

## 3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 09 February 2022

The information contained in this report is based on recent updates and current information available at the time the report was finalized. It is not inclusive of all actions or measures taken to date by health officials federally, provincially, or locally.

### COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

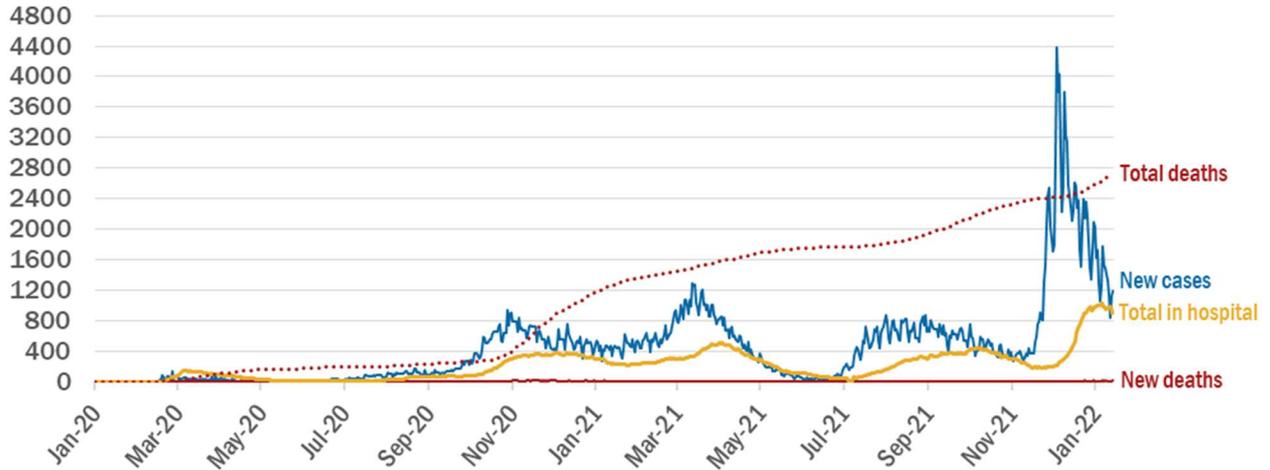
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN BC<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Feb 08</b>	<b>As of Feb 09</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	335,042	336,229	<b>1,187</b>
Currently in intensive care	146	143	<b>-3</b>
Currently hospitalized	986	893	<b>-93</b>
Total hospitalized to date	16,753	16,854	<b>101</b>
Total deaths in BC	2,707	2,725	<b>18</b>
Total recovered in BC	306,888	310,533	<b>3,645</b>
<b>CONFIRMED CASES BY BC REGION<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>As of Feb 08</b>	<b>As of Feb 09</b>	<b>Change</b>
Vancouver Coastal Health	69,380	69,527	<b>147</b>
Fraser Health	154,095	154,411	<b>316</b>
Island Health	29,382	29,545	<b>163</b>
Interior Health	55,487	55,857	<b>370</b>
Northern Health	26,329	26,520	<b>191</b>
Out of Canada	369	369	<b>0</b>
<b>STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>As of Feb 08</b>	<b>As of Feb 09</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	3,252	3,261	<b>9</b>
Total active cases	118	97	<b>-21</b>
Total deaths	20	20	<b>0</b>
Total recovered	3,130	3,158	<b>28</b>
<b>STATUS OF FN RESERVE CASES<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>As of Feb 07</b>	<b>As of Feb 08</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total confirmed cases	76,720	77,375	<b>655</b>
Total active cases	4,548	4,389	<b>-159</b>
Total hospitalized	2,679	2,681	<b>2</b>
Total deaths	617	619	<b>2</b>
Total recovered	71,555	72,367	<b>812</b>
Total confirmed cases in BC	7,844	7,857	<b>13</b>

