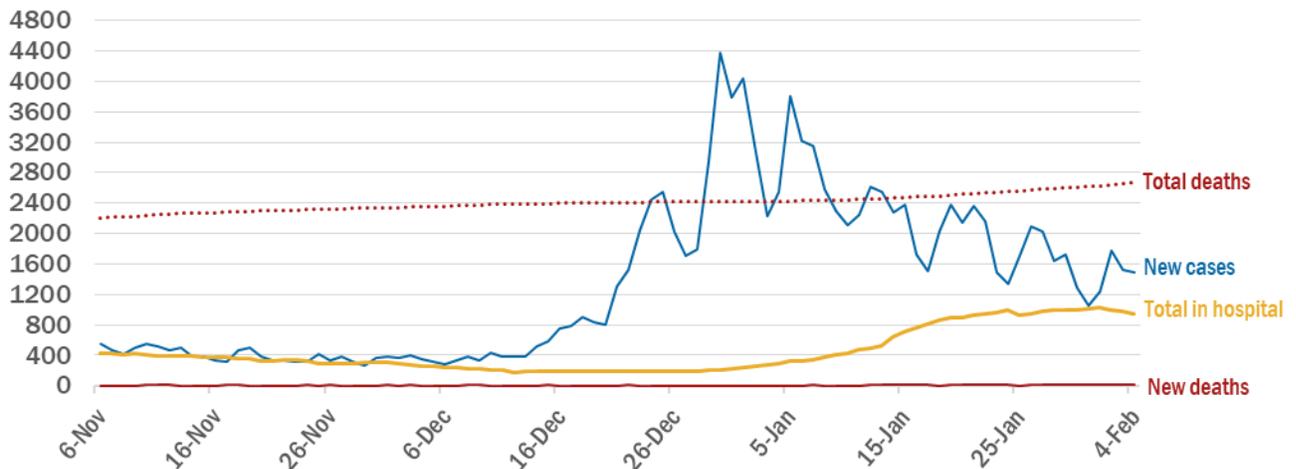
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**COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC**

