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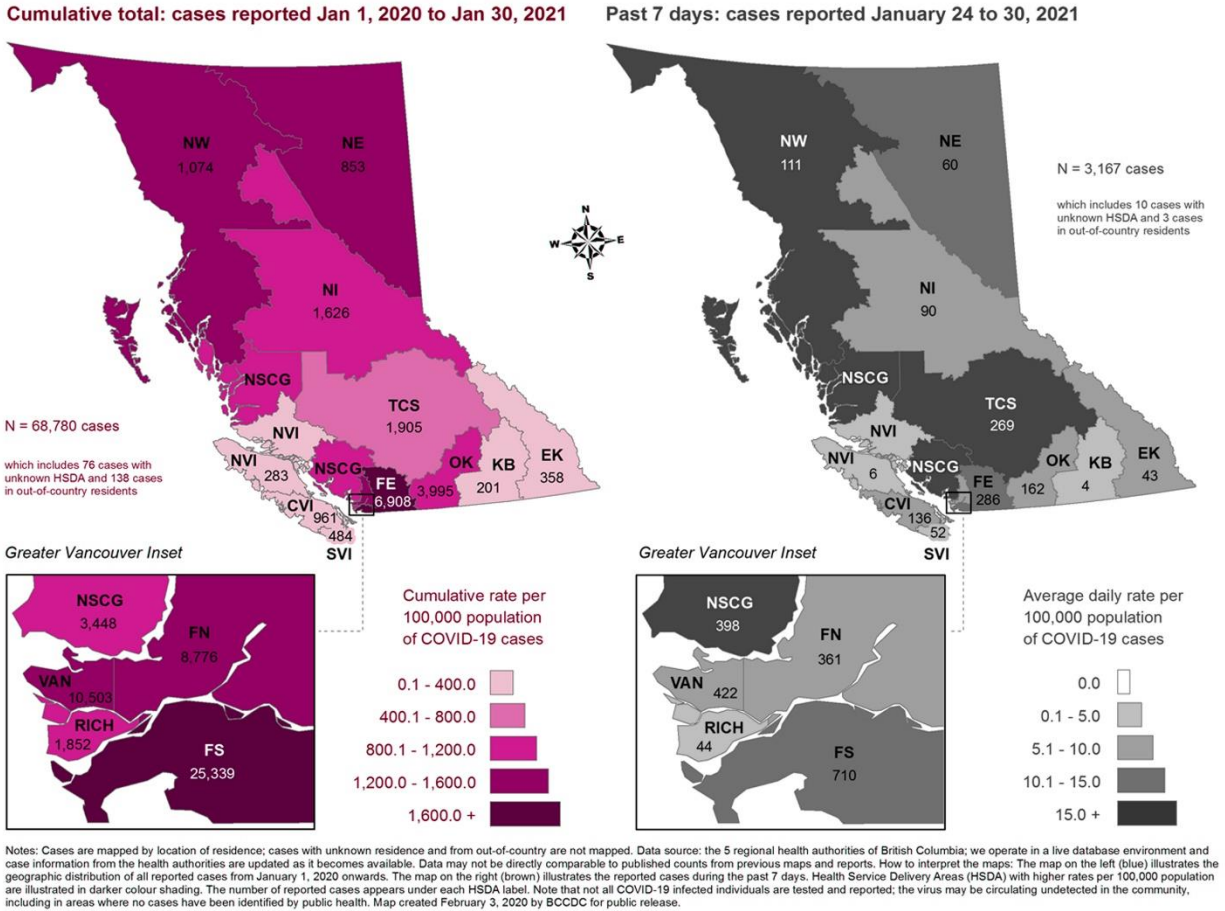
How and Where the Virus Has Affected People in BC

Geographic Distribution of COVID-19 by Health Service Delivery Area of Case Residence



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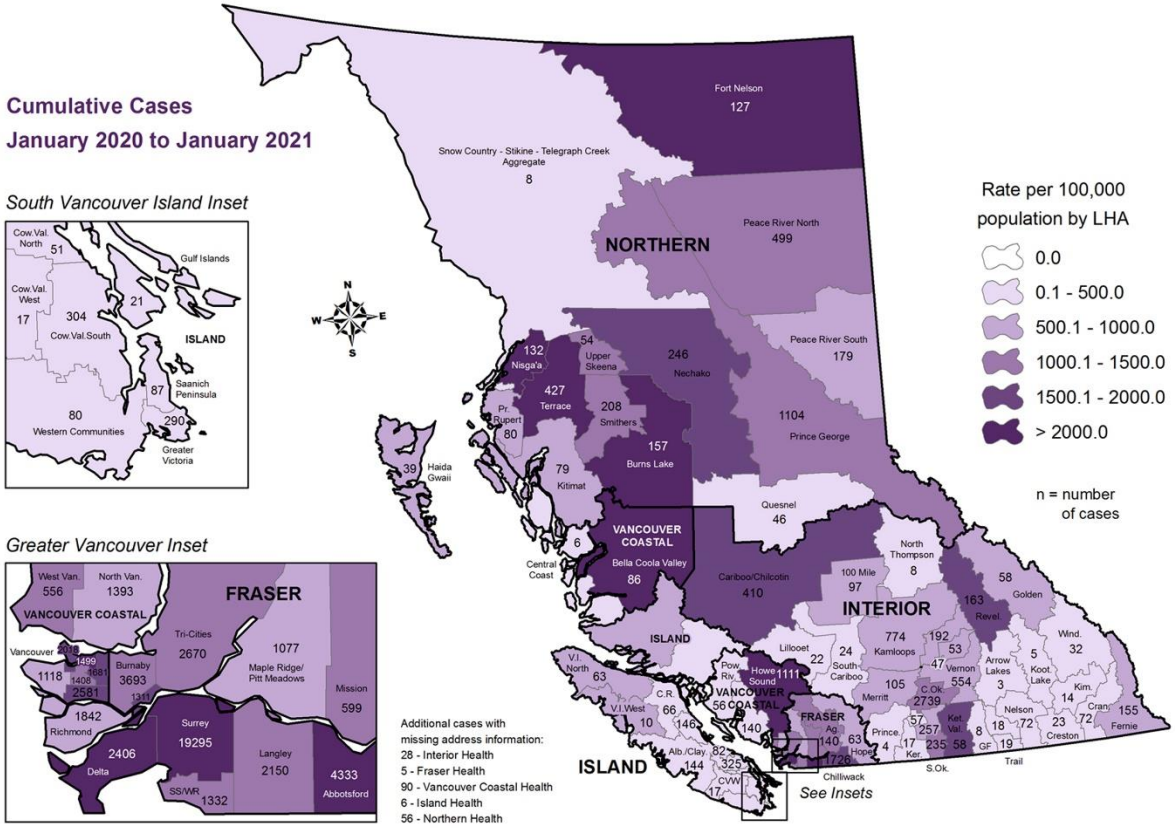

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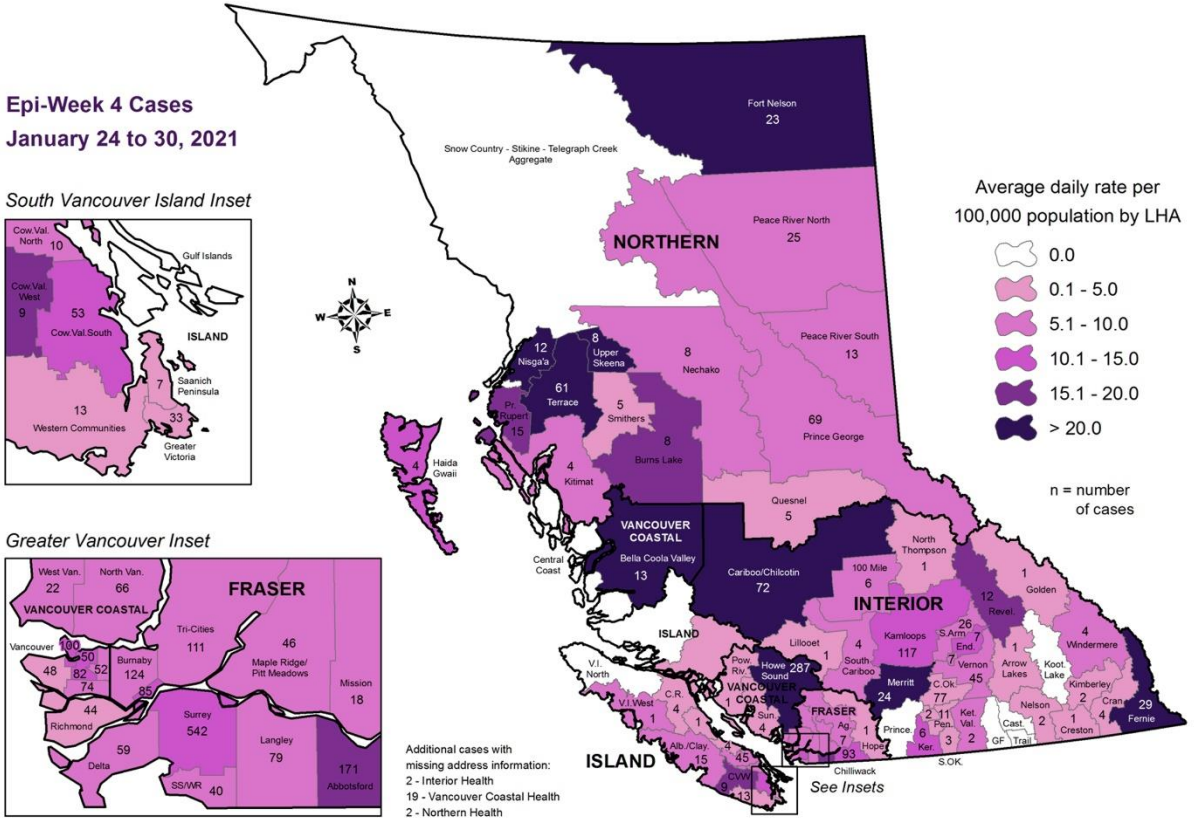

