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## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Ministry of Health

### **B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update**

VICTORIA – As of Monday, Sept. 20, 2021, 86.8% (4,024,302) of eligible people 12 and older in B.C. have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 79.4% (3,679,181) received their second dose.

In addition, 87.4% (3,778,735) of all eligible adults in B.C. have received their first dose and 80.2% (3,470,043) received their second dose.

Over a three-day period, B.C. is reporting 1,692 new cases of COVID-19, for a total of 179,646 cases in the province:

- Sept. 17-18: 644 new cases
- Sept. 18-19: 613 new cases
- Sept. 19-20: 435 new cases

Note: The numbers of total and new cases are provisional due to a delayed data refresh and will be verified once confirmed.

There are 5,608 active cases of COVID-19 in the province and 171,769 people who tested positive have recovered. Of the active cases, 307 individuals are in hospital and 156 are in intensive care. The remaining people are recovering at home in self-isolation.

Note: Intensive care numbers are a subset of the total in hospital. They are not in addition to the number of people in hospital.

The new/active cases include:

- 533 new cases in Fraser Health
  - Total active cases: 1,732
- 239 new cases in Vancouver Coastal Health
  - Total active cases: 988
- 371 new cases in Interior Health
  - Total active cases: 1,183
- 345 new cases in Northern Health
  - Total active cases: 1,037
- 204 new cases in Island Health
  - Total active cases: 661
- no new cases of people who reside outside of Canada
  - Total active cases: seven

In the past 72 hours, 11 new deaths have been reported, for an overall total of 1,899.

The new deaths include:

- Fraser Health: six
- Vancouver Coastal Health: two
- Northern Health: three

There has been one new health-care facility outbreak at Overlander (Interior Health), for a total of 21 active outbreaks, including:

- long-term care: Northcrest Care Centre, Westminster House, Menno Terrace East (Fraser Health), Arbutus Care Centre, Louis Brier Home and Hospital (Vancouver Coastal Health), Village at Mill Creek – second floor, Cottonwoods Care Centre, Brookhaven Care Centre, Spring Valley Care Centre, Kamloops Seniors Village, Hillside Village, The Hamlets at Westsyde, Joseph Creek Care Village, Overlander (Interior Health) and Jubilee Lodge (Northern Health)
- acute care: Chilliwack General Hospital (Fraser Health), Fort St. John Hospital (Northern Health) and Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (Interior Health)
- assisted or independent living: David Lloyd Jones, Sun Pointe Village and Hardy View Lodge (Interior Health)

From Sept. 10-16, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 76.3% of cases and from Sept. 3-16, they accounted for 85.0% of hospitalizations.

Past week cases (Sept. 10-16) – Total 4,749

- Not vaccinated: 3,268 (68.8%)
- Partially vaccinated: 355 (7.5%)
- Fully vaccinated: 1,126 (23.7%)

Past two weeks cases hospitalized (Sept. 3-16) – Total 401

- Not vaccinated: 319 (79.6%)
- Partially vaccinated: 22 (5.5%)
- Fully vaccinated: 60 (15.0%)

Past week, cases per 100,000 population after adjusting for age (Sept. 10-16)

- Not vaccinated: 313.7
- Partially vaccinated: 91.6
- Fully vaccinated: 28.6

Past two weeks, cases hospitalized per 100,000 population after adjusting for age (Sept. 3-16)

- Not vaccinated: 44.9
- Partially vaccinated: 8.7
- Fully vaccinated: 1.4

After factoring for age, people not vaccinated are 32.2 times more likely to be hospitalized than those fully vaccinated.

Since December 2020, the Province has administered 7,711,306 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines.

## Learn More:

To learn about the BC Vaccine Card and how to access yours, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard.html>

For health measures in the Northern Health region, visit: <https://stories.northernhealth.ca/news/new-health-measures-introduced-northern-health-region>

For the Aug. 31, 2021, modelling presentation, visit: [http://news.gov.bc.ca/files/8-31\\_PHO\\_modelling.pdf](http://news.gov.bc.ca/files/8-31_PHO_modelling.pdf)

For the provincial health officer's order on masks in public indoor settings, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/25217>

For the Aug. 12, 2021, announcement on mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for long-term care workers, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/25143>

For health measures in the central Okanagan, visit: [https://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/MediaCentre/NewsReleases/Documents/IB\\_COVID\\_Outbreak\\_6%20August.pdf](https://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/MediaCentre/NewsReleases/Documents/IB_COVID_Outbreak_6%20August.pdf)

For information on breakthrough cases, visit: [http://news.gov.bc.ca/files/7-27\\_breakthrough\\_cases.pdf](http://news.gov.bc.ca/files/7-27_breakthrough_cases.pdf)

Or see the BC Centre for Disease Control's (BCCDC) weekly data summary: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/data#summary>

Detailed data is posted daily on the BCCDC dashboard: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/data>

Or: [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca)

To register to be immunized or to learn about getting your second dose, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register>  
Or: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/dose-2>

To learn about BC's Restart plan, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restart>

For the provincial health officer's orders and guidance, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

For guidance on restrictions, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/restrictions>

The latest updates, including case counts, prevention, risks and to find a testing centre near you: <http://www.bccdc.ca/>

Or follow @CDCofBC on Twitter.

For COVID-19 exposure events, updates and information, visit:

- BCCDC: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/public-exposures>
- Fraser Health: [fraserhealth.ca/covid19exposure](https://fraserhealth.ca/covid19exposure)
- Interior Health: <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/public-exposures/>
- Island Health: <https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/covid-19/data-outbreaks-facilities>
- Northern Health: <https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/outbreaks-and-exposures>
- Vancouver Coastal Health: <http://www.vch.ca/covid-19/public-exposures>

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