

COVID-19 Cases in Healthcare Workers in BC, January 2020-April 16, 2021

Table 1. Number and percent of COVID-19 cases by healthcare worker status, British Columbia, January 2020-April 16, 2021 (N=116,150*)

Healthcare Worker	Number	Percent
Yes	7,278	6.3%
No	96,755	83.3%
Unknown/Not Assessed	12,117	10.4%
Total	116,150	100%

* Total COVID-19 cases includes lab-confirmed, lab-probable and epi-linked cases. Case definitions can be found at: [http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/case-definitions/covid-19-\(novel-coronavirus\)](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/case-definitions/covid-19-(novel-coronavirus)). Healthcare worker values represent the responses to the question: “Is the client a healthcare worker?”

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Table 2. Healthcare worker role among COVID-19 healthcare worker cases, British Columbia, January 2020- April 16, 2021 (N=7,278)¹

Role	Number	Percent
Care Aide	1,582	21.7%
Nurse	1,219	16.7%
Administration	563	7.7%
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	407	5.6%
Housekeeping	284	3.9%
Kitchen Staff/Dietary Aide/Food Services	229	3.1%
Dental Professional	225	3.1%
Physician	220	3.0%
Occupational Therapist/Physiotherapist/Respiratory Therapist	147	2.0%
Student	146	2.0%
Laboratory Technician/Assistant	129	1.8%
Support Worker	119	1.6%
Pharmacist/Pharmacy Assistant/Pharmacy Technician	118	1.6%
Community Health/Healthcare Worker	107	1.5%
Emergency Medical Personnel	76	1.0%
Social Work	62	0.9%
Home Support	56	0.8%
Mental Health Worker/Clinician	54	0.7%
Registered Massage Therapist/Massage Therapist	49	0.7%
Medical Technician	44	0.6%
Counsellor	31	0.4%
Recreation	30	0.4%
Medical Device Processing/Reprocessing	28	0.4%
Porter	23	0.3%
Ophthalmology/Optometry	22	0.3%
Rehabilitation Worker/Assistant	18	0.2%
Security	18	0.2%
Healthcare Assistant	16	0.2%
Nursing Assistant	16	0.2%
Volunteer	15	0.2%
Caregiver	13	0.2%
Contact Tracing	13	0.2%
Outreach Worker	13	0.2%
Nurse Practitioner	12	0.2%
Chiropractor	11	0.2%
Speech Language Pathologist	9	0.1%
X-Ray Technician	9	0.1%
Dietitian	6	0.1%
Phlebotomist	6	0.1%
Not Specified/Unknown	727	10.0%
Other ²	406	5.6%
Total	7,278	100.0%

1. Includes COVID-19 cases with a response of "Yes" to the question: "Is the client a healthcare worker?"

2. Includes other health care worker roles identified by four or fewer COVID cases.

Data source: Line lists provided by the regional health authorities to BCCDC.

Date data is current as of: April 16, 2021

Definition: Health care workers are defined as persons who provide health care to patients or work in institutions that provide patient care (e.g., physicians, nurses, emergency medical personnel, dental professionals, laboratory technicians; medical, dental, nursing and laboratory technician students; hospital volunteers; and administrative, housekeeping and other support staff in health care institutions).

Note for Interpretation: The healthcare worker status of COVID-19 cases does not reflect the setting of COVID-19 acquisition or transmission, i.e. infection may have occurred within or outside of healthcare settings. Every effort has been made to provide accurate information; however, these data are used for surveillance purposes and will be updated over time. Data are subject to change. These data reflect what has been reported to BCCDC as of the date indicated above.