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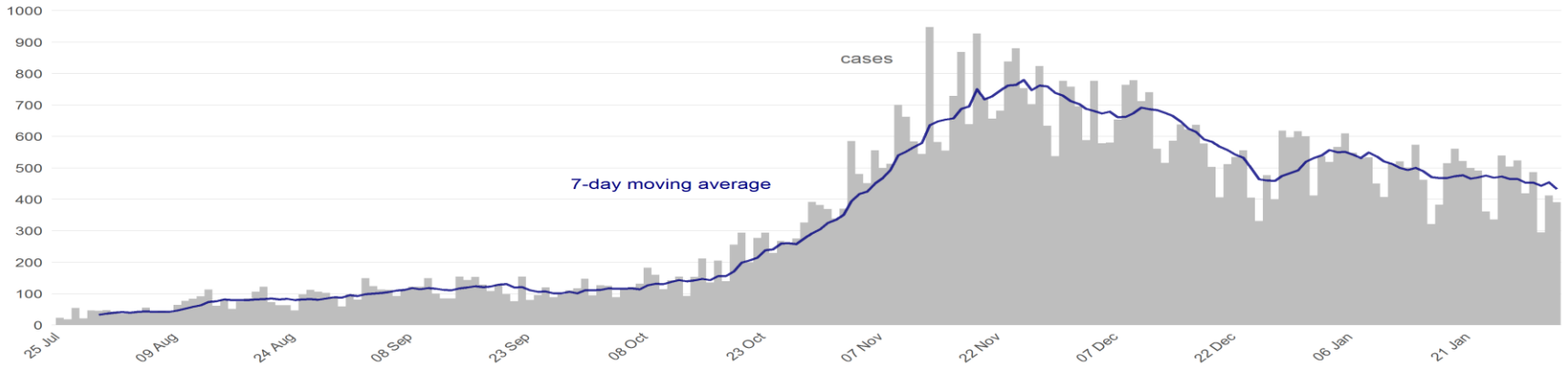
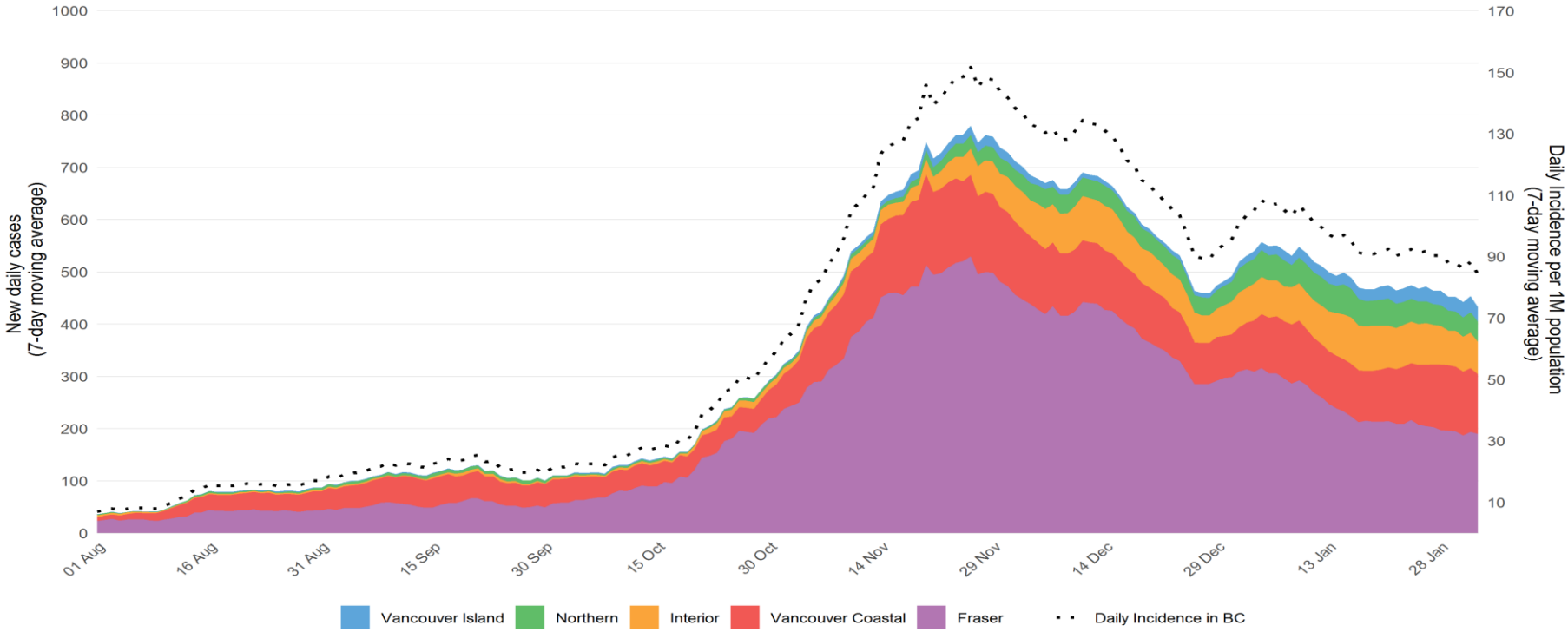
January 27 to February 3, 2021:
Profile of COVID-19 Cases by Date Reported to Public Health

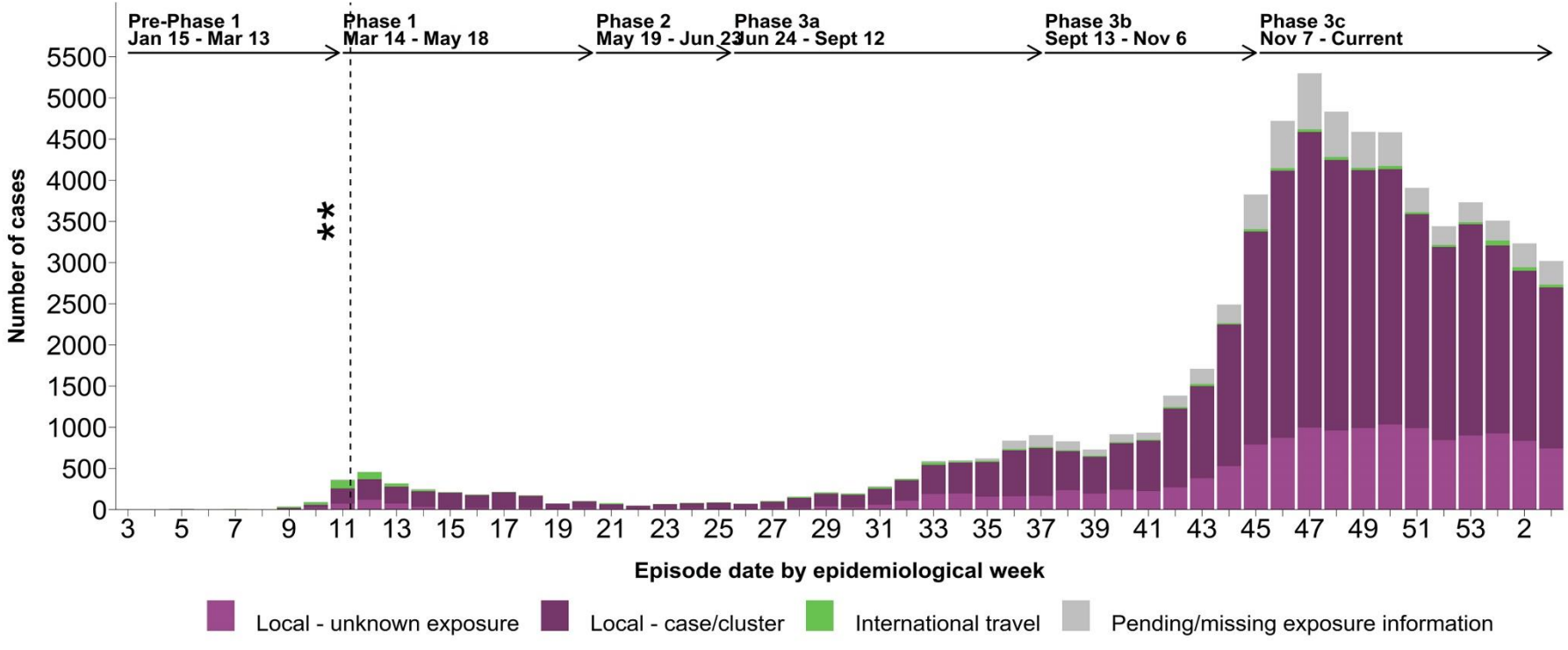
68,780	total cases
3,061	new this week
3,850	ever hospitalized
108	new this week
1,234	deaths
62	new this week
61,643	removed from isolation
2,865	new this week



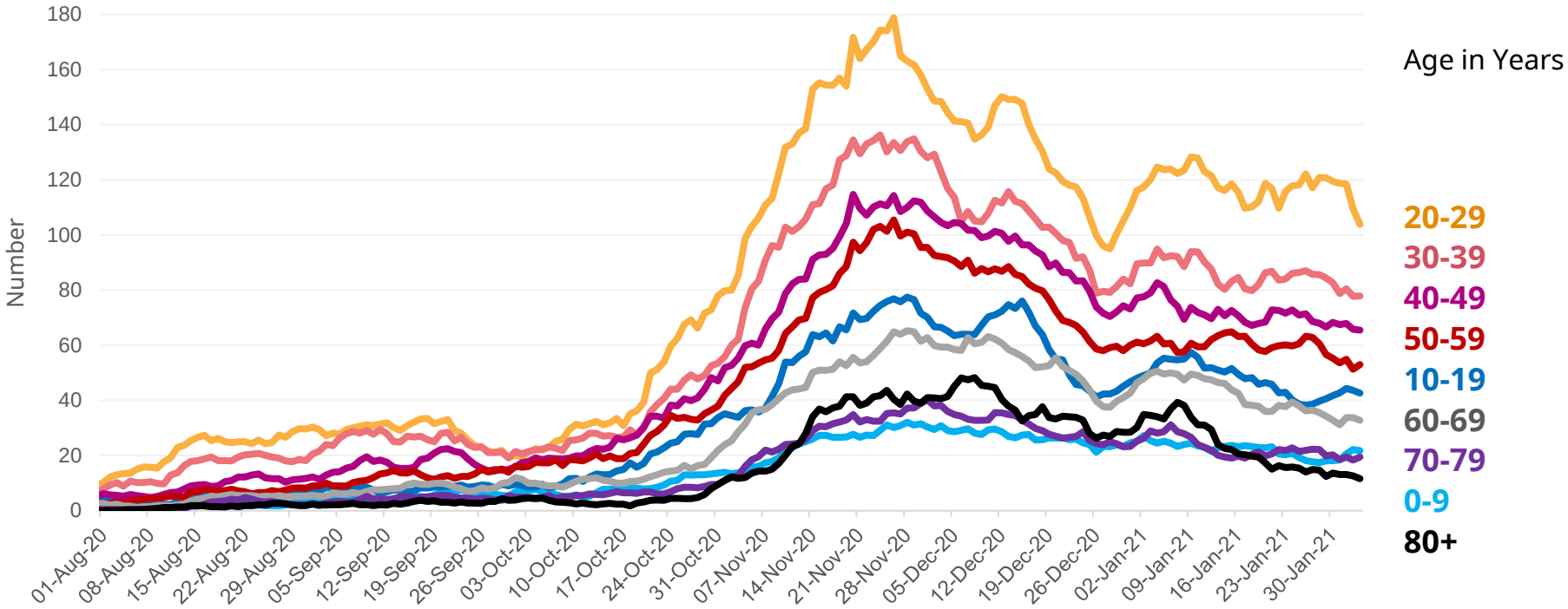
Epidemic Curve, COVID-19 Cases in B.C. by Reported Date
August 1,2020 – February 2, 2021



Likely Source of COVID-19 Infection by Episode Date, BC
January 15, 2020 (Week 3) – January 23, 2021 (Week 3)

