

StrongerBC Jobs in Healthcare  
Response to FOI Request: HTH-2021-10874

**Request:** *In regards to the StrongerBC plan's commitment to Hiring 7,000 new front-line health care workers, please provide the number of front-line health care workers hired to date under this plan.*

**Response:**

***Jobs in Healthcare: Current Status (Feb 26, 2021)***

This initiative is divided into four streams:

Stream	Number Hired
<p>1. Contact Tracers: Significant progress has been made to hire contact tracers across the province with all health authority hiring targets met or exceeded. To date, 1,667 individuals have been hired – more than the 500 initially announced in August, and 608 announced in September. This exceeds the number of contact tracers in place for the third wave – the highest number reported was 1,563 (May 2021).</p> <p>The Ministry of Health is working with the First Nations Health Authority to support the hiring of community health representatives to support culturally safe contact tracing efforts in Indigenous communities. A total of 112 communities have been allocated funding for this initiative. Across those communities, funding has been approved for 102 FTES. To date, all 102 FTES have been recruited. Each host community, Nation or First Nations Health Service Organization funding recipient has determined the best use of the funds and filled gaps in aspects such as education, outreach, patient follow-up, contact tracing and navigation.</p>	<p>1,667</p> <p>102</p>
2. Screening staff at long term care (LTC) and assisted living (AL) facilities to support the visitation policy for 1,589 FTES. 1521 FTEs are now employed to support visitation and infection prevention and control practices in long term care and assisted living	1,521
3. Screening staff at health authority acute facilities - for 552 FTES: - 501 FTEs have been hired	501
4. Health Career Access Program (HCAP), an innovative strategy to integrate staff without prior health education into the workplace while providing funding and support to complete the Health Care Assistant education and training program for 3000 FTEs. Across B.C., 3084 individuals have accepted job offers in HCAP.	3084
Total	6,875