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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 to download updated versions of the fact sheets available to our members and their families.

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<https://www.unifor.org/campaigns/all-campaigns/covid-19-information-resources>

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<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022HLTH0105-000463>

Daily update on COVID-19

gov.bc.ca/covid19



- As of Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 90.8% (4,528,240) of eligible people five and older in B.C. have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 87.3% (4,351,830) have received their second dose.
- In addition, 93.5% (4,331,797) of eligible people 12 and older in B.C. have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, 91.1% (4,220,677) received their second dose and 57.5% (2,665,395) have received a third dose.
- Also, 93.8% (4,056,759) of all eligible adults in B.C. have received their first dose, 91.5% (3,955,946) received their second dose and 59.3% (2,562,901) have received a third dose.
- B.C. is reporting 291 new cases of COVID-19, for a total of 356,252 cases in the province.
- The new cases include:
 - Fraser Health: 60
 - Vancouver Coastal Health: 53
 - Interior Health: 102
 - Northern Health: 19
 - Island Health: 57
 - People who reside outside of Canada: zero
- There are 276 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19 and 43 are in intensive care.
- In the past 24 hours, six new deaths have been reported, for an overall total of 2,996.
 - Fraser Health: one
 - Interior Health: one
 - Northern Health: three
 - Island Health: one
- There have been no new health-care facility outbreaks, for a total of seven facilities with ongoing outbreaks, including:

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- long-term care:
 - The Heights at Mt. View, Selkirk Seniors Village, Amica Douglas House, Acacia Ty Mawr, Sunridge Place Seniors and Ayre Manor (Island Health)
- acute care:
 - Surrey Memorial Hospital (Fraser Health)
- assisted or independent living:
 - none
- From March 22-28, people not fully vaccinated accounted for 17.7% of cases. From March 15-28, they accounted for 20.4% of hospitalizations.
- Past week cases (March 22-28) - Total 1,583
 - Not vaccinated: 256 (16.2%)
 - Partially vaccinated: 23 (1.5%)
 - Fully vaccinated: 1,304 (82.3%)
- Past two weeks cases hospitalized (March 15-28) - Total 363
 - Not vaccinated: 61 (16.8%)
 - Partially vaccinated: 13 (3.6%)
 - Fully vaccinated: 289 (79.6%)
- Past week, cases per 100,000 population after adjusting for age (March 22-28)
 - Not vaccinated: 73.3
 - Partially vaccinated: 15.8
 - Fully vaccinated: 28.0
- Past two weeks, cases hospitalized per 100,000 population after adjusting for age (March 15-28)
 - Not vaccinated: 18.6
 - Partially vaccinated: 11.9
 - Fully vaccinated: 6.1
- Since December 2020, the Province has administered 11,487,827 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>

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- 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.

Article I. Translations

- [2022.03.30_Covid_Chinese\(traditional\).pdf](#)
- [2022.03.30_Covid_Punjabi.pdf](#)
- [22.03.30_Covid_French.pdf](#)

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus>



THE COVID-19 BRIEF

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The outbreak [by the numbers](#) (as of 1 p.m. EDT Monday, May 30, 2022):

- **Canada:** 3,867,041 cases | 294,404 active | 40,995 deaths
- **Globally:** 529,143,190 cases | 6,288,352 deaths

Hospitalizations (as of 1 p.m. EDT Monday, May 30, 2022):

