

COVID-19 Cases in Healthcare Workers in BC, January 2020-January 15, 2021

Table 1. Number and percent of COVID-19 cases by healthcare worker status, British Columbia, January 2020-January 15, 2021 (N=59,973*)

Healthcare Worker	Number	Percent
Yes	4,850	8.1%
No	48,367	80.6 %
Unknown/Not Assessed	6,756	11.3%
Total	59,973	100.0%

* 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-January 15, 2021 (N=4,850)¹

Role	Number	Percent
Care aide	1,193	24.6%
Nurse	833	17.2%
Licensed practical nurse (LPN)	304	6.3%
Administration	280	5.8%
Housekeeping	177	3.6%
Dental professional	156	3.2%
Physician	151	3.1%
Kitchen staff/dietary aide/food services	149	3.1%
Occupational therapist/physiotherapist/respiratory therapist	91	1.9%
Student	75	1.5%
Laboratory technician	63	1.3%
Pharmacist/pharmacy assistant/pharmacy technician	60	1.2%
Community health/healthcare worker	44	0.9%
Emergency medical personnel	41	0.8%
Social worker	39	0.8%
Home support	28	0.6%
Support worker	28	0.6%
Medical technician	27	0.6%
Mental health worker/clinician	25	0.5%
Massage therapist/Registered Massage therapist	22	0.5%
Recreation Worker	19	0.4%
Porter	16	0.3%
Rehabilitation worker/assistant	12	0.2%
Health care assistant	8	0.2%
Counselor	7	0.1%
Medical device processing/reprocessing	7	0.1%
Speech language pathologist	7	0.1%
Nurse practitioner	6	0.1%
Nursing Assistant	5	0.1%
Outreach worker	5	0.1%
Phlebotomist	5	0.1%
Other ²	390	7.9%
Unknown/Not specified	577	11.9%
Total	4850	100.00%

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 4 or fewer COVID cases.

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

Date data is current as of: January 15th, 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, this data is 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.