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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Due to the rapidly changing circumstances surrounding COVID-19 and its impact on workers, program support criteria are subject to change. Be sure to visit [www.unifor.org/covid19](http://www.unifor.org/covid19) to download updated versions of the fact sheets available to our members and their families.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0125-001356>

# Daily update on COVID-19

[gov.bc.ca/covid19](http://gov.bc.ca/covid19)



As of Monday, July 12, 2021, 78.8% (3,652,759) of eligible people 12 and older in B.C. have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 44.6% (2,068,450) received their second dose.

In addition, 79.9% (3,455,472) of all eligible adults in B.C. have received their first dose and 47.7% (2,064,190) received their second dose.

Over a three-day period, B.C. is reporting 123 new cases of COVID-19, for a total of 148,154 cases in the province:

- July 9-10: 46 new cases

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- July 10-11: 47 new cases
- July 11-12: 30 new cases

There are currently 658 active cases of COVID-19 in the province, and 145,722 people who tested positive have recovered.

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

Of the active cases, 66 individuals are currently in hospital and 14 are in intensive care. The remaining people are recovering at home in self-isolation.

- The new/active cases include:
  - 38 new cases in Fraser Health
    - Total active cases: 175
  - 38 new cases in Vancouver Coastal Health
    - Total active cases: 257
  - 42 new cases in Interior Health
    - Total active cases: 167
  - no new cases in Northern Health
    - Total active cases: 30
  - five new cases in Island Health
    - Total active cases: 22
  - no new cases of people who reside outside of Canada
    - Total active cases: seven

In the past 72 hours, no new deaths have been reported, for an overall total of 1,760.

Currently, there are three active outbreaks in:

- acute care: Laurel Place at Surrey Memorial Hospital, Eagle Ridge Hospital (Fraser Health) and Royal Inland Hospital (Interior Health)
- long-term care: none
- assisted or independent living: none

Since December 2020, the Province has administered 5,741,691 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines.

**Learn More:**

Detailed data is posted daily on the BC Centre for Disease Control's (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/getvaccinated.html>  
Or <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/dose-2>

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

For recent modelling, visit: [http://news.gov.bc.ca/files/6-28\\_PHO\\_presentation.pdf](http://news.gov.bc.ca/files/6-28_PHO_presentation.pdf)

For information on breakthrough cases, see the BCCDC weekly data summary: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/data#summary>

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.

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](http://fraserhealth.ca/covid19exposure)
- Interior Health: <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/public-exposures/>
- Island Health: <https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/covid-19/outbreaks-and-exposures>
- 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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# CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



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**The outbreak by the numbers** (as of 2:00 p.m. EDT Tuesday, July 13, 2021):

- **Canada:** 1,421,355 cases | 5,015 active | 26,447 deceased
- **Globally:** 187,512,171 cases | 4,043,963 deceased