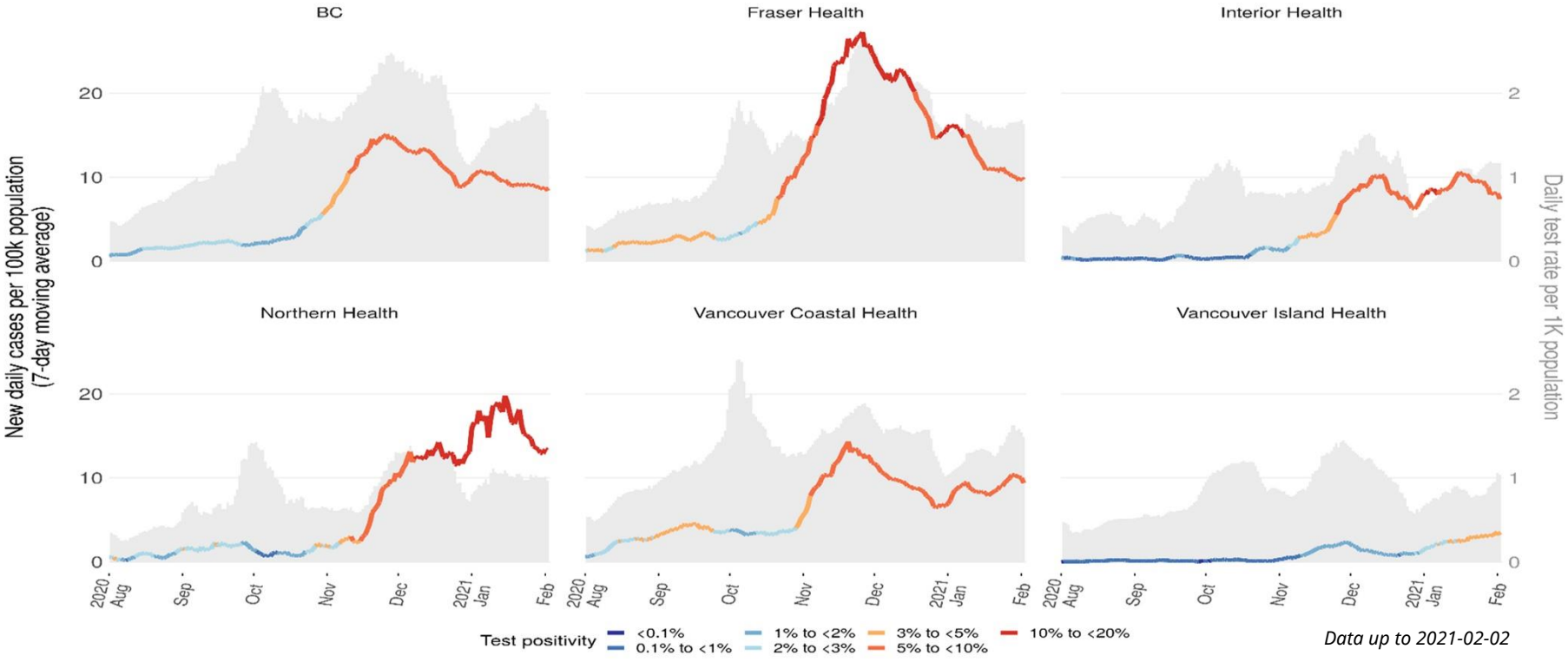


Daily Case Count by Age August 1, 2020 to February 3, 2021 (7-day Moving Average)*



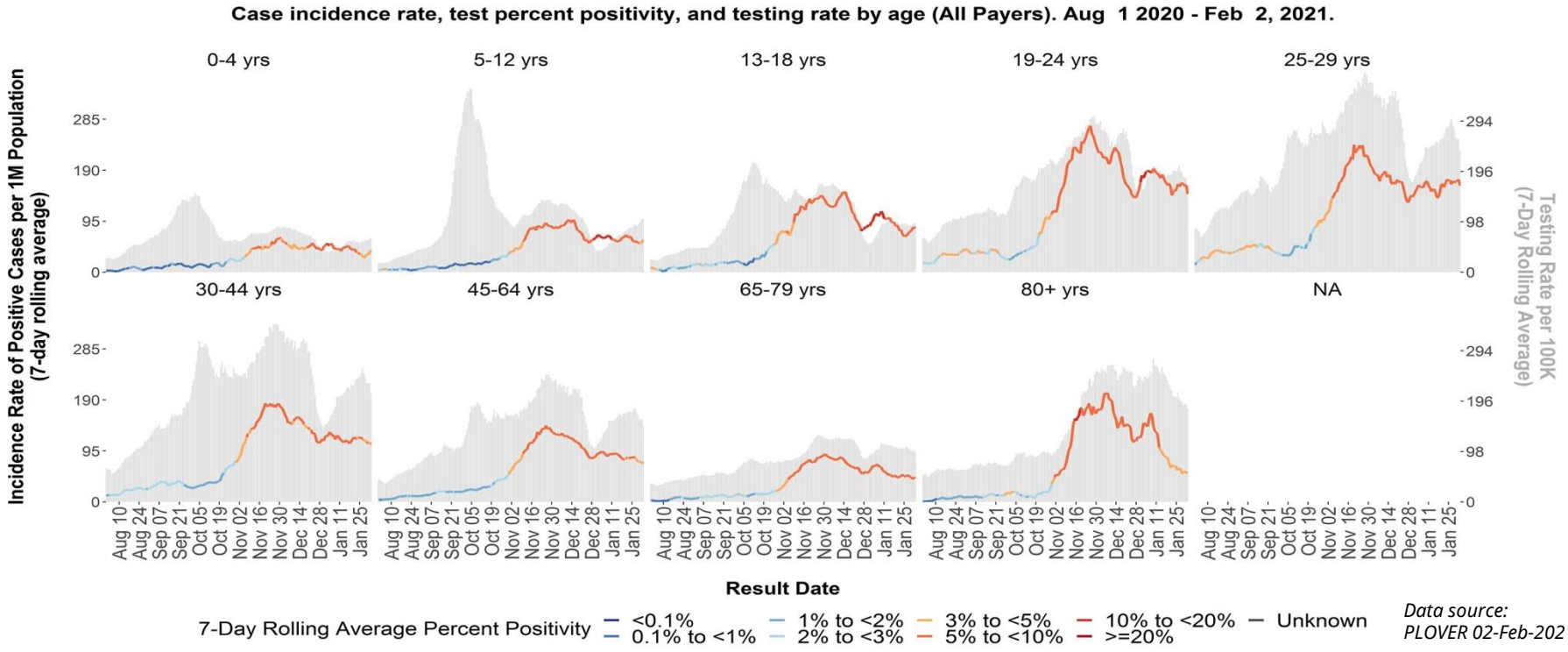
*Cases by reporting date

Daily Case Rate, Testing Rate and Percent Positivity by Health Authority August 1, 2020 to February 2, 2021



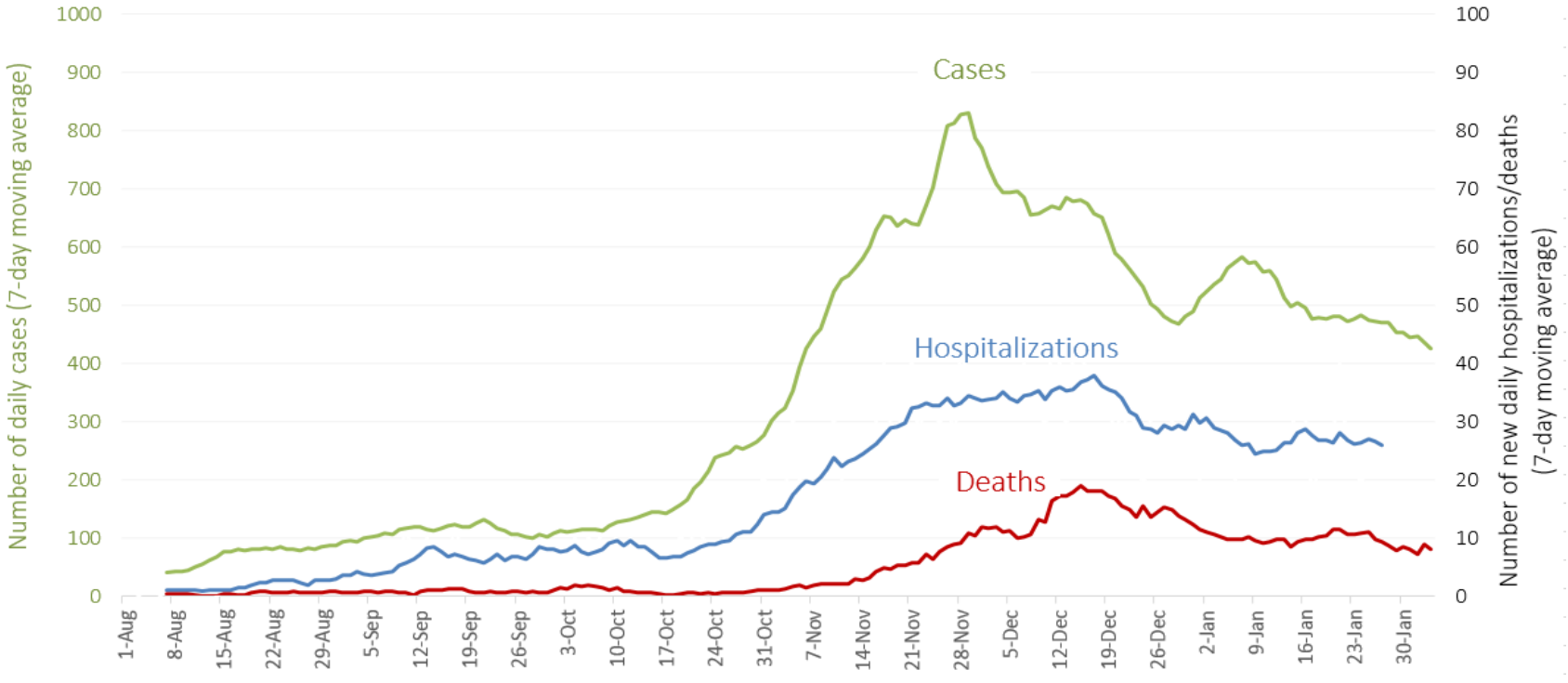
Data up to 2021-02-02

Daily Case Rate, Test Percent Positivity and Testing Rate by Age (August 1, 2020 to February 2, 2021)

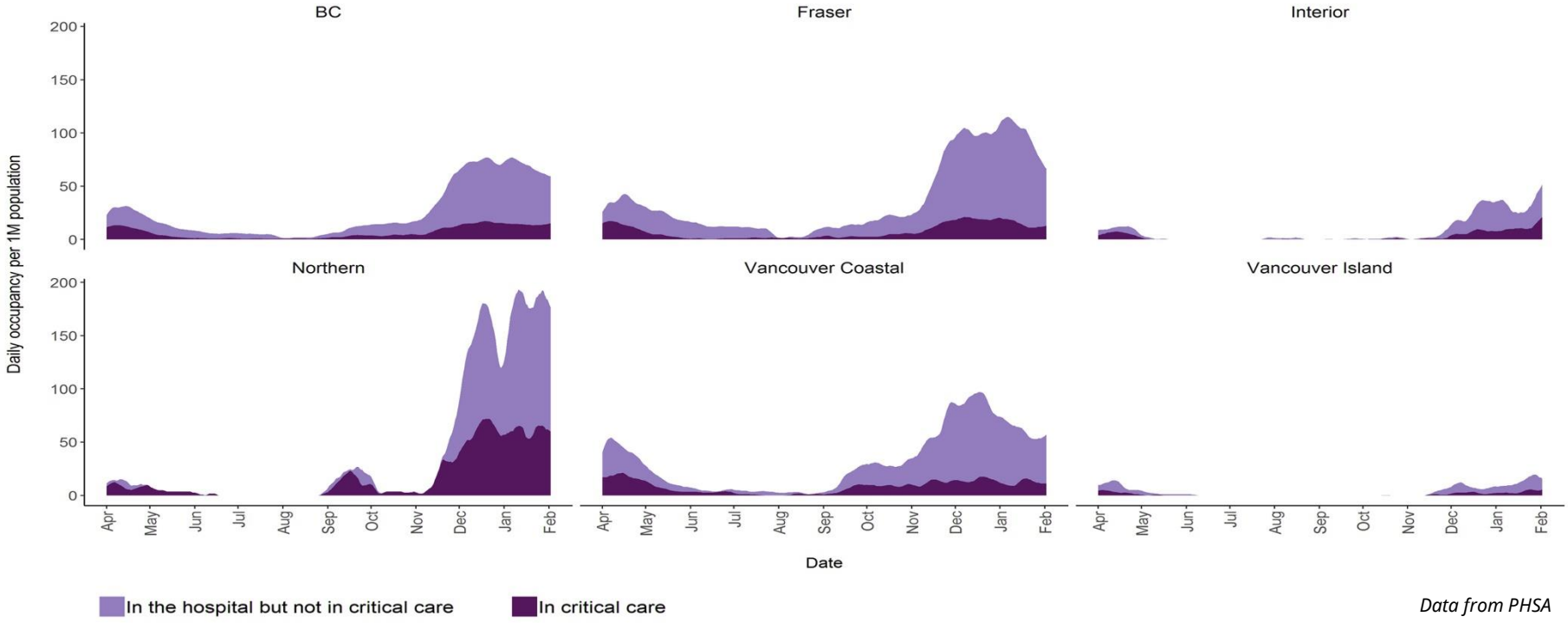


Data source: PLOVER 02-Feb-2021

Daily Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by Reporting Date
August 1, 2020 to February 3, 2021