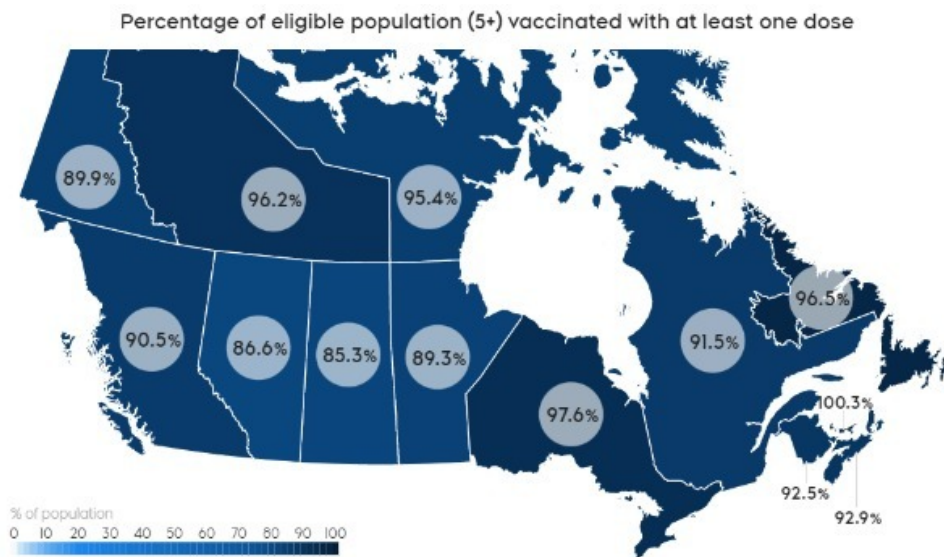
- **Canada:** 3,739 hospitalizations | 298 ICU admissions

Vaccinations [by the numbers](#) (as of 1 p.m. EDT Monday, May 30, 2022):

- **World:** 11,824,023,097 doses | 65.8% one dose | 60% at least two doses
- **Canada:** 87.27% one dose | 82.01% at least two doses

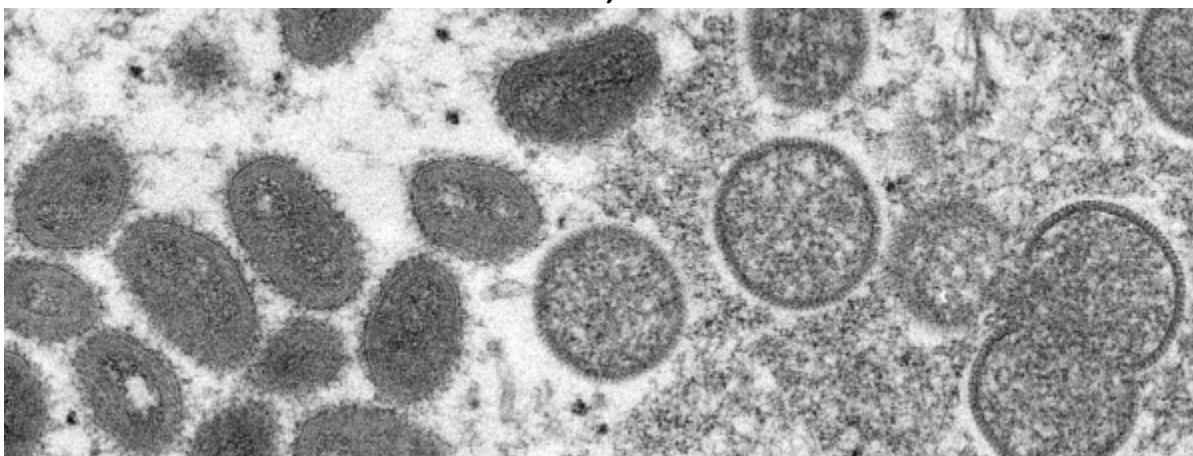
Map shows percentage of *eligible* population (5+) vaccinated with at least one dose; percentages above are for *total* population.

Eligible population (5+) in Canada: 91.8% one dose | 86.3% at least two doses



* Percentages have been adjusted to reflect updated population figures and third doses in some provinces

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Here's what's been happening in Canada

Is monkeypox the next COVID-19? In its latest update on the monkeypox outbreak, the World Health Organization (WHO) said it is now aware of [257 confirmed cases of monkeypox](#) across 23 countries where the virus is not considered endemic. Among them is Canada, where [26 confirmed cases](#) of the virus have been reported as of May 30 in both Quebec and Ontario. While this latest viral outbreak may be reminiscent of the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, experts have pointed to [key differences that exist](#) between the viruses, arguing that monkeypox is [unlikely to result in a global pandemic](#) in the same way that COVID-19 did. For more information on monkeypox, including how it spreads and which treatments are available, click below:

- [Monkeypox in Canada: Act now to stop it, expert urges, before it's too late](#)
- [What vaccines, treatments do we have to combat monkeypox?](#)
- [Monkeypox outbreak: What is it and how does it spread?](#)
- [Monkeypox likely spread at two raves in Europe, expert says](#)

Snapshot across Canada. In contrast to the rise of monkeypox cases in Canada, provinces are reporting a steady decline in the weekly average of new COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations. For the first time since April, health officials in **British Columbia** logged [fewer than 500 patients in hospital with COVID-19](#) over a one-week period. At the time of the province's latest update on May 26, 473 people were in hospital with the virus. Meanwhile, **Alberta** Health Minister Jason Copping announced that the province is now [past the peak of its sixth wave](#), dominated by cases of the Omicron BA.2 sub-variant.

In **Ontario**, health officials recently reported the province's [lowest number of ICU patients with COVID-19](#) in six months, with 144 people receiving intensive care as of May 28. On May 30, this number rose slightly to 147. Despite the small increase, both ICU and hospital admissions in the province [remain low compared to the week prior](#). Residents of **Quebec** also continue to see a drop in hospitalizations related to COVID-19. On May 30, the province recorded [1,177 patients in hospital with the virus](#); about one week before, there were 1,351 COVID-19-related hospitalizations. This comes as more health-care workers in the province [return to work](#) following absences for reasons related to the virus. At one point, [more than 12,000 staff members](#) across the province were off the job; that number has since dropped to nearly 4,000 absences.

Maritime provinces such as **Nova Scotia** are also seeing fewer COVID-19 patients in hospital. In the province's latest update on May 26, health officials announced that [40 people were](#)

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[hospitalized with COVID-19](#), a slight decrease compared to the week prior. For a closer look at how provinces and territories are doing, check out our interactive [COVID-19 tracking map](#) and [see how we rank](#) against the U.S. Click below for more stories on COVID-19 in Canada:

- ['Now is the time': Premiers urge federal government to talk health-care dollars](#)
- [Rise in Saskatoon wastewater samples may mark another small wave](#)
- [What Manitoba's COVID-19 surveillance reveals about hospitalizations](#)
- [N.L. to end requirement for some workers to get COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- [Mask mandates end in Atlantic schools, health officials still recommend use](#)



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In vaccines and COVID-19 therapeutics. Some doctors in the United States are beginning to reconsider giving Paxlovid to [patients who are at lower risk](#) of severe COVID-19 outcomes. Prompting this reassessment is a health advisory that was recently released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The advisory highlights concerns over patients experiencing a return of COVID-19 symptoms after completing a course of the antiviral drug, and advises Paxlovid users to isolate for an additional five days if their symptoms rebound. This is leading health experts to focus on prescribing the pill to high-risk patients. For more on vaccines, COVID-19 therapeutics, related research and reports, click below:

- [U.S. making COVID antiviral drug more available at test sites](#)
- [Austrian COVID vaccine mandate to remain suspended in summer](#)

Around the world. The seven-day average of new COVID-19 infections reported around the world continues on a downward trend, with countries such as **China** seeing a notable drop in case counts. On May 29, the country logged [184 new cases of COVID-19](#), compared to 293 cases recorded the day before. Starting this week, residents of two districts in the capital city of Beijing will no longer be required to work from home, while Shanghai, China's largest city, plans to end a two-month-long lockdown on June 1. **Japan** is also preparing to ease more of its COVID-19 restrictions in the coming weeks. On June 10, the country will [open its borders to foreign tourists](#) for the first time in about two years, but only those on tours with fixed schedules will be allowed in.

