
INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Ministry of Health

COVID-19 pandemic update

VICTORIA – As of Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 90.8% (4,526,085) of eligible people five and older in B.C. have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 87.1% (4,341,506) have received their second dose.

In addition, 93.4% (4,330,184) of eligible people 12 and older in B.C. have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, 91.0% (4,217,679) received their second dose and 57.1% (2,648,785) have received a third dose.

Also, 93.8% (4,055,277) of all eligible adults in B.C. have received their first dose, 91.4% (3,953,391) received their second dose and 58.9% (2,549,120) have received a third dose.

B.C. is reporting 269 new cases of COVID-19, for a total of 354,603 cases in the province.

The new cases include:

- Fraser Health: 49
- Vancouver Coastal Health: 51
- Interior Health: 73
- Northern Health: 43
- Island Health: 53
- People who reside outside of Canada: zero

There are 258 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19, and 49 are in intensive care.

In the past 24 hours, one new death (Northern Health) has been reported, for an overall total of 2,975.

There have been no new health-care facility outbreaks, for a total of five facilities with ongoing outbreaks, including:

- long-term care:
 - Hillside Village (Interior Health)
 - The Heights at Mt. View, Yucalta Lodge and Selkirk Seniors Village (Island Health)
- acute care:
 - Surrey Memorial Hospital (Fraser Health)
- assisted or independent living:
 - none

From March 15-21, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 16.0% of cases.

From March 8-21, they accounted for 26.3% of hospitalizations.

Past week cases (March 15-21) - Total 1,416

- Not vaccinated: 203 (14.3%)
- Partially vaccinated: 24 (1.7%)
- Fully vaccinated: 1,189 (84.0%)

Past two weeks cases hospitalized (March 8-21) - Total 369

- Not vaccinated: 84 (22.8%)
- Partially vaccinated: 13 (3.5%)
- Fully vaccinated: 272 (73.7%)

Past week, cases per 100,000 population after adjusting for age (March 15-21)

- Not vaccinated: 60.4
- Partially vaccinated: 18.2
- Fully vaccinated: 25.5

Past two weeks, cases hospitalized per 100,000 population after adjusting for age (March 8-21)

- Not vaccinated: 23.8
- Partially vaccinated: 11.7
- Fully vaccinated: 5.8

Since December 2020, the Province has administered 11,458,133 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Pfizer Pediatric COVID-19 vaccines.

Learn More:

For rapid tests for people 18+ at pharmacies,

visit: <http://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022HLTH0095-000409>

For the March 10, 2022, announcement on lifting COVID-19 restrictions,

visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022HLTH0081-000324>

For information on when to get a COVID-19 test: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing/when-to-get-a-covid-19-test>

For information on COVID-19 treatments including Paxlovid: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/treatments>

For information on booster doses, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/booster>

To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines for

children: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/children>

For information on a third dose for people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register#immunocompromised>

To learn about how B.C. counts its daily COVID-19 cases in hospitals,

visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0058-001844>

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

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

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-response-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.

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