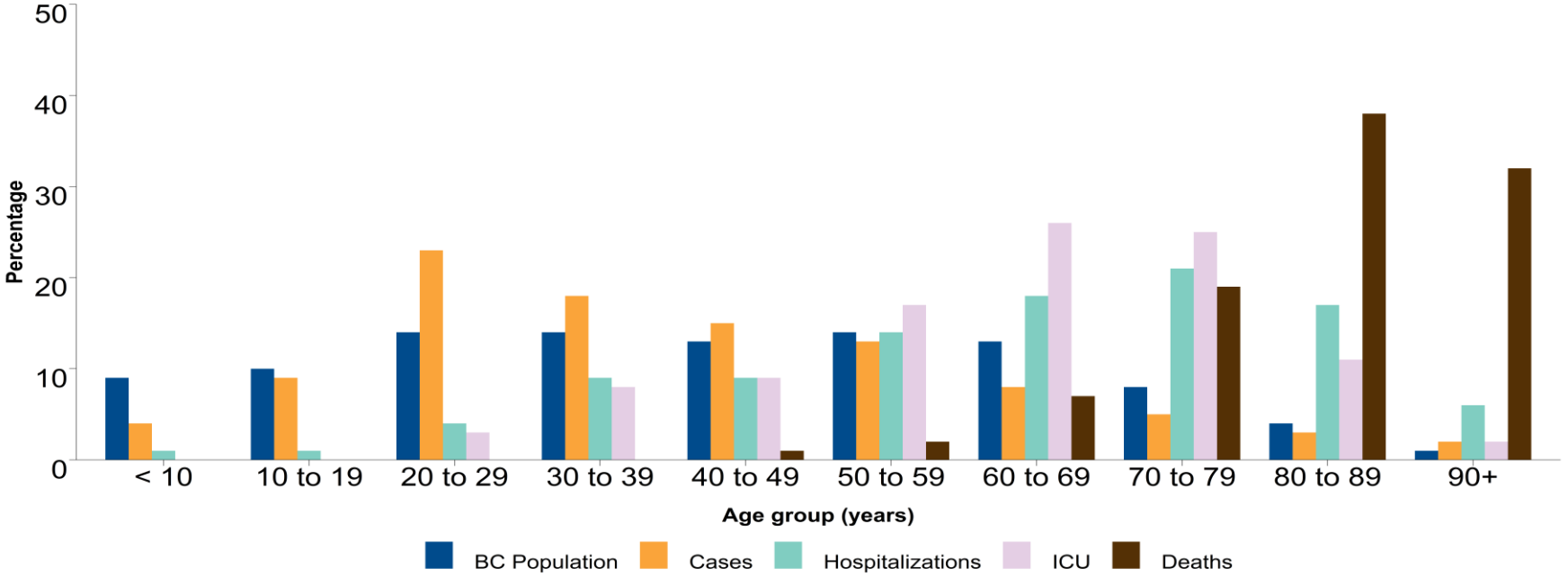


Hospital and Critical Care Census
March 1, 2020 to February 2, 2021



Data from PHSA

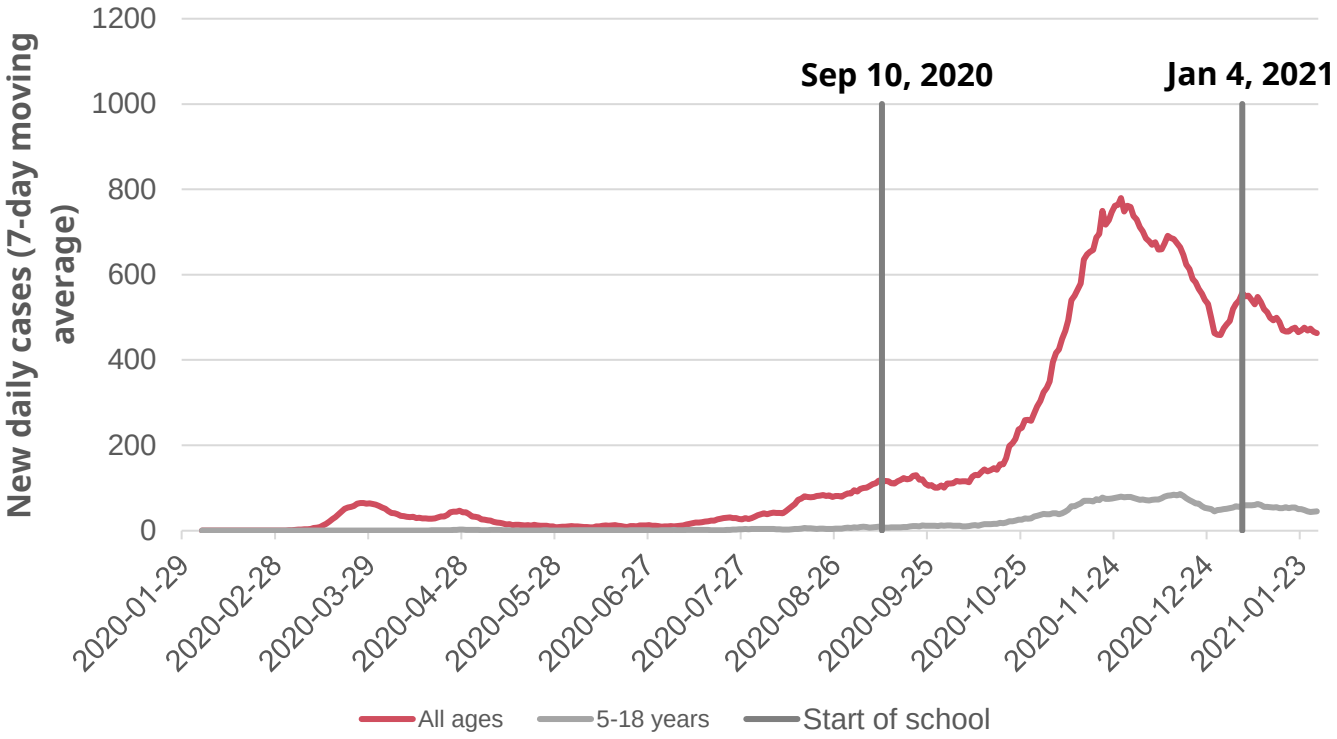
Percentage Distribution of COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, ICU Admissions and Deaths by Age, British Columbia, January 15, 2020 – January 23, 2021



COVID-19 Virus Has a Relatively Low Infection Rate Among School-Aged Children (5 to 18 Years) in BC, From September 7, 2020 to January 31, 2021

Age Groups	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases	Percent of Population
0 - 4 Years	1115	1.8	4.4
5 - 12 Years	2932	4.8	7.7
13 - 18 Years	3607	5.9	6.2
19+ Years	53625	87.5	81.8

Start of School Does Not Result in Significant Increases in Community Transmission of COVID-19 in BC



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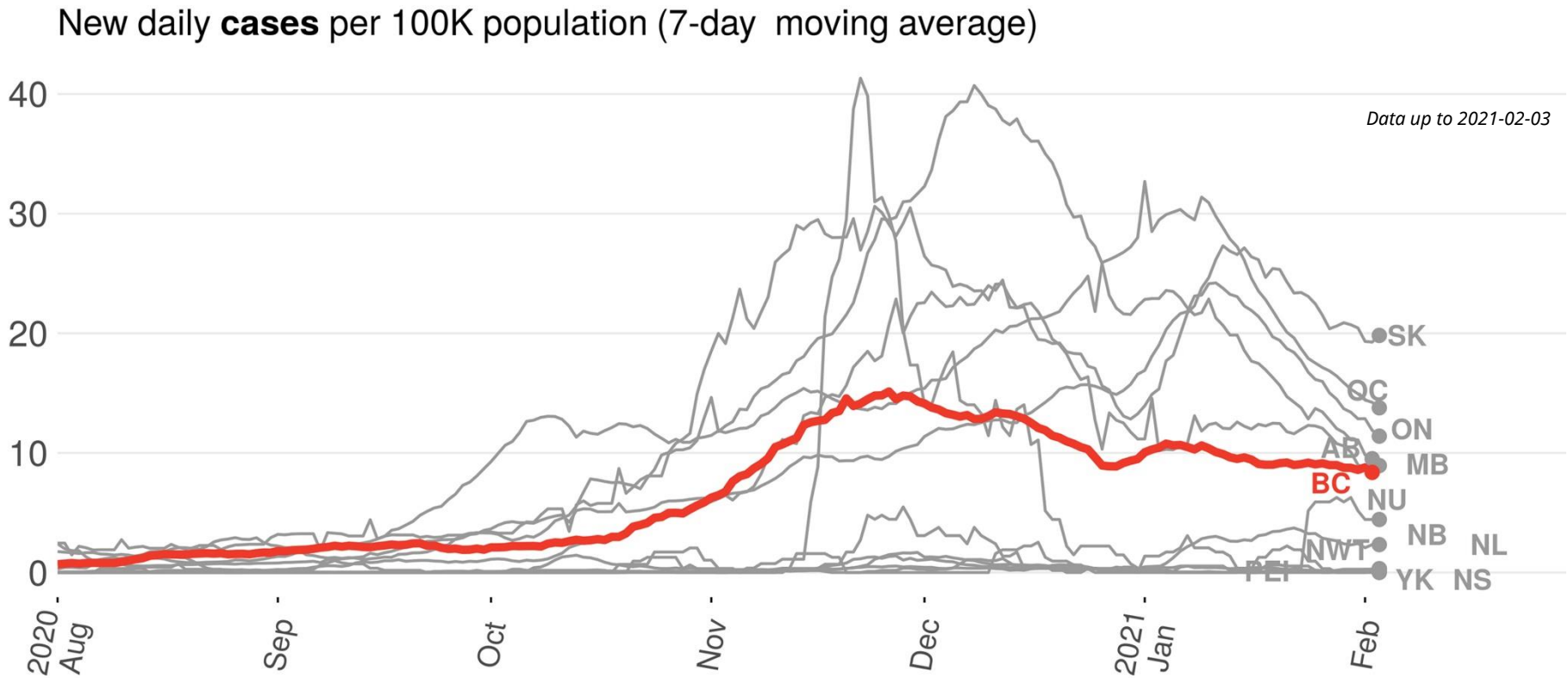