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

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

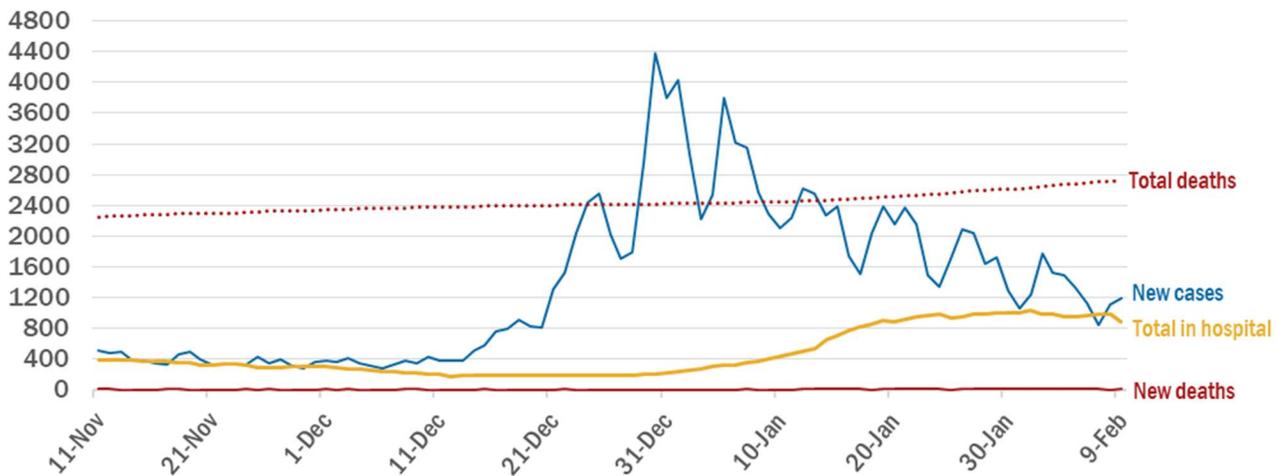
<sup>3</sup> <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

### COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC

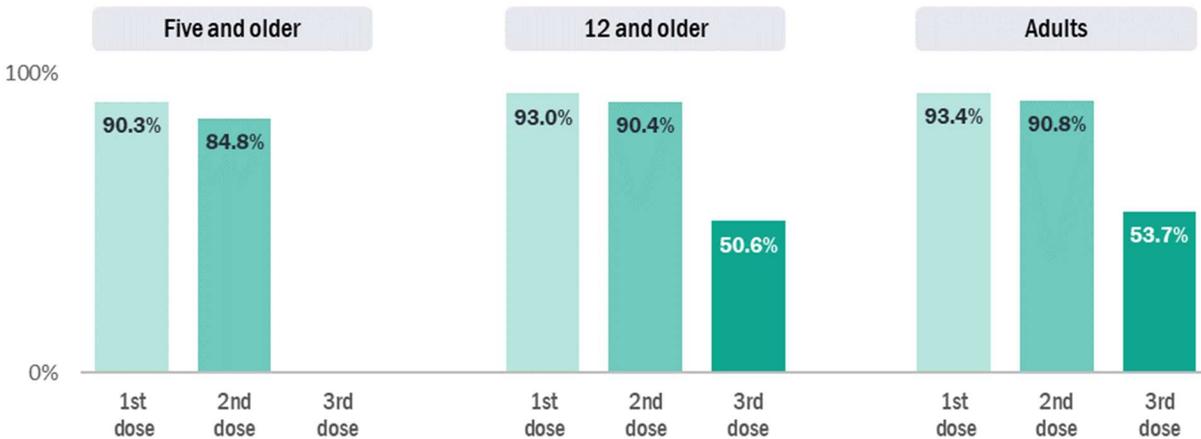


Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods.