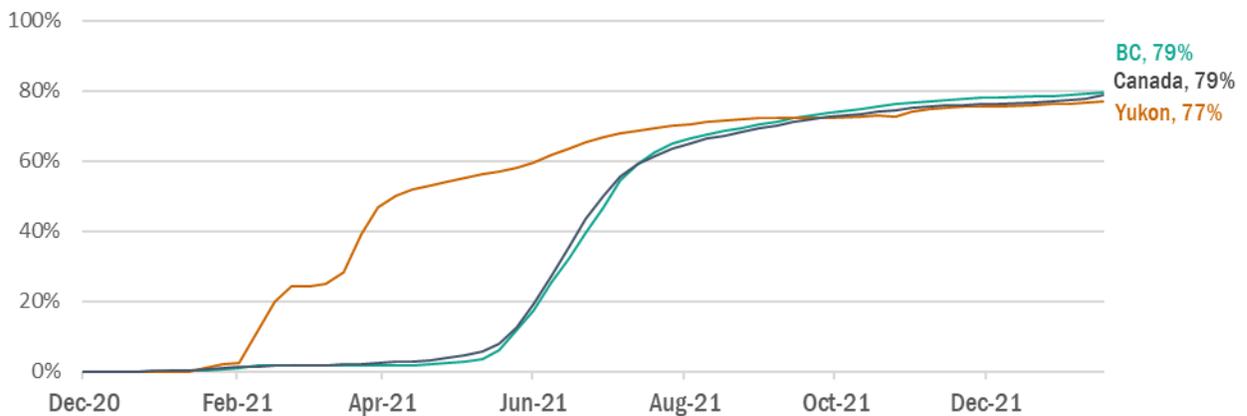


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



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

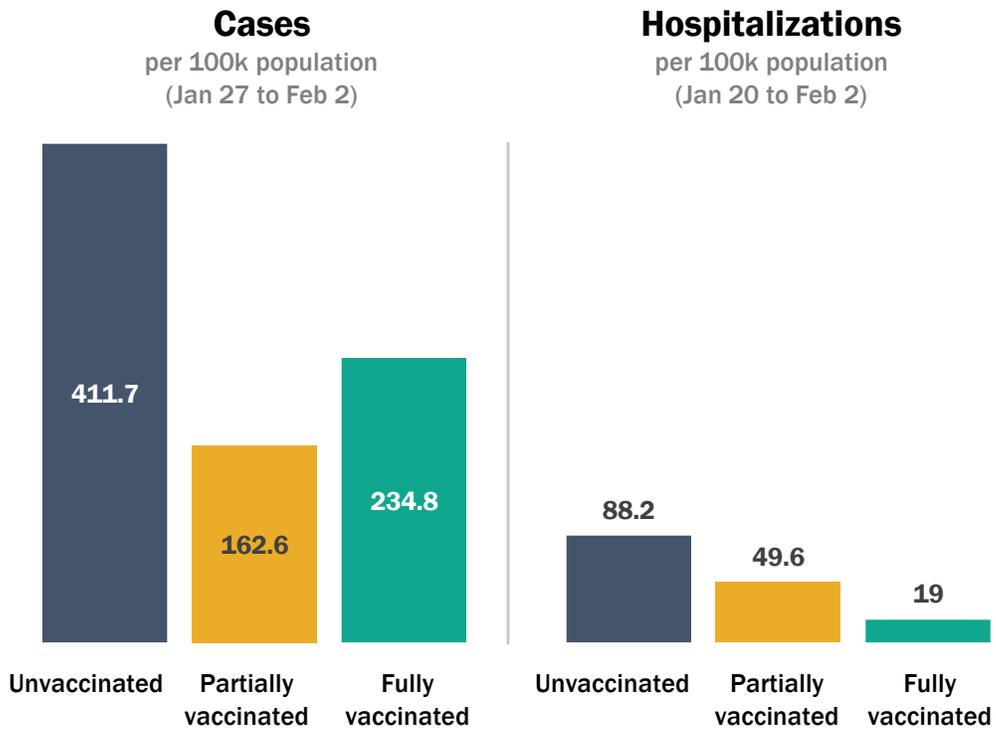
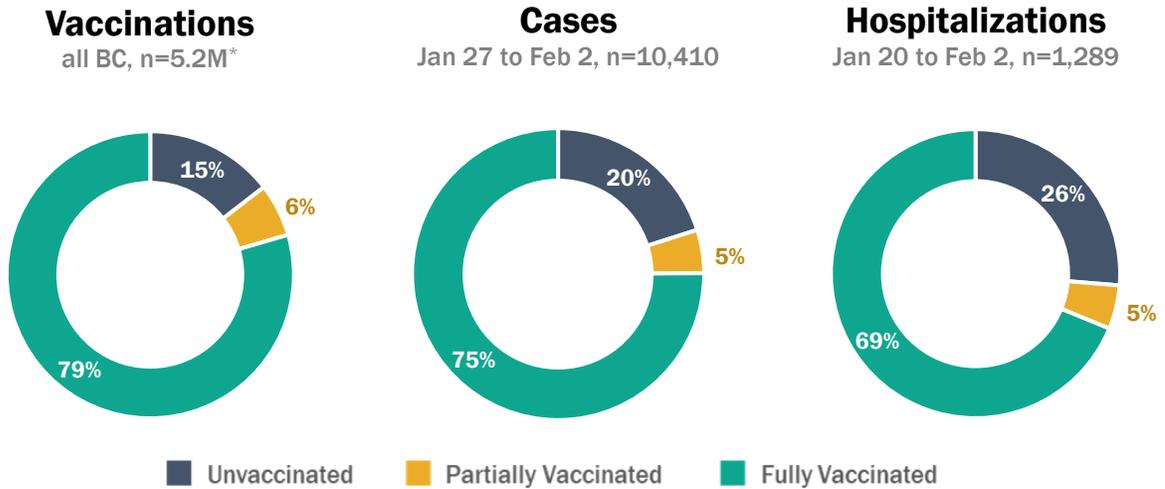


\*People who have received 2 doses of Pfizer, Moderna, and AstraZeneca or 1 dose of Janssen are considered **fully** vaccinated.

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

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

- From January 27, 2022, to February 2, 2022, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 24.9% of cases, and from January 20 to February 2, they accounted for 31.2% 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, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, issued a statement on planned COVID-19 protests in British Columbia over the coming weekend.<sup>7</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - “British Columbians have been navigating the ongoing challenges of the pandemic together, and it is unfair to have one group disrupt the lives of so many others as we are seeing in Ottawa and other cities throughout Canada.”
  - “We understand the strain of this pandemic, but we must come together to beat COVID-19. With 90% of eligible people in B.C. having their first vaccine shot, we are moving close to a new milestone on potentially lifting more restrictions by Family Day.”
  - “We all want this pandemic to be over, and we will get through it by working together.”