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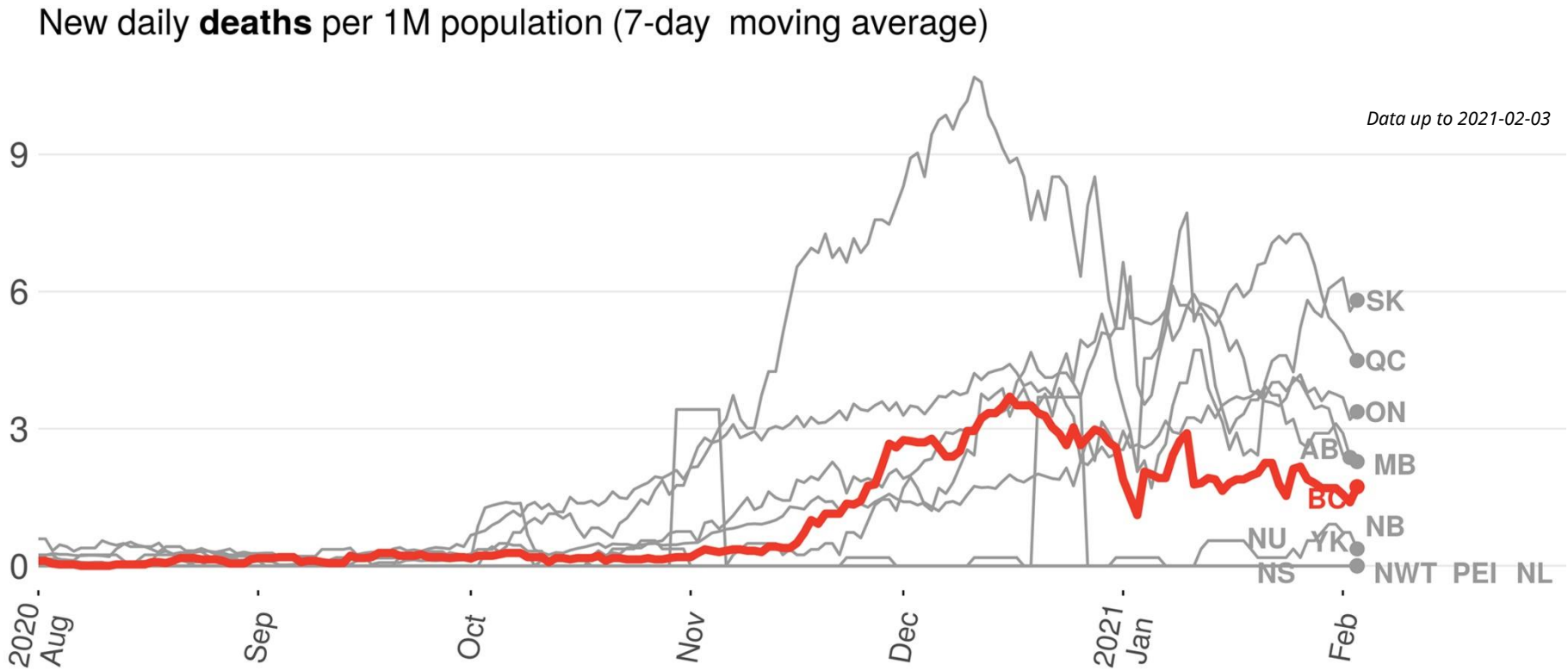

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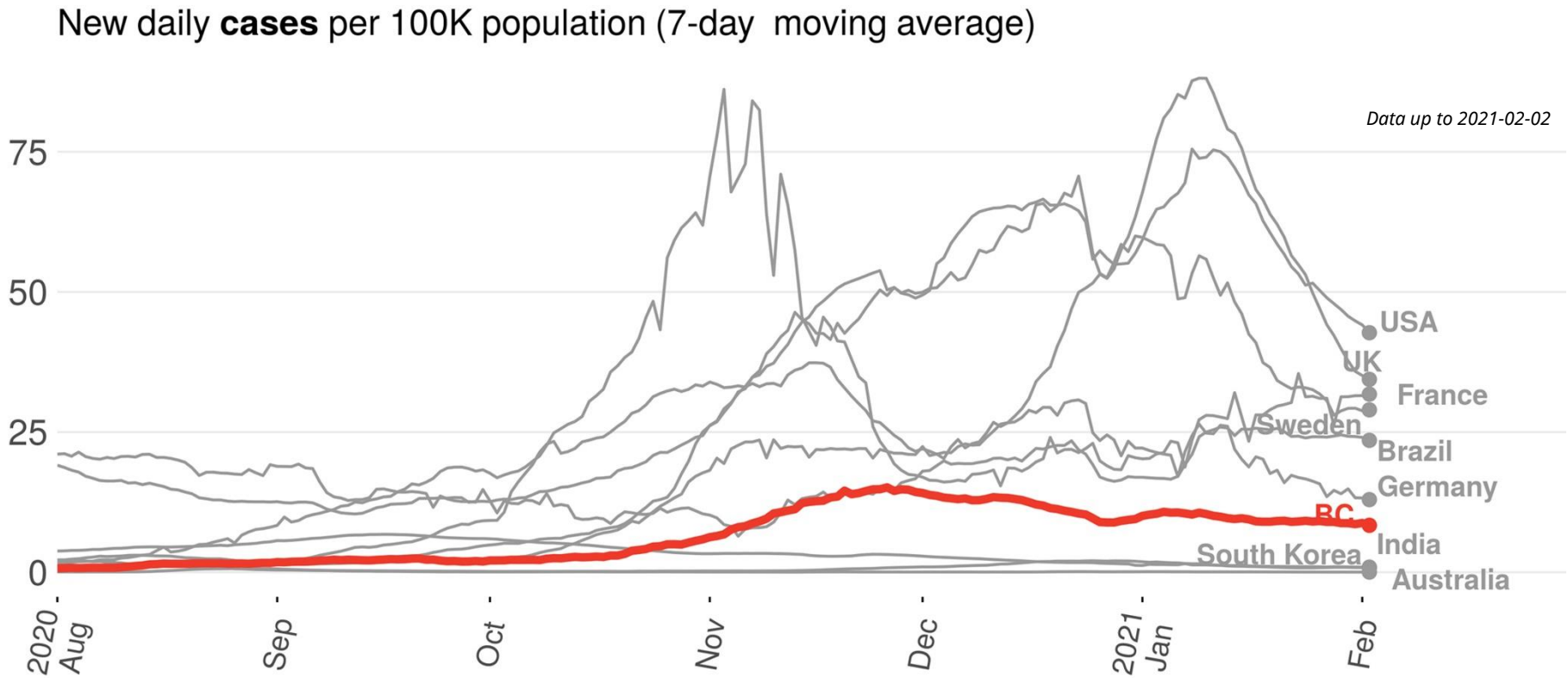

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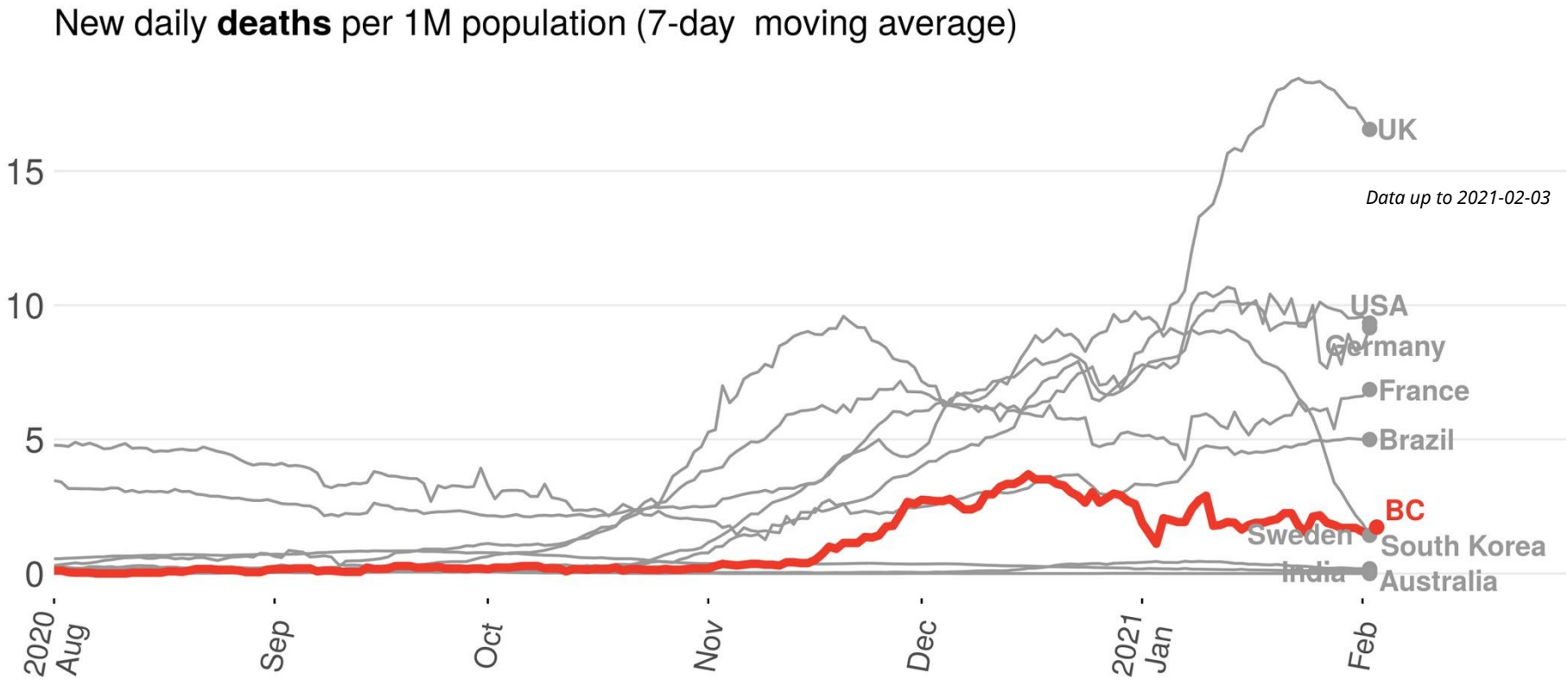
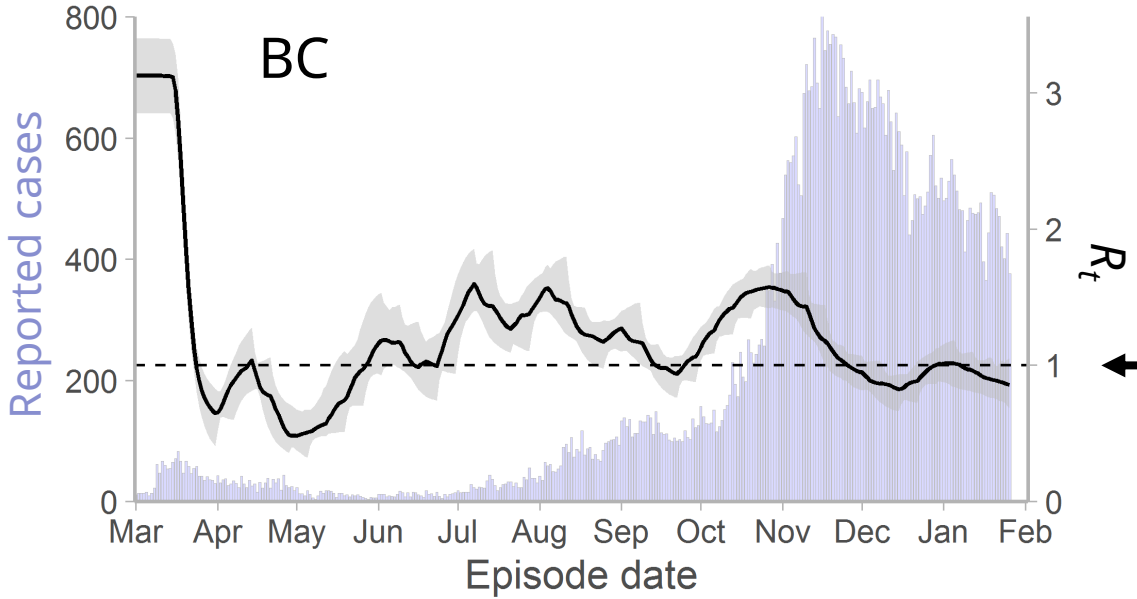


Dynamic Compartmental Modeling: Recent Trends

Provincially, our model-based estimate of R_t (average daily number of new infections generated per case) continues to hover near 1.



