

COVID-19 Cases in Healthcare Workers in BC, January-December 17, 2020

Table 1. Number and percent of COVID-19 cases by healthcare worker status, British Columbia, January-December 17, 2020 (N=44,776*)

Healthcare Worker	Number	Percent
Yes	3,624	8.1%
No	34,185	76.3%
Unknown/Not Assessed	6,967	15.6%
Total	44,776	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-December 17, 2020 (N=3,624)¹

Role	Number	Percent
Care aide	848	23%
Nurse	602	17%
Licensed practical nurse (LPN)	229	6%
Administrative	204	6%
Dental professional	138	4%
Housekeeping	127	4%
Physician	124	3%
Kitchen staff/dietary aide/food services	117	3%
Occupational therapist/physiotherapist/ respiratory therapist	62	2%
Student	61	2%
Laboratory technician	54	1%
Pharmacist/pharmacy assistant/pharmacy technician	49	1%
Emergency medical personnel	37	1%
Social worker	32	1%
Medical technician	24	1%
Support worker	20	1%
Community health/healthcare worker	19	1%
Home support	19	1%
Massage therapist/registered massage therapist	17	0%
Mental health worker/clinician	17	0%
Community support worker	13	0%
Porter	9	0%
Health care assistant	8	0%
Counselor	6	0%
Medical device processing/reprocessing	6	0%
Rehabilitation worker/assistant	6	0%
Nurse practitioner	5	0%
Nursing Assistant	5	0%
Phlebotomist	5	0%
Other ²	306	8%
Unknown/not specified	455	13%
Total	3,624	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 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: December 17, 2020

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 but that this data is used for surveillance purposes and will be updated over time therefore data are subject to change. These data reflect what has been reported to BCCDC as of the date indicated above.