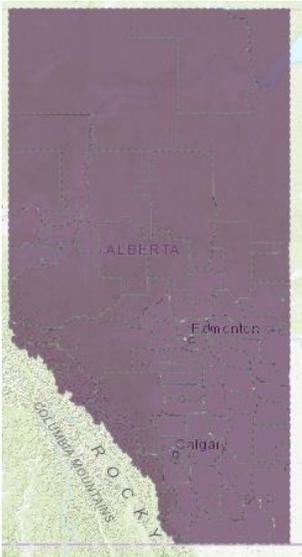


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RMWB Case Outcomes: 130 Active Cases 1667 Resolved Cases 3 Deceased Cases



Open Watch Enhanced
 Rate/100,000 pop.: **156.7**
 R-Value: **0.77**



Cases Over Time

- Fort McMurray 1670 (7 new)
- Rural RMWB 130 (1 new)
- Alberta 121,535 (362 new)
- Canada 750,925

*as of Jan 24 compared to Jan 23



Demographics (Active)

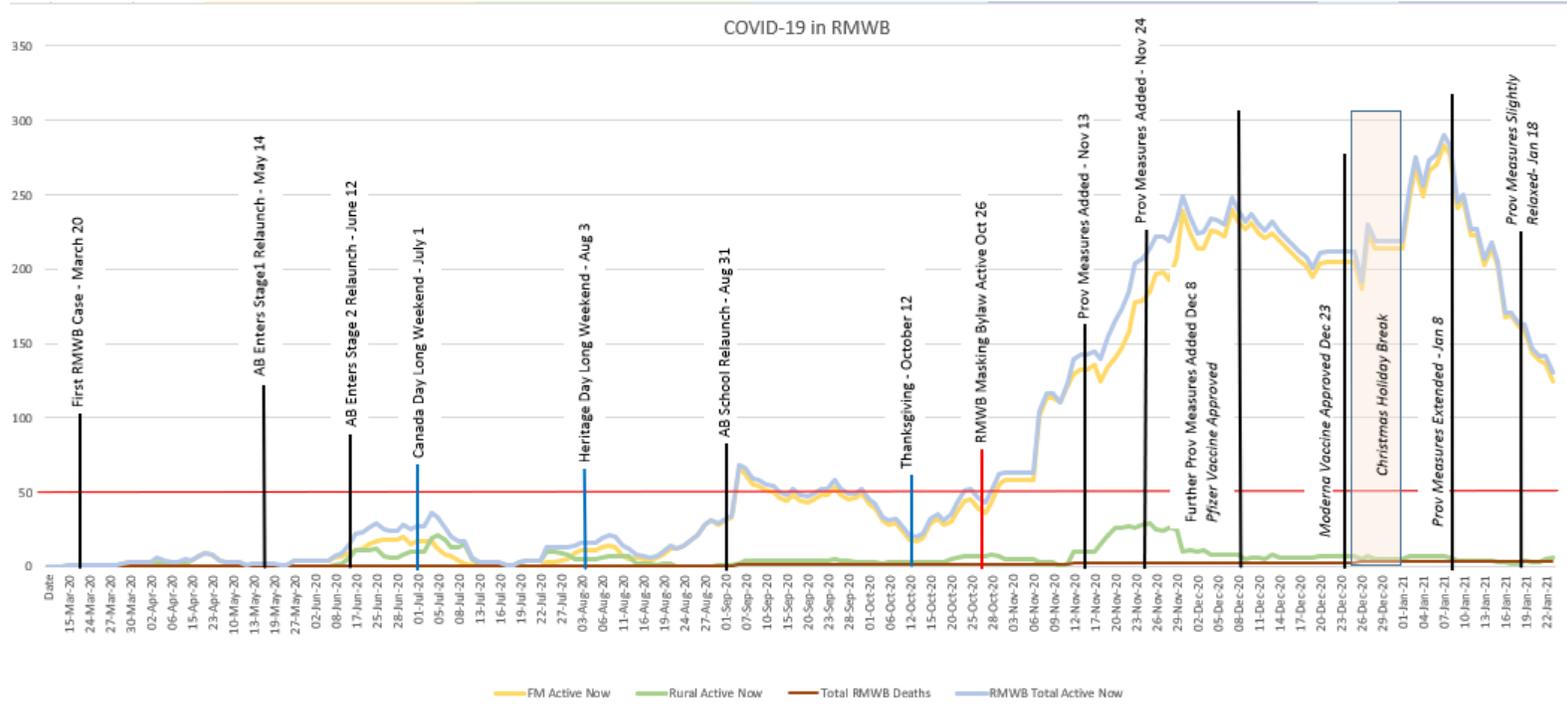
- Fort McMurray 124 (down 12)
- Rural RMWB 6 (up 1)
- Alberta 9,337 (down 174)
- Canada 61,255

**Active Cases take recoveries into account



Outbreaks

- **Industrial:**
 - CNRL Horizon, Albion
 - Syncrude Mildred Lake, Aurora
 - Imperial Kears Lake
 - Suncor Fort Hills, Base Plant
 - Anzac Lodge
 - Cenovus Christina Lake
- **Schools:**
 - Alert (2-4 Cases)
 - St. Gabriel



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The Provincial Operations Centre escalated their response to Level 3 on December 8, 2020

Helpful Links:

Municipal Response:

rmwb.ca/covid19
WBCentral.biz

Provincial Response:

Alberta.ca/covid19
[AB School Outbreaks](#)

[Printable Posters and Fact Sheets](#)

[Vaccination Information](#)

[Current Domestic Travel Recommendations:](#)

All out-of-town travel is discouraged at this time.