Whenever R_t is > 1, there is a risk that the number of new cases could grow rapidly.

Solid black line: median R_t based on data up to Feb 2, 2021; Grey band: 5%-95% credible interval; Purple bars: all reported cases. Due to a lag from symptom onset to reporting, the most recent cases are not shown.

Dynamic Compartmental Modeling: Recent Trends

Our model shows that R_t is relatively stable or declining in all Regional Health Authorities, but remains close to 1.

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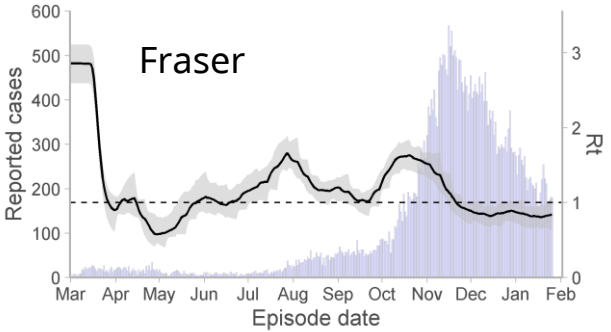

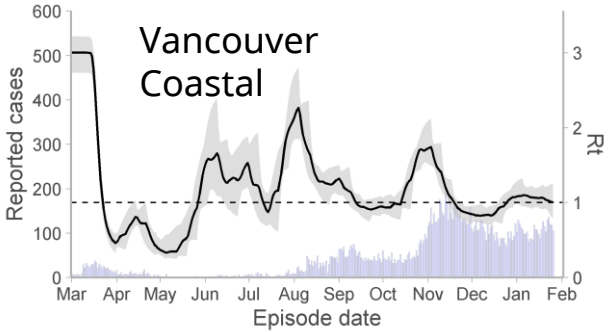

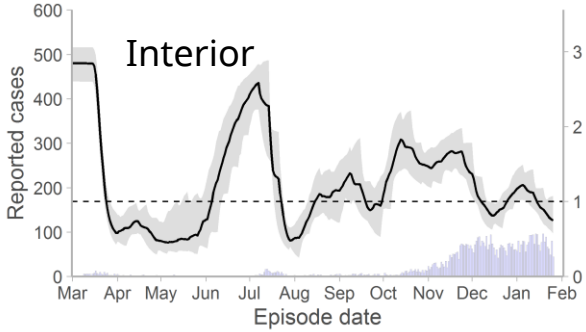

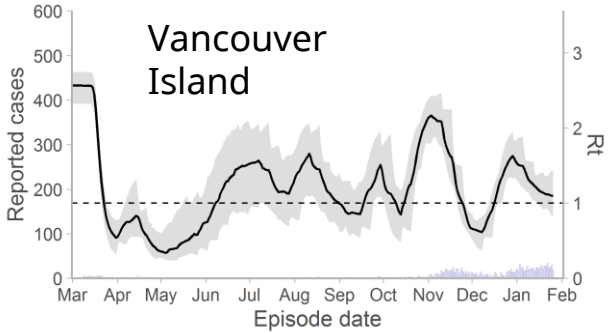

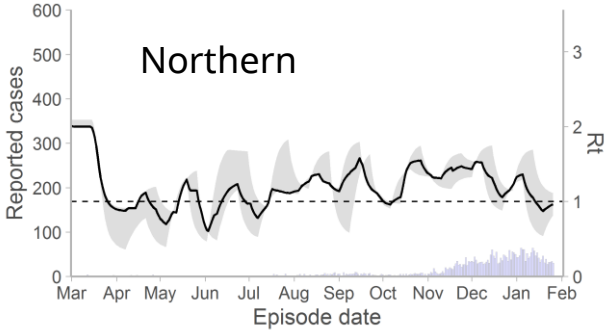

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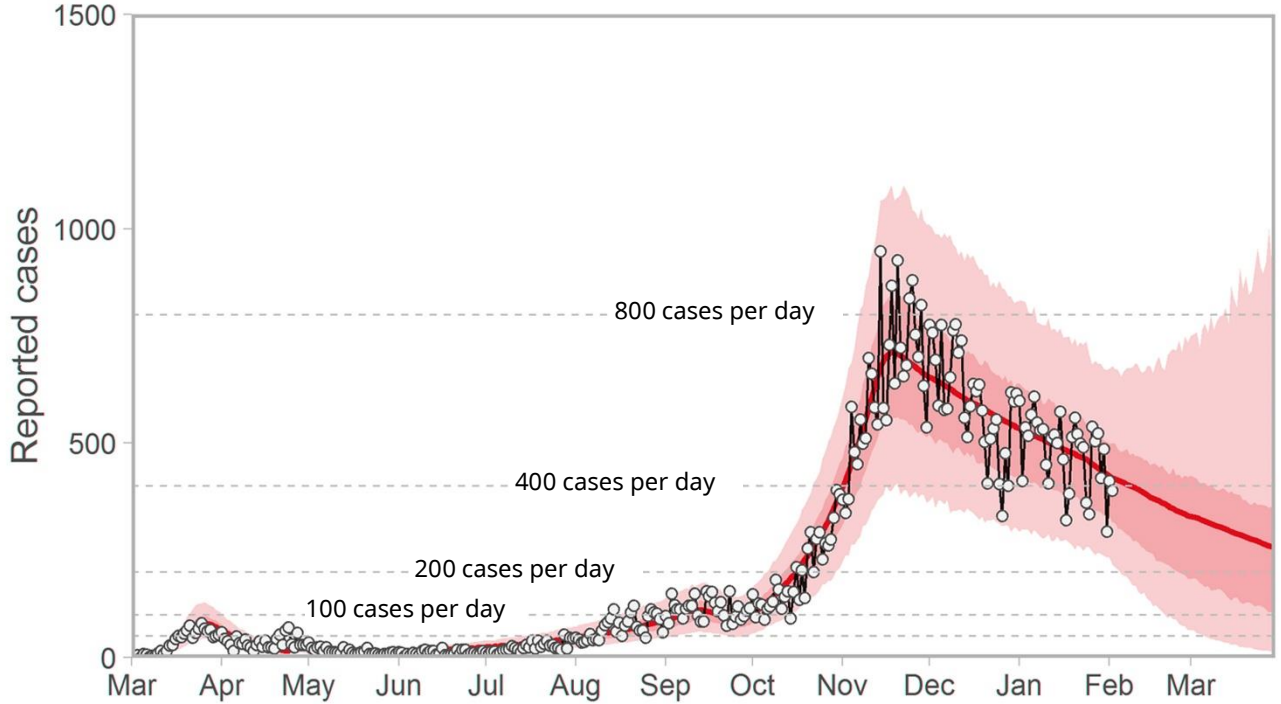

Solid blue line: median model fit; shaded bands: 50% and 90% credible intervals; Open circles: all reported cases, excluding reportable outbreaks, March 1, 2020 – Feb 2, 2021.

Dynamic Compartmental Modeling: Recent Trends

Our model outputs describe stable or declining trends in all Regional Health Authorities.

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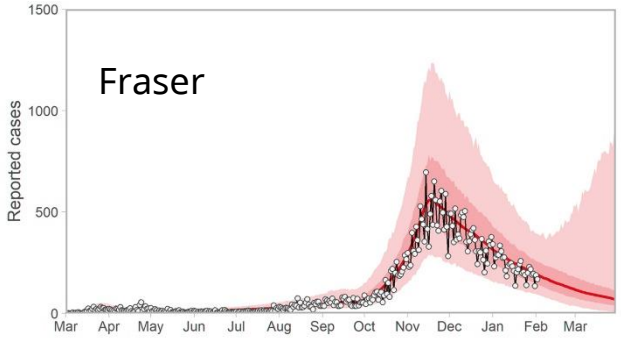
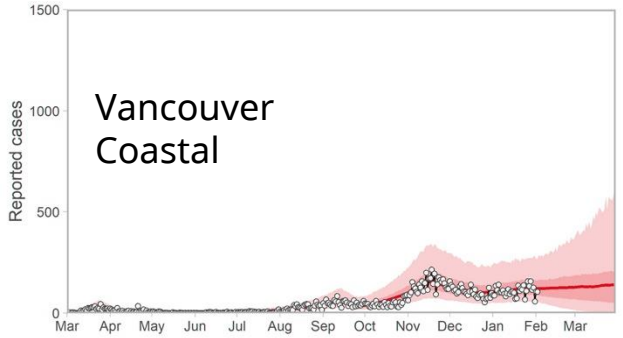
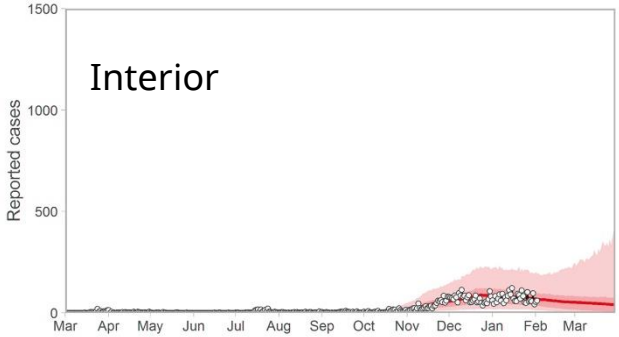
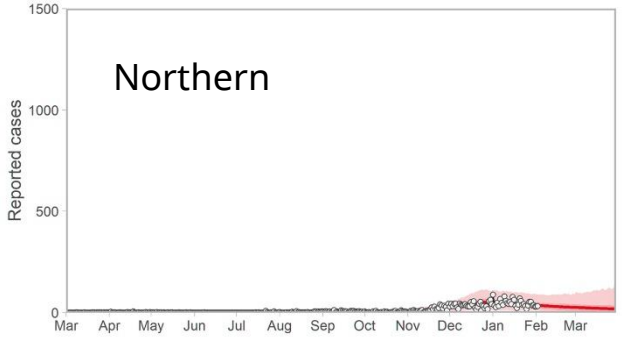