**Vaccine shipment forecasts** (as of 2:00 p.m. EDT Tuesday, July 13, 2021)

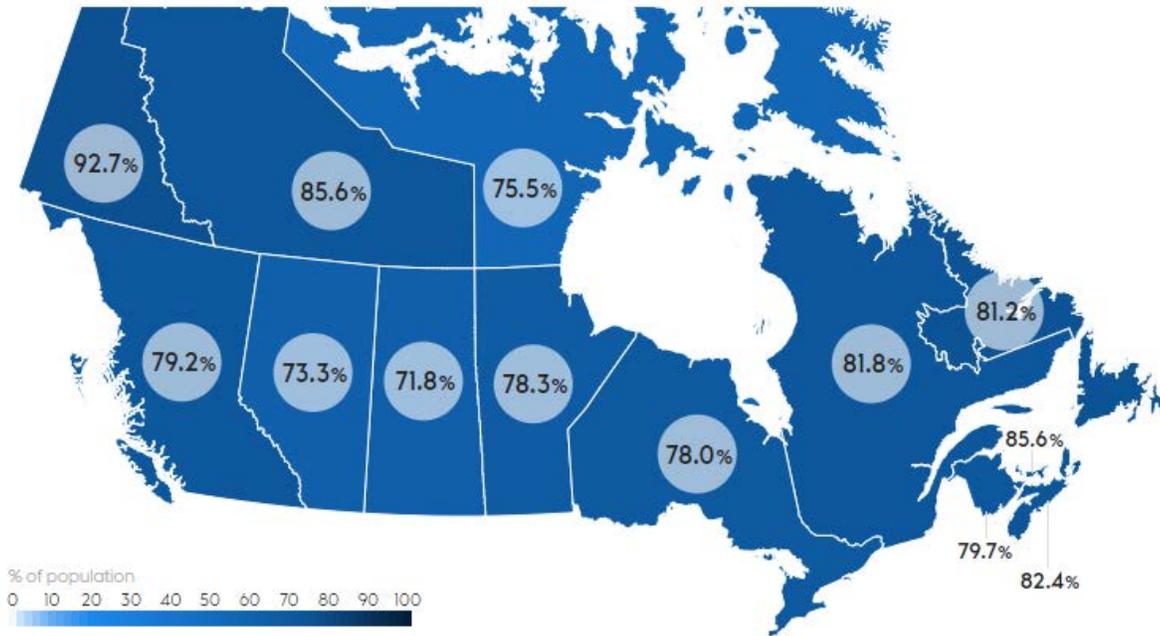
- Next **Pfizer-BioNTech** allocation: 1,433,250 doses between July 12-18

**Vaccinations by the numbers** (as of 2:00 p.m. EDT Tuesday, July 13, 2021)

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Map shows percentage of *eligible* population (12+) vaccinated with at least one dose; percentages table below are for *total* population.

**Eligible population (12+) in Canada: 78.57% first dose | 50.83% fully vaccinated**



- **World:** 3,470,208,492 doses given | 25.4% first dose | 12.3% fully vaccinated
- **Canada:** 69.06% have received at least one dose | 44.68% fully vaccinated
- **British Columbia:** 71.1% at least one dose | 40% fully vaccinated
- **Alberta:** 62.4% at least one dose | 46.5% fully vaccinated
- **Saskatchewan:** 62.9% at least one dose | 47.8% fully vaccinated
- **Manitoba:** 66.8% at least one dose | 49.8% fully vaccinated
- **Ontario:** 69.0% at least one dose | 48.4% fully vaccinated
- **Quebec:** 71.4% at least one dose | 40.3% fully vaccinated
- **New Brunswick:** 70.7% at least one dose | 46.1% fully vaccinated
- **Nova Scotia:** 73.3% at least one dose | 40.8% fully vaccinated
- **Prince Edward Island:** 75.4% at least one dose | 30.3% fully vaccinated
- **Newfoundland and Labrador:** 75.2% one dose | 27.8% fully vaccinated
- **Yukon:** 76.3% at least one dose | 69.1% fully vaccinated
- **Northwest Territories:** 71.9% at least one dose | 64.9% fully vaccinated
- **Nunavut:** 56.0% at least one dose | 44.3% fully vaccinated



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## Here's what's been happening in Canada

**At the border.** The majority of Canadians feel pandemic U.S.-Canada [border restrictions should be lifted](#) by the end of 2021, according to a new Nanos Research survey. The number of incoming visitors has been increasing since border rules began easing for fully vaccinated, eligible travellers, but roughly half have still been turned away due to visitors "[not understanding the rules](#)". There are [a few exceptions](#) of who can currently enter Canada. Only citizens, permanent residents and eligible foreign nationals who have gone two weeks since a full course of one of the four COVID-19 vaccines approved by Health Canada -- Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Oxford-AstraZeneca or Johnson & Johnson -- are exempt from quarantine.