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



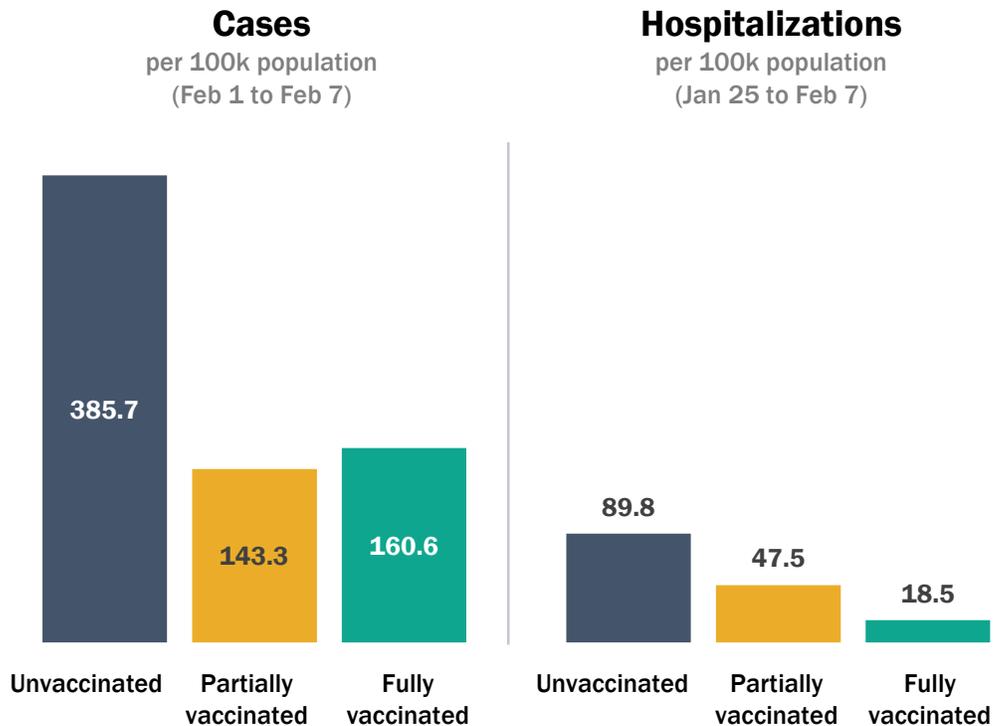
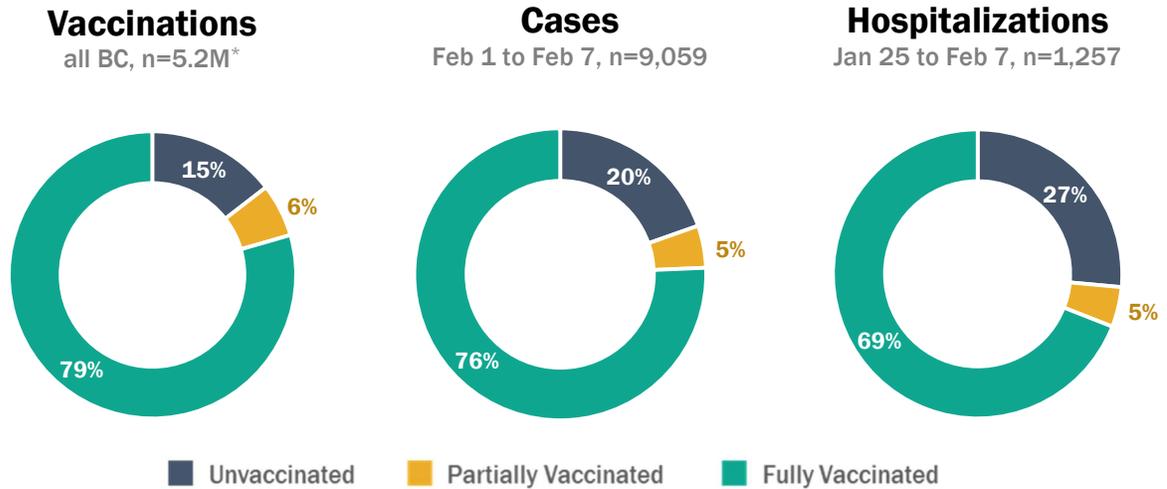
### % OF ELIGIBLE PEOPLE IN BC VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE<sup>4</sup>



<sup>4</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/>

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

- From February 1, 2022, to February 7, 2022, people not fully vaccinated<sup>5</sup> accounted for 24.3% of cases, and from January 25 to February 7, they accounted for 31.0% of hospitalizations.<sup>6,7</sup>



<sup>5</sup> People who have received 2 doses of Pfizer, Moderna, and AstraZeneca or 1 dose of Janssen are considered “fully vaccinated” by the BC Gov.

<sup>6</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/>

<sup>7</sup> As more people get vaccinated and there are fewer unvaccinated people, the % of cases among vaccinated people are expected to increase.

