

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

Table 1. Number and percent of COVID-19 cases by healthcare worker status, British Columbia, January 2020-February 19, 2021 (N=75,546*)

Healthcare Worker	Number	Percent
Yes	5,945	7.9 %
No	62,122	82.2 %
Unknown/Not Assessed	7,479	9.9 %
Total	75,546	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-February 19, 2021 (N=5,945)¹

Role	Number	Percent
Care Aide	1,402	23.6%
Nurse	1,023	17.2%
Administration	376	6.3%
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	352	5.9%
Housekeeping	233	3.9%
Kitchen Staff/Dietary Aide/Food Services	195	3.3%
Physician	182	3.1%
Dental Professional	177	3.0%
Occupational Therapist/Physiotherapist/Respiratory Therapist	115	1.9%
Student	108	1.8%
Laboratory Technician/Laboratory Assistant	95	1.6%
Support Worker	87	1.5%
Pharmacist/Pharmacy Assistant/Pharmacy Technician	76	1.3%
Community Health/Healthcare Worker	65	0.5%
Emergency Medical Personnel	59	1.0%
Social Worker	52	0.9%
Home Support	43	0.7%
Mental Health Worker/Clinician	39	0.7%
Medical Technician	33	0.6%
Registered Massage Therapist/Massage Therapist	30	0.5%
Recreation Worker	27	0.5%
Medical Device Processing/Reprocessing	22	0.4%
Counselor	20	0.3%
Porter	17	0.3%
Health Care Assistant	15	0.3%
Ophthalmology/Optometry	14	0.2%
Rehabilitation Worker/Assistant	13	0.2%
Volunteer	12	0.2%
Nursing Assistant	11	0.2%
Security	10	0.2%
Nurse Practitioner	9	0.2%
Speech Language Pathologist	9	0.2%
X-Ray Technician	9	0.2%
Outreach Worker	9	0.2%
Caregiver	8	0.1%
Chiropractor	6	0.1%
Phlebotomist	6	0.1%
Other ²	327	5.5%
Unknown/Not Specified	659	11.1%
Total	5,945	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: February 19, 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.