- [Barrie couple faces \\$12,000 in fines under expiring travel rule](#)
- [Who can travel to Canada? The latest from the federal government](#)

**Unvaccinated vulnerable.** More than **50 per cent of residents** in Canada who are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine have [now been fully vaccinated](#), while 78.6 per cent of those eligible have had at least one dose. Even when the entire population is taken into account, Canada's rates for at least one dose places us [near the very top](#) among countries with more than a million people. But as the vaccination numbers above show, when children under 12 are included, those percentages fall - in some cases significantly - raising the question of what we should do. [Yukon's outbreak](#) among unvaccinated youth and children is an example of what can happen even in a highly vaccinated population and [health experts stress](#) that safety considerations should still be made around children.

**Vaccine donation.** While Canada's vaccination rates are great news for us, only 25 per cent of the world's population have had at least one dose, and just over 12 per cent are fully vaccinated. The vaccine inequity is stark, and the consequences are being played out in vulnerable populations around the world through major Delta variant outbreaks from Africa to Asia. To that end, Canada is donating an additional [17.7 million doses](#) to the global vaccine-sharing network COVAX and matching up to \$10 million in donation to UNICEF's vaccination fundraising campaign. This brings Canada's contribution of doses shared to more than 30 million. Canada had previously come under international criticism for tapping into the COVAX supply and for the government's aggressive procurement efforts.

**Reopening snapshot.** It's a mix of news across Canada on the reopening front. **Alberta** says it will not be following **Quebec** and **Manitoba's** lead when it comes to requiring some form of a [vaccine passport](#). The **Calgary Stampede** is underway, with Calgary's economic development chair saying the major event is important to [the city's economy](#). It remains to be seen what kind of impact it will have, if any, on the region's infection rates. Politicians participating in Stampede events have been met with some [protesters frustrated](#) with pandemic restrictions.

In **Saskatchewan**, COVID-19 [restrictions have been lifted](#) for the first time in 16 months, including a province-wide mask mandate, though businesses and workplaces are allowed to implement their own policies. The province's chief medical health officer says it remains a good idea to continue wearing a mask in crowded settings around unfamiliar people.

**Ontario** revealed [new details](#) on what might be allowed for students come September. Movie theatres in the province are [set to reopen](#) at the end of this week as Ontario enters Step 3, but exhibitors are frustrated by capacity limits and other restrictions. **Quebec** has reduced the [physical distancing requirements](#) between people from different households to one metre and lifted other restrictions including capacity limits for retail businesses. **P.E.I.** is joining a few other provinces in

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[lifting its mandatory mask requirements](#) along with other easing restrictions.

**Lambda variant in Canada.** The Lambda variant detected in many South American countries has [made its way](#) into a handful of Canadian provinces. But experts say there's no sign it causes more severe outcomes compared with other variants, and that our high vaccination rate should help prevent a rapid spread in this country.

**Pandemic early warning system.** Canada's so-called pandemic early warning system fell short of its job and left officials scrambling to prepare domestically when China first began seeing cases in December 2019. The system needs [a series of reforms](#) in order to be better prepared for future emerging health threats, according to a new report issued Monday, stemming from a federal independent review.



## **The latest headlines...**

**In vaccine news.** The World Health Organization's [caution about mixing and matching](#) sparked discussion around the practice with Canadian officials and doctors defending it and saying the WHO comments, made during a discussion around booster doses, were [taken out of context](#). A number of studies conducted in other countries have shown that mixing mRNA and AstraZeneca vaccines can promote a stronger immune response.

The WHO's comments included remarks about some citizens deciding to take a third or fourth dose, and the "chaotic situation" that could create. One Canadian doctor noted that some people in other parts of the world may try to get other types of vaccines in order to satisfy various travel conditions.

At the moment, many European and other countries currently do not recognize the Indian-made version of the [AstraZeneca vaccine](#), for example, and are barring travellers from entering. Some experts say the EU move is discriminatory and unscientific and could fuel further mistrust.

- [U.S. puts new warning on J&J coronavirus vaccine for autoimmune disorder](#)

**In research and data.** A new Canadian study has found a link as to why some people may develop dangerous but [extremely rare blood clots](#) after receiving AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine. Researchers at McMaster University have pinpointed a group of amino acids that can be "targeted" by key antibodies in the blood following the jab that can trigger an "intense clotting reaction" for some people.