Federal Response:

Canada.ca/covid19

Indigenous Resources:

[Athabasca Tribal Council](#)
[First Nation Telehealth Network](#)
[Northeastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association \(NAABA\)](#)

Other Resources:

FuseSocial.ca/covid-19-resources

During today's update, Minister Shandro discussed the two new variants coming out of the UK and South Africa. **Currently there are 20 cases of the UK variant and 5 from South Africa.** Of these, only 1 case is not traceable to travel related sources but indicates community spread may be beginning. Minister Shandro shared modelling showing the impact these more contagious variants could have on the health system. He reiterated that they do not appear to have a higher mortality rate, and are spread the same way as the version that has spread throughout Canada, therefore our public health measures will continue to protect Albertans.

With that statement he said we must remain vigilant, and although Albertans have made great strides in reducing daily new cases, we cannot relax the current health measures yet. The criteria for reducing health measures continue to be re-evaluated.

Province Wide Restrictions

- Entertainment businesses and entities remain closed.
- All indoor social gatherings – public and private – are prohibited. Outdoor gatherings are limited to 10 people.
- Individuals who live alone will be allowed up to two close contacts.
- Festivals, parades, events, concerts, exhibitions, competitions, sport and performance remain prohibited.
- The mandatory indoor public masking requirement will be extended provincewide.
- All places of worship will be limited to 15 per cent of fire code occupancy for in-person attendance.
- Retail services must reduce customer capacity to 15 per cent of fire code occupancy, with a minimum of five customers permitted.
- Restaurants, pubs, bars, lounges and cafes will be closed to in-person service.
- Recreational facilities will be closed.
- Outdoor recreation is permitted.
- Entertainment businesses and entities will be closed.
- Hotels may remain open but must follow restrictions.
- Mandatory work from home measures will be implemented unless the employer determines that work requires a physical presence for operational effectiveness.



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Vaccine Updates

Last week, Premier Kenney announced that vaccine supply has been interrupted. New appointment bookings are on pause, and those already scheduled will be postponed. Supply has been allocated to ensure second doses are available for all committed appointments.

Approved Vaccines: [Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine](#) (Dec. 23, 2020)
[Pfizer BioNTech](#) (Dec. 9, 2020)

Early Phase 1: December 2020: Immunizations will be offered to key populations, with a focus on acute care sites with the highest COVID-19 capacity concerns in Edmonton and Calgary:

- Health-care workers in intensive care units
- Respiratory therapists
- Staff in long term care and designated supporting living facilities

Phase 1A: January 2021: *Timeline subject to change depending on vaccine supply. Immunizations will be offered to key populations across the province:*

- Paramedics and emergency medical technicians
- Alberta health-care workers in Covid-19 units, medical and surgical units, and operating rooms
- Respiratory therapists
- Health-care workers in intensive care units
- Staff in long term care and designated supportive living facilities
- Home care workers
- Health-care workers in emergency departments
- All residents of long-term care and designated supportive living, regardless of age

Phase 1B: February 2021: *Timeline subject to change depending on vaccine supply. Immunizations will be offered to key populations:*

- Seniors 75 years of age and over, no matter where they live
- First Nations, Métis and persons 65 years of age and over living in a First Nations community or Métis Settlement
- Health-care workers in medical, surgical, and COVID-19 units or operating rooms

Phase 2: April to Sept 2021 – continue targeting populations at risk. *Work to identify sequencing for Phase 2 groups is underway. Decisions will be made in 2021.*

Phase 3: Fall 2021 - *Anticipated start of roll-out to the general public.*

Alberta is receiving vaccine doses as they are [approved by Health Canada](#).

Vaccine is being distributed through a phased immunization program. Our goal is to immunize Albertans as safely and effectively as possible.

As part of ongoing efforts to reduce community transmission of COVID-19, Alberta will be offering second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine within 42 days after the first dose. This aligns with the approach recommended by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) and the World Health Organization statements on vaccines for COVID-19. This will allow as many Albertans as possible to receive the vaccine in the coming weeks.

Vaccination Progress As of January 25:

99,453 doses of vaccine have been administered in Alberta, 406 in the last 24 hours.

2249.1 doses per 100,000 population

26 adverse events following immunization have been reported to Alberta Health and AHS.