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

## **SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

- Today, Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, and Dr. Bonnie Henry, provincial health officer, released a COVID-19 update.<sup>8</sup> Highlights are as follows:

### **Update on vaccination requirement for health professionals**

- In follow-up to the notice given to health professionals in October 2021, the provincial health officer is finalizing, in consultation with all health professional colleges, an order that requires all regulated health professionals to be vaccinated by March 24, 2022, to work in their occupation in British Columbia.<sup>9</sup>
- This order is intended to help ensure patients are confident that they are protected in all health-care settings and will align with the existing requirements for health-care workers working in long-term, acute and community care.
- Under the order, regulated health professionals who are vaccinated with one dose before March 24, 2022, may continue to work as long as they receive a second dose 28-35 days after their first dose.
- Updates will be provided as consultation on the order is completed.
- For a full list of health professions that the order applies to, visit:  
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/26237>

### **Changes in reporting**

- Some metrics that have been reported daily, particularly active cases and counts of those who have been removed from isolation, are no longer accurate due to changes in testing and will be removed from daily surveillance reports and from the BCCDC dashboard.

### **Immunity after infection**

- There is no definitive time for when to be vaccinated after a COVID-19 infection.
- In the short-term, those who have had an infection will have some immunity that may last from weeks to months.
- Immunity from infection varies, and those unvaccinated people who have had a mild illness may not be developing both parts of the immune system (i.e. antibodies in the blood and the longer-lasting, stronger protection from cell-mediated immunity provided by vaccinations.)
- Unvaccinated individuals who have been infected can receive the first or second dose anytime from the day they have recovered up to eight weeks later.
  - There will be some additional level of risk the longer you wait, depending on community transmission, the variant type, and household members.
- This advice may change if there is a reduction in the amount of virus circulating.

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<sup>8</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M\\_ezLeV94PI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_ezLeV94PI)

<sup>9</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022HLTH0047-000195>

- Today, the BC government announced new guidance on how liquor-serving-only businesses can provide meals from external sources.<sup>10</sup> Details include the following:
  - After consultation with stakeholders, the provincial health officer (PHO) is updating rules for liquor-serving premises (e.g., bars, nightclubs) that want to change their business model and reopen by serving meals from external sources.
  - Over the course of the pandemic, this has been an option for these premises. With recent restrictions, more interest was expressed and clarifications were requested.
  - This order clarifies that “full meal and service” means offering a wide variety of food, which may include appetizers, main courses and desserts, but not only appetizers, tapas, desserts or snacks.
  - Further to the order, these places must:
    - enter into an agreement with one or more catering partners to offer full-meal service, and maintain a copy of all catering-partner agreements on the premises and provide agreements to an enforcement officer on request;
    - offer full-meal service, provide full menus, take meal orders, serve meals and receive payment;
    - maintain a record of the sale of meals and have them available for enforcement officers on request; and
    - cease full-meal service no more than three hours before ending liquor service.
  - The amendments will be reflected in the PHO’s Food and Liquor Serving Premises Order.

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

- Today, the Government of Yukon announced at-home rapid tests will be available at a pop-up event in Whitehorse.<sup>11</sup> Highlights are as follows:
  - “On February 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Yukoners in Whitehorse can pick up at-home rapid test kits from the Centennial Motors test distribution site located across from the Erik Nielsen International Airport.”
  - “Each rapid test kit contains five at-home rapid tests and are available to all Yukon households, regardless of whether a person is symptomatic or not.”
  - “Asymptomatic people picking up test kits should keep them on hand in the event they develop symptoms.”

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

- Today, Government of Canada announced the intention to expand access to the Local Lockdown Program and Worker Lockdown Benefit.<sup>12</sup> Highlights are as follows:
  - The government intends to propose expanding access announced on December 22, 2021, by one month, until March 12, 2022.

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<sup>10</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022HLTH0046-000194>

<sup>11</sup> <https://yukon.ca/en/news/home-rapid-tests-be-available-pop-event-whitehorse>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2022/02/government-extends-expanded-access-to-local-lockdown-program-and-worker-lockdown-benefit.html>

#### **Local Lockdown Program**

- Eligibility would continue to include employers subject to capacity-limiting restrictions of 50 per cent or more.
- The current-month revenue decline threshold requirement would remain at 25%.
- Eligible employers would receive wage and rent subsidies from 25 per cent up to a maximum of 75%, depending on their degree of revenue loss.
- The 12-month revenue decline test continues to not be required in order to access this support.

#### **Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit**

- Eligibility would continue to include workers in regions where capacity-limiting restrictions of 50 per cent or more are in place.
- This benefit provides \$300 a week in income support to eligible workers affected by a COVID-19-related public health lockdown order, and who are either unable to work or have lost 50 per cent or more of their income as a result.

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