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Separately, researchers at Johns Hopkins Medicine published a study suggesting a common imaging tool may be helpful in evaluating COVID-19 patients [at risk of developing heart issues](#) that could increase the chance of heart failure or stroke.

- [Delta variant is 'COVID-19 on steroids,' expert says](#)
- [Unvaccinated Belgian woman contracted two variants simultaneously](#)
- [Swiss study suggests low-income people had worse COVID-19 outcomes](#)
- [Most Ontario youth experienced depression during pandemic, early data suggests](#)
- [COVID-19 caused reduced access to gender-affirming care for trans, non-binary people: Survey](#)

## **How it affects our kids**

There are still many questions when it comes to our kids and the pandemic. If they remain unvaccinated, what does it mean for travel over the long-term? Returning to "normal"? And what will [school in the fall](#) look like? In the U.S., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said that [vaccinated teachers and students](#) do not need to wear masks inside school buildings. And should vaccines be approved eventually for those under 12, some people question the ethics of giving them to our kids when there is still so much vaccine inequity and the global distribution remains overwhelmingly unbalanced.

In the meantime, this summer will mark a return to certain social situations for the first time in a very long time for many children -- going to a store, or playing with other kids at a park. I'll leave you with [some advice](#) from one parenting coach, who says predictability, consistency are key to easing kids back into social situations.

Thank you for reading,  
*Solarina Ho, CTVNews.ca writer*

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For more news on the coronavirus in Canada:

- [Vaccine tracker: How many people have received shots?](#)
- [Variant tracker: What are the strains and where are they?](#)
- [LIVE UPDATES: What's the latest in Canada and around the world today](#)

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**List of locations: Here's where to get tested for COVID-19 in B.C.**

Internet Explorer

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/list-of-locations-here-s-where-to-get-tested-for-covid-19-in-b-c-1.5065190>

<https://bcgov03.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/7f71191c6e0c4e65a644c1da3f53eb68>

Mobile and Desktop

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/3862560c5a41418e9d78f4f81688e9d0>

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**Unifor's website is constantly being updated as new information is provided. Unifor has many websites to direct you to for assistance.**

**Resources:**

Unifor COVID-19 Information and Resources: <https://www.unifor.org/covid19>

Government of Canada Outbreak Update: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

Government of Canada Income Supports for Workers/Individuals:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/economic-response-plan.html>

**Please also check the websites of your respective provinces for any additional provincial supports or resources that may be available to you.**

BCCDC website for Health info about COVID-19: [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca)

British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) website: <http://covid-19.bccdc.ca/>

**Health Issues: Dial 811 and follow your Provincial Protocols**

**Mental Health Issues: Dial 211 or access your EAP benefits:**

**Other useful websites with information**

**Federal Government Financial Support Resources:**

Government of Canada COVID-19 Financial Assistance for Canadians Outside of Canada: <https://travel.gc.ca/assistance/emergency-info/financial-assistance/covid-19-financial-help>

Government of Canada Economic Plan & How to Apply for Support: <https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html>

COVID - 19 Employment and Social Development Canada Information Guide: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus.html>

Canada Revenue Agency COVID-19: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/covid-19-employee-info.html>

**Provincial Government Financial Support Resources:**

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BC Preparedness Response: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support>

Income Assistance: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/income-assistance>

Income Assistance Offices in the Lower Mainland: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/income-assistance/access-services#lowermainland>

**Health & Preparation Resources:**

COVID-19: Being prepared: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/being-prepared.html>

Government of Canada Symptoms & Treatments: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/symptoms.html>

BC COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment

Tool: <https://covid19.thrive.health/?fbclid=IwAR1NzQXV3eUgFa5bSimQ2wiRpXVRMZc1LPbpg5fUNIDFIK1Sc7yjhc4aB>

Health Link BC & 811: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/services-and-resources/about-8-1-1>

**Other Useful Links:**

World Health Organization Myth Busters: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>

World Health Organization Public Advice: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

Government of Canada, Community-based Measures: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/public-health-measures-mitigate-covid-19.html>

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