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- Today, the Yukon Government announced booster doses for youth aged 12 to 17 and third doses for immunocompromised children between ages 5 and 11.<sup>8</sup> Highlights are as follows:
  - “Starting Monday, **February 7**, Yukoners aged 12 to 17, who are fully vaccinated, will be **eligible for a booster dose** of the COVID-19 vaccine if they are six months past their second dose.”
    - “Rural clinics will start on Monday, February 7, in Carcross.”
    - “The communities of Haines Junction, Old Crow, Mayo, Dawson City and Watson Lake will also have clinics within the next week.”
    - “More clinic dates and communities are being scheduled and will be added to Yukon.ca in the coming days.”
  - “There will be more opportunities for this age group to access vaccines.”
  - “The Government of Yukon will schedule enough appointments to provide a booster to all Yukoners aged 12 to 17 who wish to have one by the end of February.”
  - “**Immunocompromised children** aged five to 11 who have already received their primary series will **be able to receive a third dose**.”
  - “This third dose will ensure an appropriate immune response for children whose immune system is compromised.”
    - “The third dose for immunocompromised children is recommended four weeks after receiving a second dose. **A third dose differs from a booster dose**.”
    - “The third dose is the completion of a primary series for people who meet specific criteria, such as immunocompromised individuals.”
  - “Appointments can be made online at [yukon.ca/this-is-our-shot](https://yukon.ca/this-is-our-shot). Whitehorse residents can also call 1-877-374-0425. Residents in rural communities can call their local health centre to book an appointment and can find clinic dates and times on Yukon.ca.”

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<sup>7</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/26212>

<sup>8</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/covid-19-boosters-ages-12-17-and-third-doses-immunocompromised-children-five-11>

- Today, the Yukon Government, on the advice of the Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, announced that certain public health measures for indoor team sports for ages 18 and under will be eased.<sup>9</sup> Details include the following:
  - “Effective **February 5, 2022**, limits on indoor recreational team sports for youth 18 years of age and under will **increase to 25 people or 50 per cent of venue capacity**, whichever is less.”
  - “Activities that can operate under the new limits include, but are not limited to:
    - Team sports, including hockey, soccer, volleyball, and basketball;
    - Swimming lessons and practices;
    - Rock climbing;
    - Karate and martial arts;
    - Gymnastics; and
    - Fitness or exercise classes.”
  - **“Proof of vaccination for youth 12 years and four months of age and older is still required.”**
  - “A number of temporary public health measures remain in place to limit the spread of COVID-19 and prevent further strain on public health systems.”
  - **“Mandatory masking continues to be in effect in all indoor public settings** and in outdoor public settings where physical distancing cannot be maintained.”
  - “Yukoners are strongly encouraged to continue practising the Safe 6 plus 1 at all times.”
  - “In addition to following public health measures, vaccination increases protection against COVID-19. All eligible Yukoners are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated and receive a booster shot as soon as possible.”

## SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, delivered a statement on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in Canada.<sup>10,11</sup> Highlights include the following:
  - “This winter, unprecedented numbers of people in Canada have been infected with the highly contagious Omicron variant.”
  - “Though declining, daily new case counts – averaging over 10,000 daily – together with other indicators of COVID-19 disease activity, including test positivity, Rt (or effective reproduction number), and wastewater surveillance trends – indicate ongoing widespread activity across the country.”
  - “Presently, severe illness trends are **elevated or still rising** in many areas of the country.”
  - “As we continue to take measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and protect our heavily strained health system, experts are learning more every day about the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines.”

<sup>9</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/limits-indoor-team-sports-and-group-activities-increase-ages-18-and-under>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/02/remarks-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-on-feb-4-2022.html>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/02/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-february-4-2022.html>

- “What the latest data show is that, while two doses of COVID-19 vaccines offer reasonably good protection against severe disease, **receiving an mRNA booster dose offers superior protection**, keeping more people out of hospital and preventing more deaths.”
  - “In general, data show that protection against hospitalizations is **over 90% with an mRNA booster dose**, which is 15% to 40% higher effectiveness than with just two doses.”
- “There are many benefits of being fully up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccines across all eligible age groups.”
  - “Protection ranges from the smaller and shorter duration against infection, through a somewhat larger reduction in symptomatic illness, to strong protection against severe outcomes.”
- “Given the very large number of Canadians with a confirmed or apparent infection during the Omicron surge in particular, it is also important to highlight that previously infected people benefit from starting or completing their COVID-19 vaccination.”
- “Today, NACI is releasing updated recommendations on suggested intervals for administration of booster doses for those who have been previously infected.”
  - “Notably, NACI suggests that an mRNA booster be given **at least 6 months after the previous dose or three months following infection**, whichever is longer.”
- “However, as no vaccine is one hundred percent effective, it is important for everyone to **continue to use personal protective measures** – such as wearing a good quality, snug-fitting mask, avoiding crowding, and improving ventilation in indoor spaces.”
- “While COVID-19 is still circulating in Canada and internationally, a vaccines plus approach continues to be essential to the pandemic response in Canada.”
  - “This includes layering vaccination with timed and targeted public health measures and individual protective practices.”
  - “Canadians are advised to **avoid all non-essential travel outside of Canada** at this time; if you must travel, be aware of requirements for visiting other countries and for returning to Canada.”
- “We can also stay healthier during the winter respiratory season by getting up-to-date with other recommended vaccines, such as influenza and routine vaccines for children and adults.”