

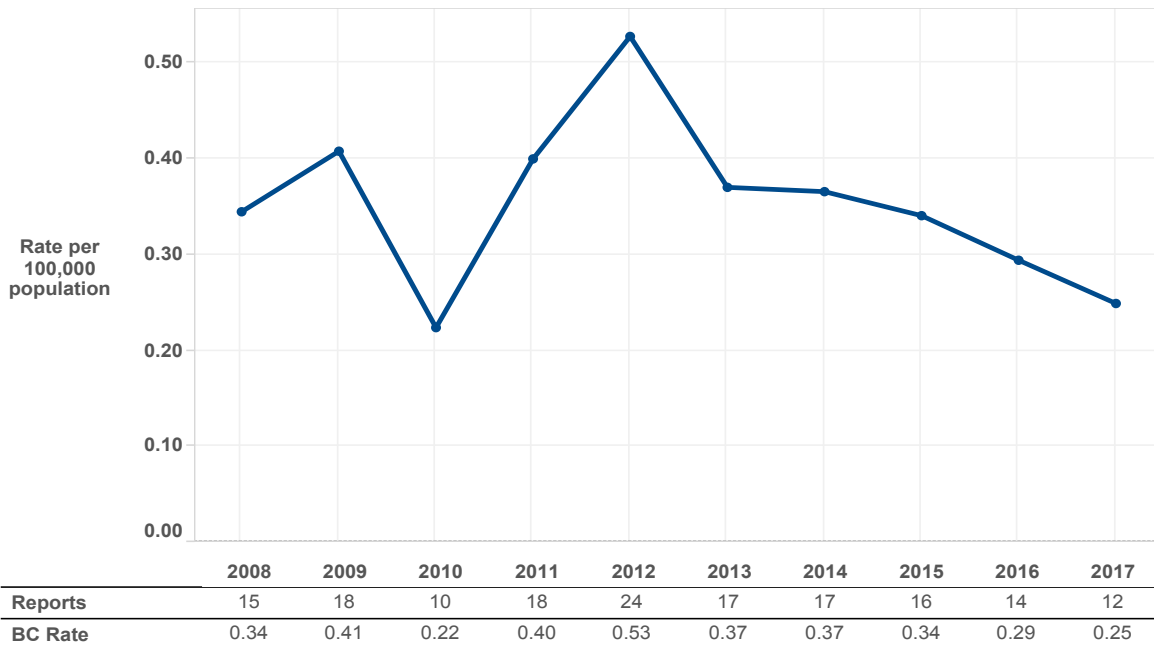
***Cryptococcus gattii* Infection**

In 2017, 12 cases of *Cryptococcus gattii* infection were reported. The incidence has stayed low and relatively stable in recent years. As usual, all cases occurred in adults; older age is one of the most important risk factors in *C. gattii* infection. All cases were infected with strains endemic to BC; nine cases were infected with VGIIa, two with VGIIb and one with VGI.

The central and southern east coast of Vancouver Island and the BC Lower Mainland are considered endemic areas. In 2017, FHA reported the highest number of cases at seven. Although Interior Health and Northern Health reported a case each, these were likely exposed in BC endemic areas given they were infected by endemic strains.



13.1 *Cryptococcus gattii* Rates by Year, 2008-2017



13.2 *Cryptococcus gattii* Rates by HSDA, 2017