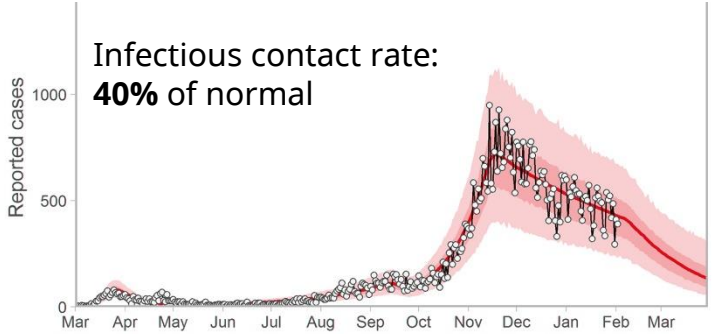


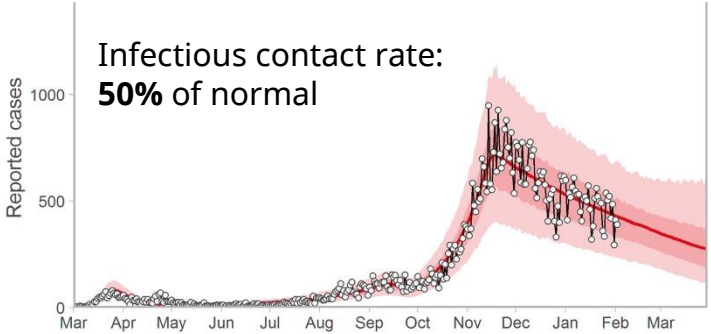


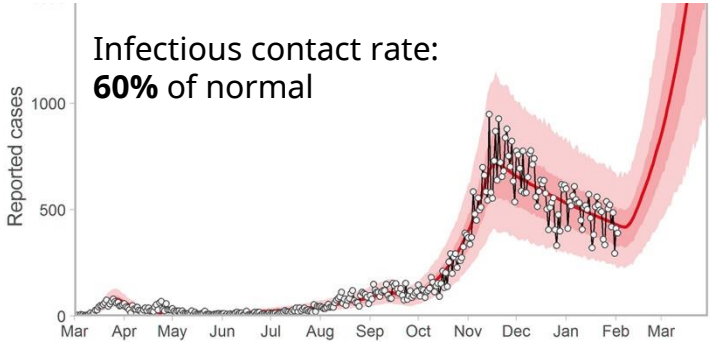


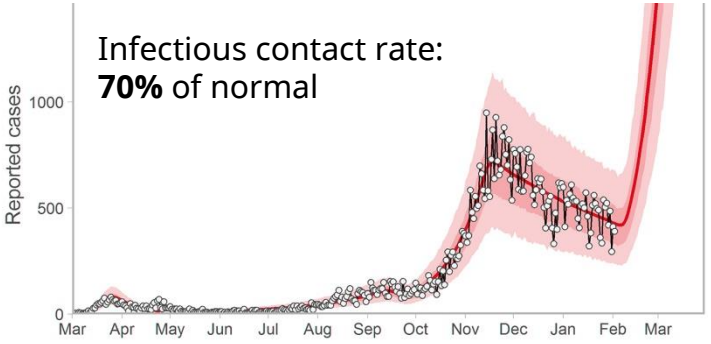
Dynamic Compartmental Modeling: Scenarios

Our modeling scenarios are consistent with an average infectious contact rate of 50% of normal.









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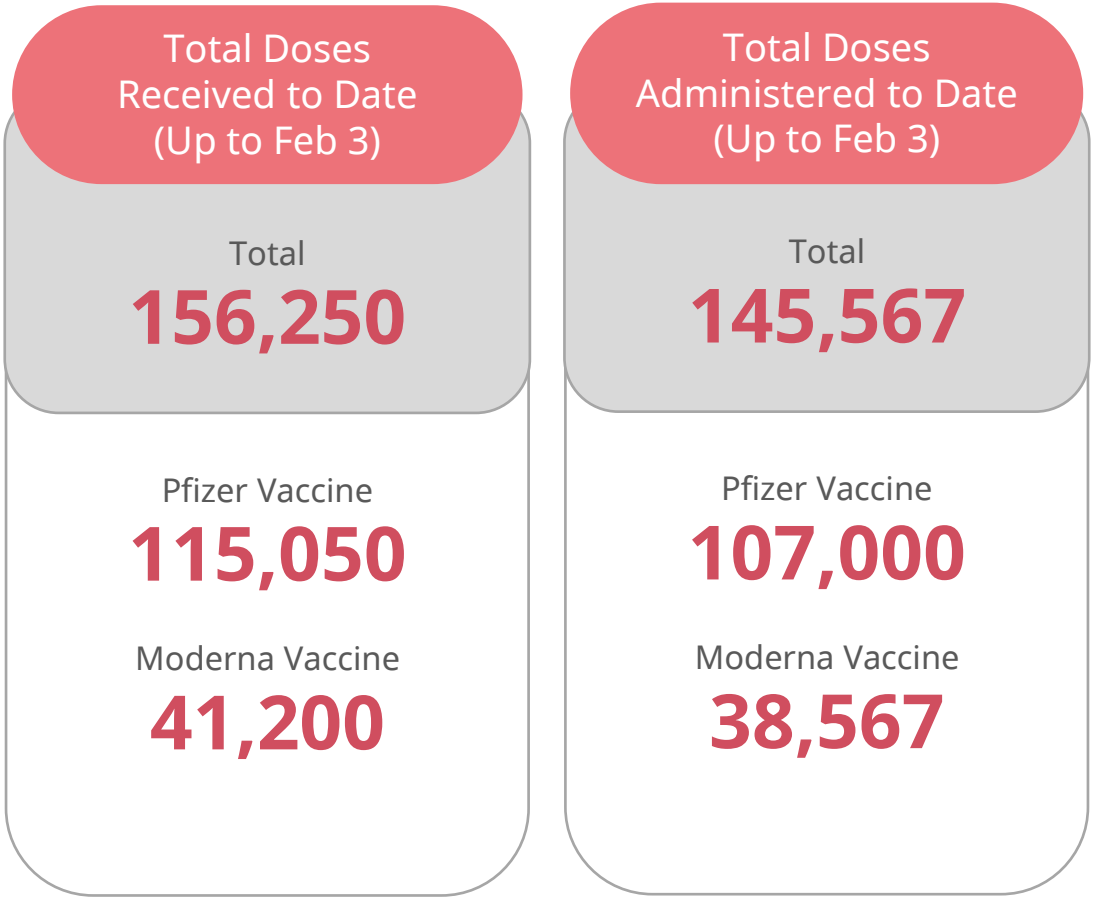
Vaccine Doses Received, Administered to Date (February 4, 2021)



Long-Term Care Residents

19%

of vaccines administered to long-term care residents.

1st Dose
87%

2nd Dose
2%

1st Dose	2nd Dose
26,895	525

Long-Term Care Staff

28%

of vaccines administered to long-term care staff.

1st Dose
89%

2nd Dose
15%

1st Dose	2nd Dose
34,658	5,676

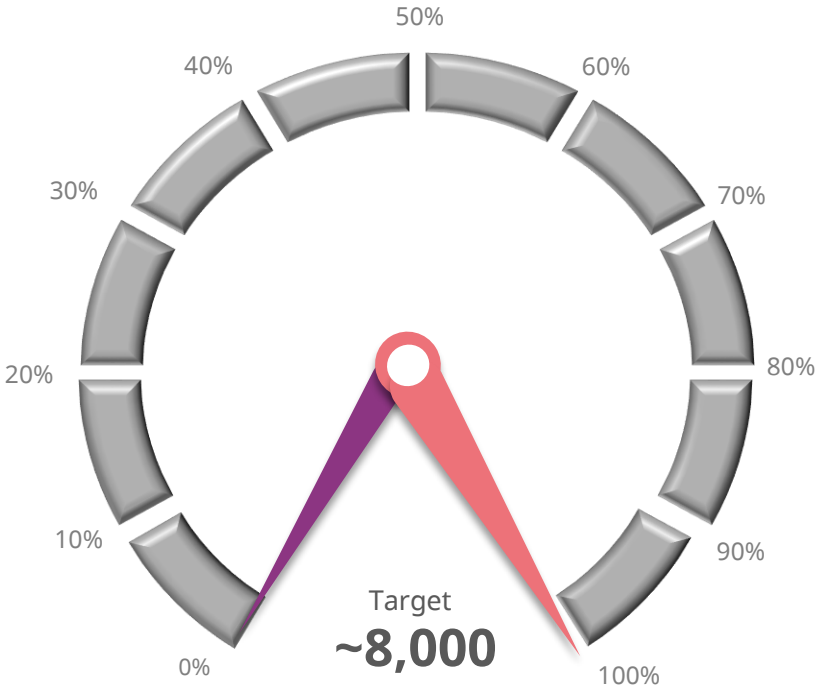
Assisted Living Residents

7%

of vaccines administered to assisted living residents.

1st Dose
119%

2nd Dose
0%



1st Dose	2nd Dose
9,544	15

Assisted Living Staff

3%

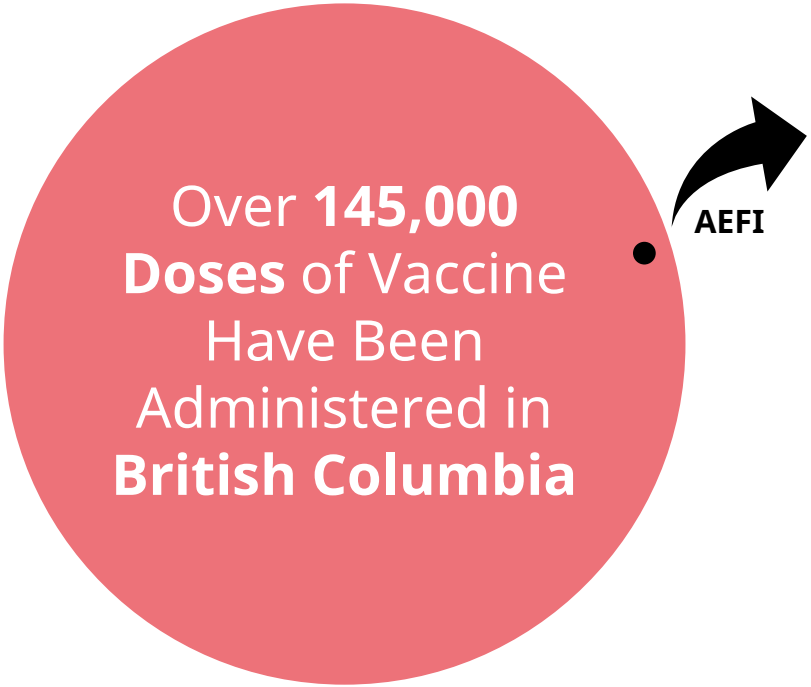
of vaccines administered to assisted living staff.

1st Dose
90%

2nd Dose
4%

1st Dose	2nd Dose
4,483	186

No Safety Signals Have Been Identified With Either COVID-19 Vaccine in British Columbia



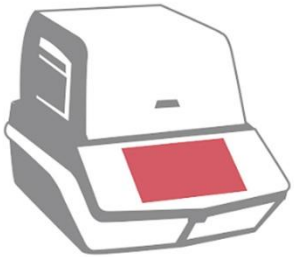
From December 20, 2020 to February 4, 2021 there have been **205** adverse events following immunization (AEFI) reports.

