

COVID-19 Cases in Healthcare Workers in BC, January 2020-Oct 28, 2021

Table 1. Number and percent of COVID-19 cases by healthcare worker status, British Columbia, January 2020-Oct 28, 2021 (N=203,315*)

Healthcare Worker	Number	Percent	
Yes	10,960	5.4%	
No	170,371	83.8%	
Unknown/Not Assessed	21,975	10.8%	
Asked but Unknown	7	<0%	0
Declined to Answer	2	<0%	0
Total	203,315	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- Oct 28, 2021 (N=10,960)¹

Role	Number	Percent
Care Aide	2,174	19.8%
Nurse	1,674	15.3%
Administration	886	8.1%
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	570	5.2%
Housekeeping	372	3.4%
Dental Professional	355	3.2%
Physician	340	3.1%
Kitchen Staff/Dietary Aide/Food Services	334	3.0%
Laboratory Technician/Assistant	230	2.1%
Occupational Therapist/Physiotherapist/Respiratory Therapist	224	2.0%
Support Worker	210	1.9%
Student	208	1.9%
Pharmacist/Pharmacy Assistant/Pharmacy Technician	165	1.5%
Community Health/Healthcare Worker	160	1.5%
Emergency Medical Personnel	138	1.3%
Staff	134	1.2%
Mental Health Worker/Clinician	110	1.0%
Social Work	103	0.9%
Registered Massage Therapist/Massage Therapist	99	0.9%
Home Support	78	0.7%
Medical Technician	71	0.6%
Multiple	67	0.6%
Recreation	56	0.5%
Counsellor	48	0.4%
Rehabilitation Worker/Assistant	36	0.3%
Screeener	36	0.3%
Medical Device Processing/Reprocessing	35	0.3%
Outreach Worker	35	0.3%
Ophthalmology/Optometry	34	0.3%
Healthcare Assistant	30	0.3%
Porter	30	0.3%
Chiropractor	29	0.3%
Volunteer	27	0.2%
Security	26	0.2%
Nursing Assistant	22	0.2%
Caregiver	20	0.2%
Dietitian	19	0.2%
Youth Worker	19	0.2%
Nurse Practitioner	17	0.2%
Acupuncture	16	0.1%
Speech Language Pathologist	15	0.1%

Contact Tracing	15	0.1%
Naturopathic Medicine	14	0.1%
X-Ray Technician	12	0.1%
Phlebotomist	8	0.1%
Case Manager	6	0.1%
Other ²	550	5.0%
Not Specified/ Unknown	1,113	10.1%
Total	10,960	100%

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: Oct 28, 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.