Top officials in **North Korea** are considering pulling back on pandemic restrictions as well, according to state media. This comes after leader Kim Jong Un and other bureaucrats have said the country's recent outbreak is under control. However, [doubts remain](#) whether the country's [COVID-19 situation is actually improving](#). For a detailed breakdown of how COVID-19 is spreading across the world, take a look at our [Global Tracker](#). Click below for more international stories:

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- [Dominant coronavirus mutant in U.S. contains ghost of pandemic past](#)
- [U.K. PM Boris Johnson, other leaders faulted for lockdown parties](#)

- [India to provide scholarships, counselling to those orphaned by COVID-19](#)

One last thing

Among other things, the COVID-19 pandemic has certainly taken its toll on the world's ability to travel. As countries aim to lift more of their travel restrictions, an increasing number of Canadians are planning trips abroad. But for Nexus travellers hoping to expedite their trip to the United States, an eye-popping backlog in applications might spell trouble. As a result of office closures brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, [more than 295,000 Nexus applications](#) submitted by Canadians have yet to be processed, according to the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). Additionally, enrollment centres across Canada remain closed after shutting their doors in March 2020, making it difficult for Nexus members to renew their status.

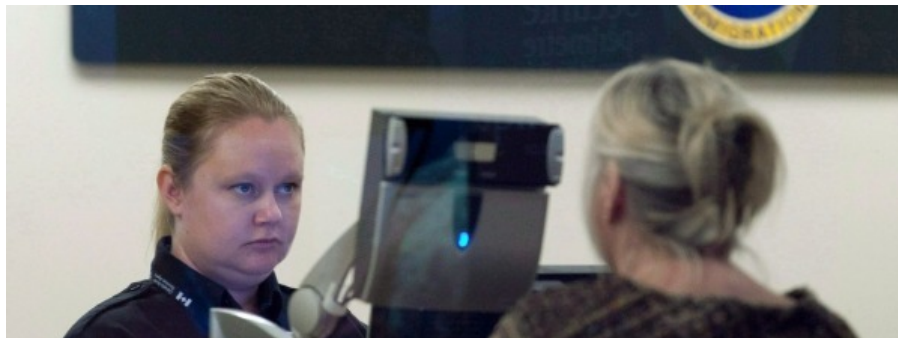
Recent reports have also shown that the federal government is still working to process nearly a million passport [applications since April 2021](#). Although Canada's Transport Minister Omar Alghabra has said the government aims to find [solutions to existing "bottlenecks"](#) in air travel, it remains to be seen whether these solutions will be implemented in time for what could be a busy summer season. Click below for more coverage of travel during COVID-19:

- [International travel to Canada on the rise as pandemic restrictions lift](#)
- [Regular travel and public health measures can't coexist: Airports Council](#)
- [Flight schedules contributing to long lines at Canadian airports: minister](#)
- [Airport, passport delays expected to last into summer, expert says](#)

Do you have a question about COVID-19? [Let us know here.](#)

Thank you for reading and have a great week,
Jennifer Ferreira, CTVNews.ca writer

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http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19_Weekly_Report/COVID_weekly_report_02062022.pdf

BC CDC

Weekly Reporting of COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths
Data up to May 28, 2022

Section A: Numbers for COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths

Table 1: Weekly Reporting of COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths¹

	Health Authority	Total					
		FHA	HA	HA	VGI	VHA	
Cases reported	May 17 - May 19	414	218	66	276	1,084	
	May 21 - May 23	405	381	80	295	1,358	
Hospital admissions	May 22 - May 24 ²	130	29	13	60	37	265
	May 25 - May 27	216	65	17	66	44	365
30-day all-cause mortality³	May 17 - May 30 ⁴	13	10	2	11	6	44
	May 15 - May 21	28	14	2	20	8	72
	May 18 - May 14	40	14	5	19	10	88

Table 2: Cumulative totals⁵ of COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths

	Health Authority					OOO ⁶	Total	
	FHA	HA	HA	VGI	VHA			
Cases reported	163,929	65,302	20,285	14,871	35,942	301	371,729	
Hospital admissions	10,795	4,037	2,010	4,549	2,064	17	24,482	
30-day all-cause mortality⁷	From January (case finality)	1,348	367	330	716	241	0	3,002
	From mortality (assessments finality)	186	149	20	117	90	0	545

