

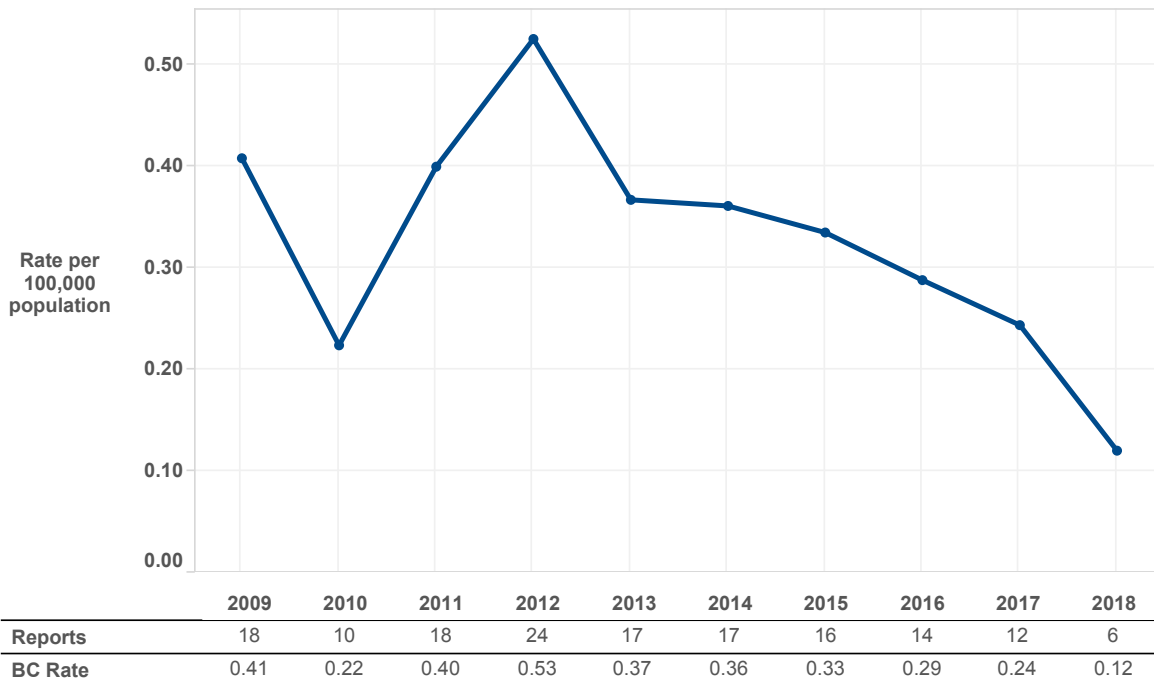
Cryptococcus gattii Infection

In 2018, only 6 cases of *Cryptococcus gattii* infection were reported. This is the lowest incidence reported since this disease became reportable in 2003. The decrease is mainly attributable to no cases being reported from the historically endemic areas of South and Central Island Health. The reason for this is unclear.

All cases occurred in adults; older age is one of the most important risk factors in *C. gattii* infection. All cases were infected with strains endemic to BC; five cases were infected with VGIIa and one with VGIIb.



13.1 *Cryptococcus gattii* Rates by Year, 2009- 2018



13.2 *Cryptococcus gattii* Infection Rates by HSDA, 2018