- There have been **14 AEFI reports for every 10,000 doses administered.**
- 55 are classified as serious.
  For example, a severe allergic reaction called anaphylaxis.
- Some reported events happen after vaccination but are likely **not caused by the vaccine.**

Variant Detection Strategy in BC

Sequencing

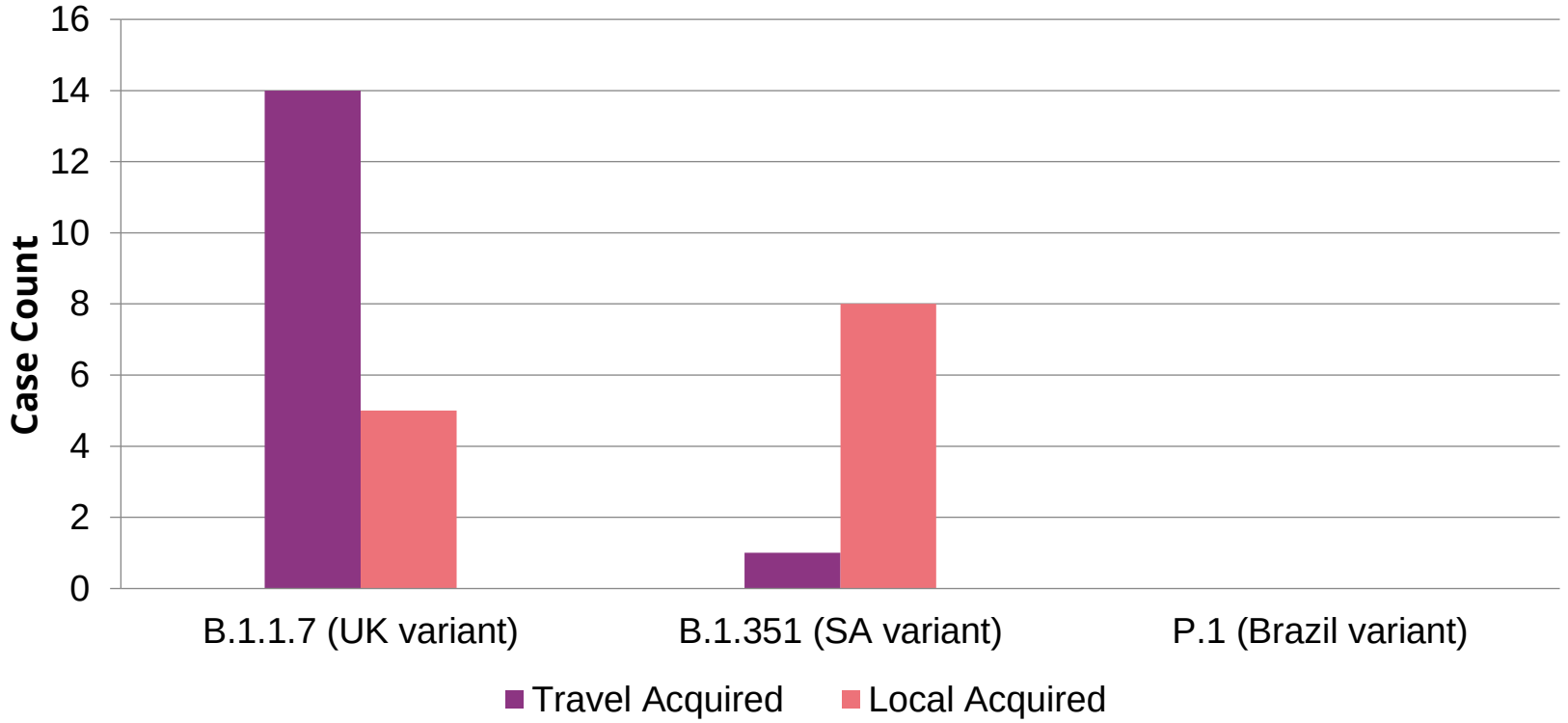
- Whole genome sequencing is the best way to confirm variants of concern (VOC)
- BC generates 750 genomes per week



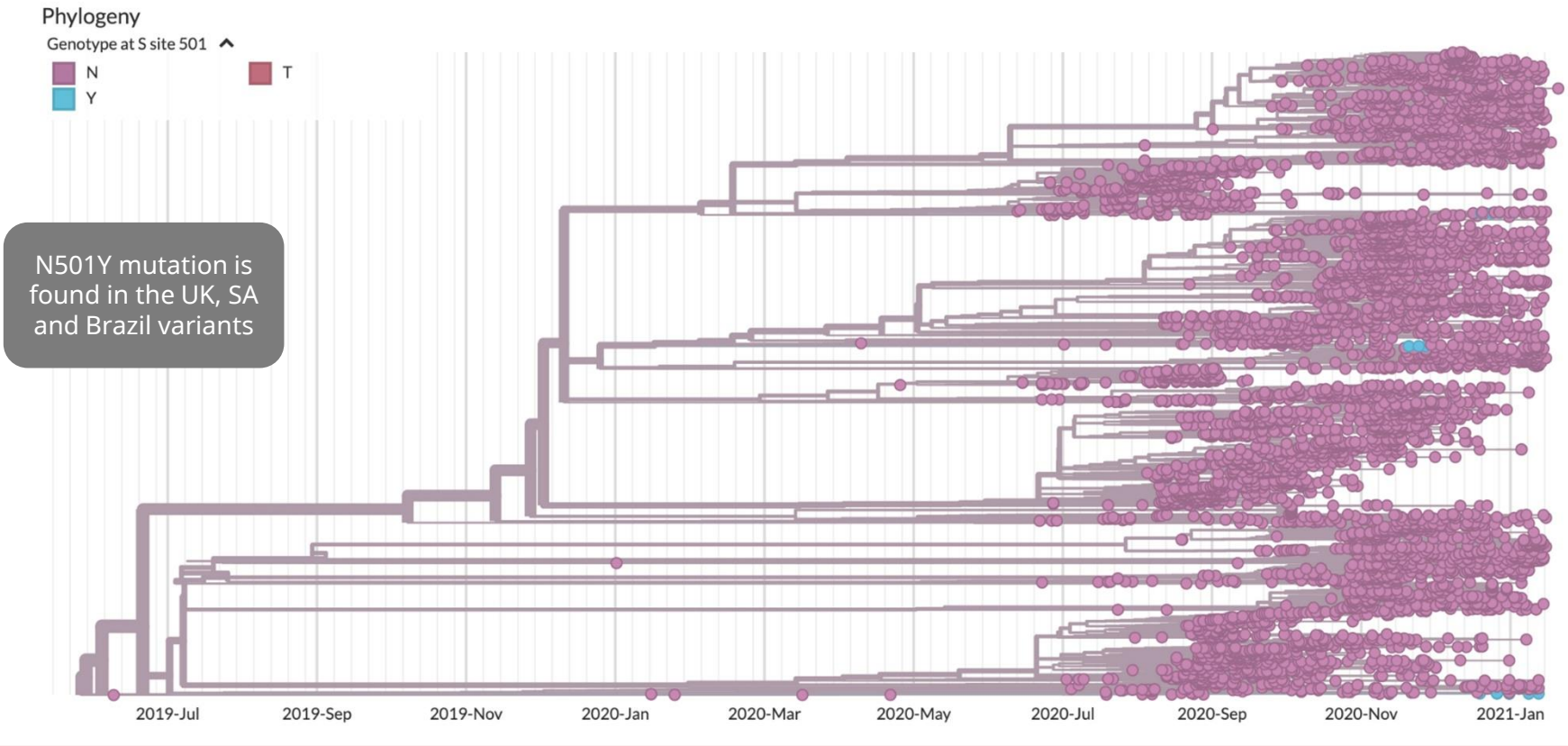
Screening

- Screening for key mutations; need to confirm positives with sequencing
- BC can screen 1000s of samples per week

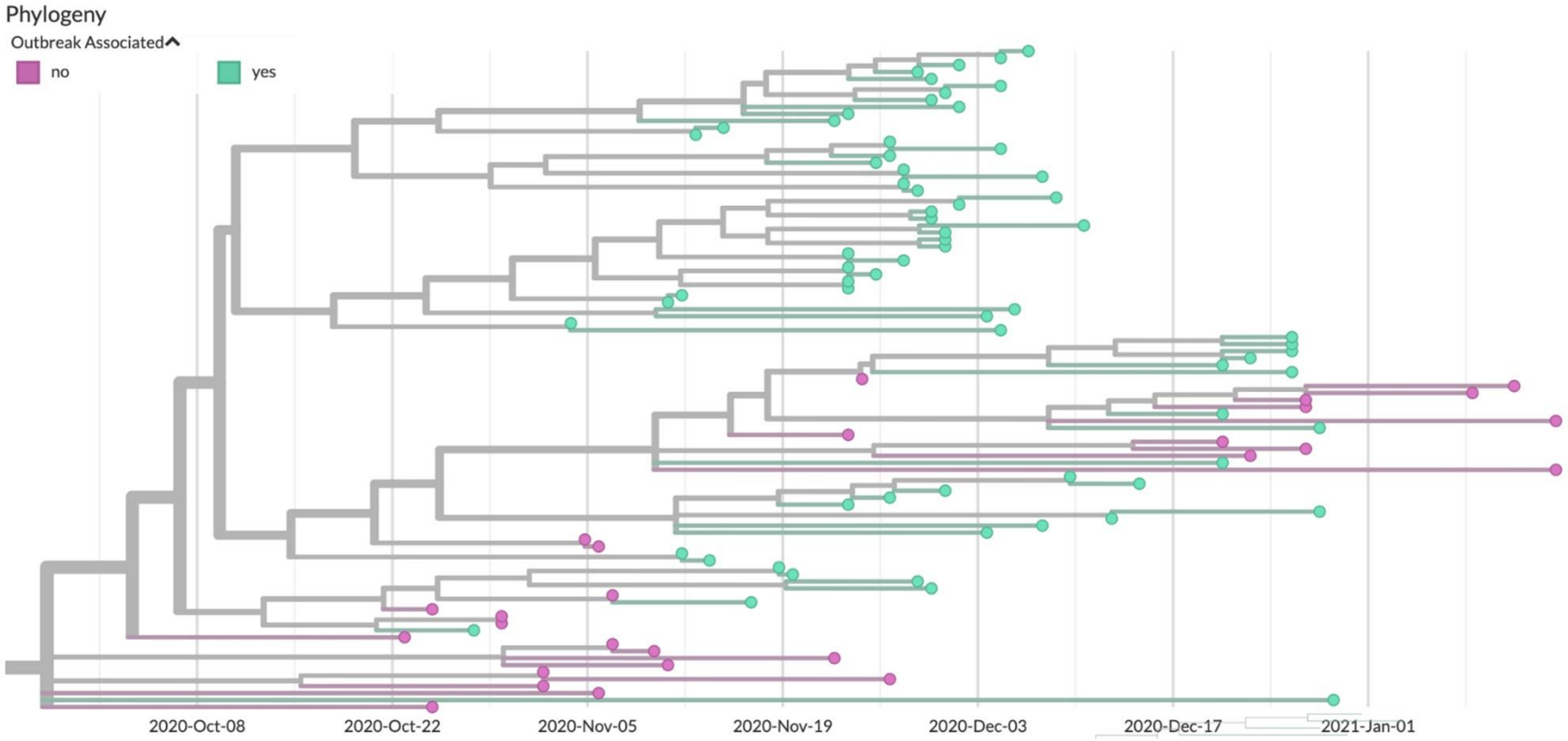
Since December 1, BC Has Sequenced ~4,500 Cases; Variants of Concern Have Been Detected in 28 Cases



Variants of Concern Are Still Rare in BC *(Shown in Blue)*



Genomics is a Key Tool in Responding to Outbreaks in BC



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