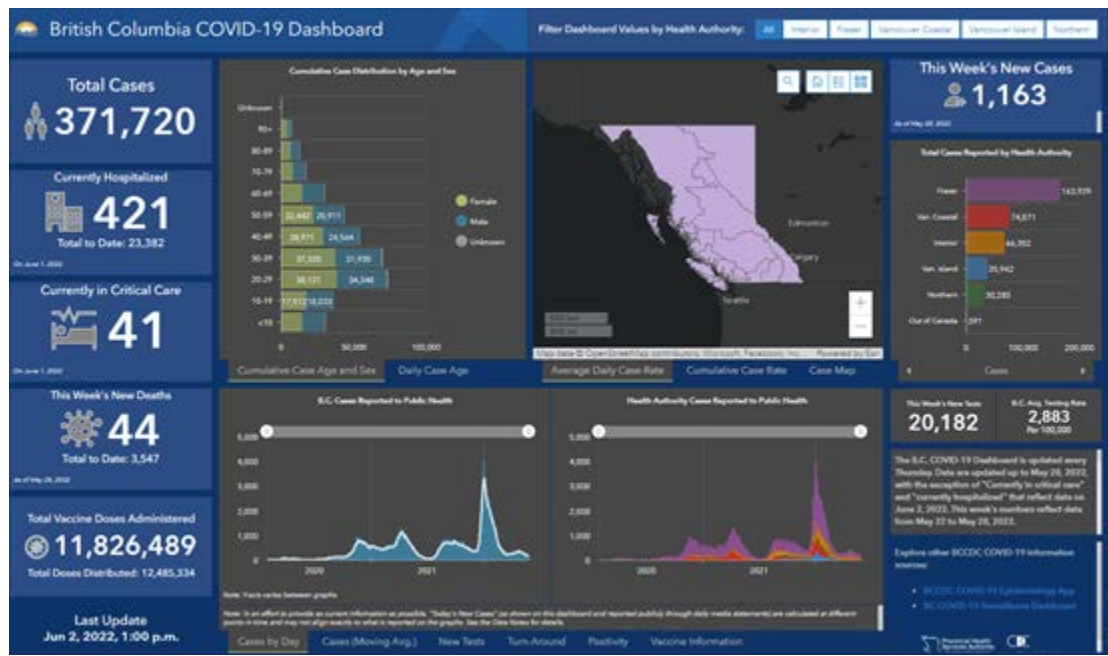
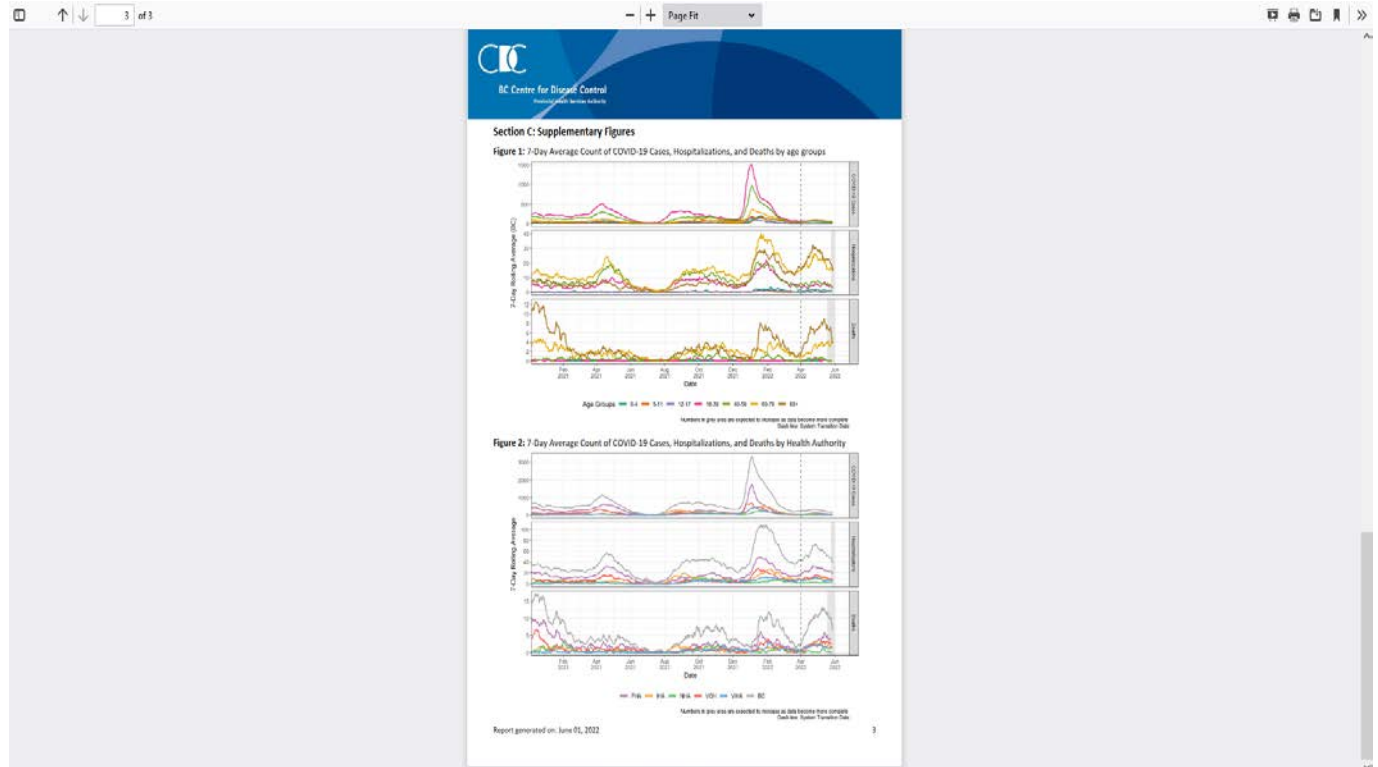
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Section B: Data Notes

- Cases:** Total COVID-19 cases include lab-confirmed, lab-probable and qPCR-linked cases. From January 2020 to April 1, 2022 cases included those reported by the health authorities and positive laboratory results in the Provincial Laboratory Information Solution or Sunquest. As of April 2, 2022 only cases with positive laboratory results in the Provincial Laboratory Information Solution or Sunquest are included. The number of cases is reported by the day of their lab result.
- From January 2020 to April 1, 2022 cases were reported by health authority of residence or reporting health authority; cases whose primary residence is outside of Canada were reported as "Out of Canada". As of April 2, 2022 health authority is based on the case's address provided during lab testing and cases from outside of BC are not included. Please note that the health authority of residence and the health authority reporting the case do not necessarily indicate the location of exposure or transmission.**
- Hospitalizations:** From January 2020 to April 1, 2022, hospitalizations include those reported by the health authorities. As of April 2, 2022, hospitalizations are defined as those individuals who had any COVID-19 hospitalization recorded in the Provincial Health Services Authority's Provincial COVID-19 Monitoring Solution. Single day episodes (e.g. admission, discharge on same date) are excluded. Hospital admissions is reported by date of admission.
- Deaths:** From January 2020 to April 1, 2022, deaths include those reported by the health authorities. As of April 2, 2022, deaths are any COVID-19 lab positive cases who have died from any cause (COVID-19 or non-COVID-19), as recorded in Vital Statistics, BC Ministry of Health within 30 days of their first positive lab result date. Death is reported by date of death. All-cause mortality is being used because cause of death takes approximately 8 weeks to be recorded. Retrospective evaluations of underlying cause of death will be done by the BCCDC, in addition to the data provided in this report, to better understand true COVID-19 mortality.
- Hospitalizations and deaths may be incomplete (i.e. under-estimated) in the most recent weeks owing to the data systems timing and processes.
- Numbers provided for previous weeks may differ from week to week as data become more complete and are updated over time.
- Provincial BCCDC COVID-19 products provide information on cases, hospitalizations and deaths:
 - BCCDC COVID data trends - Main webpage for dashboards, reports and maps related to COVID-19.
 - BC COVID-19 Dashboard - Provincial and health authority level reporting of case incidence, death, hospitalization and laboratory data.
 - BCCDC Regional Surveillance Dashboard - Provincial and regional reporting of case, hospitalization, critical care, and vaccine data, including interactive maps.
 - BCCDC COVID-19 App - Case incidence, death, hospitalization, laboratory and limited vaccine data for regional and global comparisons.
 - Situation Report - provides a more in depth look at COVID-19 epidemiology, data and key trends including wastewater surveillance and MSC.
 - Variant report - Information on variants in BC.
- The BCCDC Mortality App reports on all cause deaths in the province, including COVID-19.

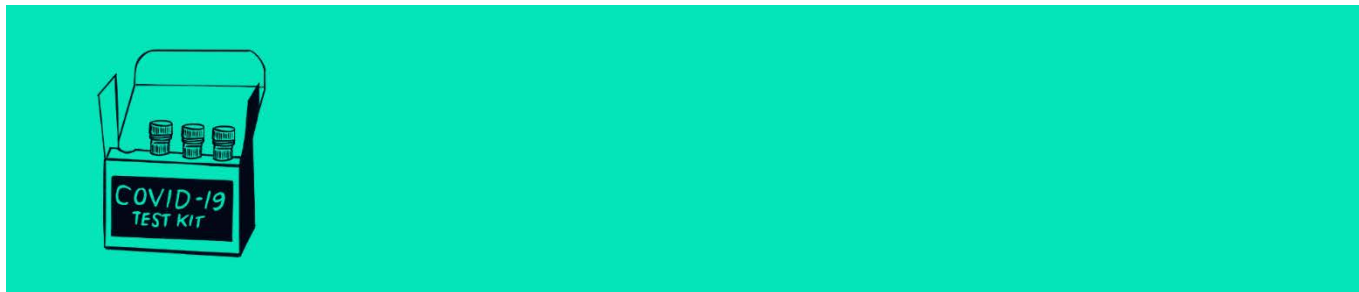
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<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/testing>

Rapid antigen testing kits



- Everyone 18+ can get free rapid antigen testing kits from a pharmacy in their community.
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- Last updated: **April 1, 2022**
- [Rapid antigen testing kits are free for people 18+](#)
- [Get your kit](#)
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Rapid antigen testing kits are free for people 18+

- To get a free rapid antigen testing kit, you must be:
 - A resident of B.C.
 - Registered for Medical Services Plan (MSP)
 - 18 years or older
- You will need your Personal Health Number (PHN) to pick up your testing kit.

1 kit contains 5 individual tests

- You are allowed 1 kit every 28 days. This makes sure that everyone who wants a kit can get one.
- You can't pay for additional kits.
- A test should only be used by people who develop symptoms of COVID-19 and want to confirm a positive or negative result. The tests are not suitable for international travel requirements.

Get your kit

- Visit your local pharmacy and ask for your testing kit. Pharmacy staff will:
 - Ask for your PHN. You can find your PHN on the back of your B.C. driver's licence, BC Services Card or CareCard
 - Give you 1 kit

A pharmacy should never ask you to pay for a kit.

Pick up a kit for someone else

- You can pick up a kit for someone else, like a parent or grandparent. Make sure you know their full name, date of birth and PHN, the pharmacist will ask you for that information.
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How to use a test

- Each kit comes with instructions on how to use the tests. You can also ask the pharmacist if you have questions.
- Download instructions:
 - [Rapid antigen at-home test instructions \(PDF, 3.4MB\)](#)

I tested positive

- If you get a positive result, you should:
 - Immediately [self-isolate](#)
 - See if you meet the criteria to get a [COVID-19 treatment like Paxlovid](#)

I tested negative

- If you get a negative result, it means that COVID-19 was not detected.
 - Self-isolate until your symptoms improve and you feel well enough to return to regular activities.
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I need help

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[I don't have a PHN](#)

[I don't have the ability to go to a pharmacy](#)

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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>
<https://www.unifor.org/campaigns/all-campaigns/covid-19-information-resources>

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

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:

<https://www.unifor.org/campaigns/all-campaigns/covid-19-information-resources>



Unifor National Website - Information

COVID-19 Information & Resources

Your hub for facts and workplace resources on protecting yourself and others from COVID-19.

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