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Rate/100,000 pop.: **45.5**  
R-Value (Rest of Alberta  
Category): **0.94**

**RMWB Case Outcomes: 38 Active Cases 1854 Resolved Cases 3 Deceased Cases**



**School Alert (2-4 Cases)**  
• No schools listed



## Cases Over Time

- Fort McMurray 1760 (1 new)
- Rural RMWB 135 (no change)
- Alberta 134,454 (402 new)
- Canada 875,017

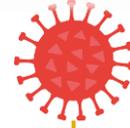
\*as of Mar. 2 compared to Mar. 1



## Demographics (Active)

- Fort McMurray 33 (down 6)
- Rural RMWB 5 (no change)
- Alberta 4649 (up 18)
- Alberta Hospitalizations 251 (down 10)
- Canada 29,874

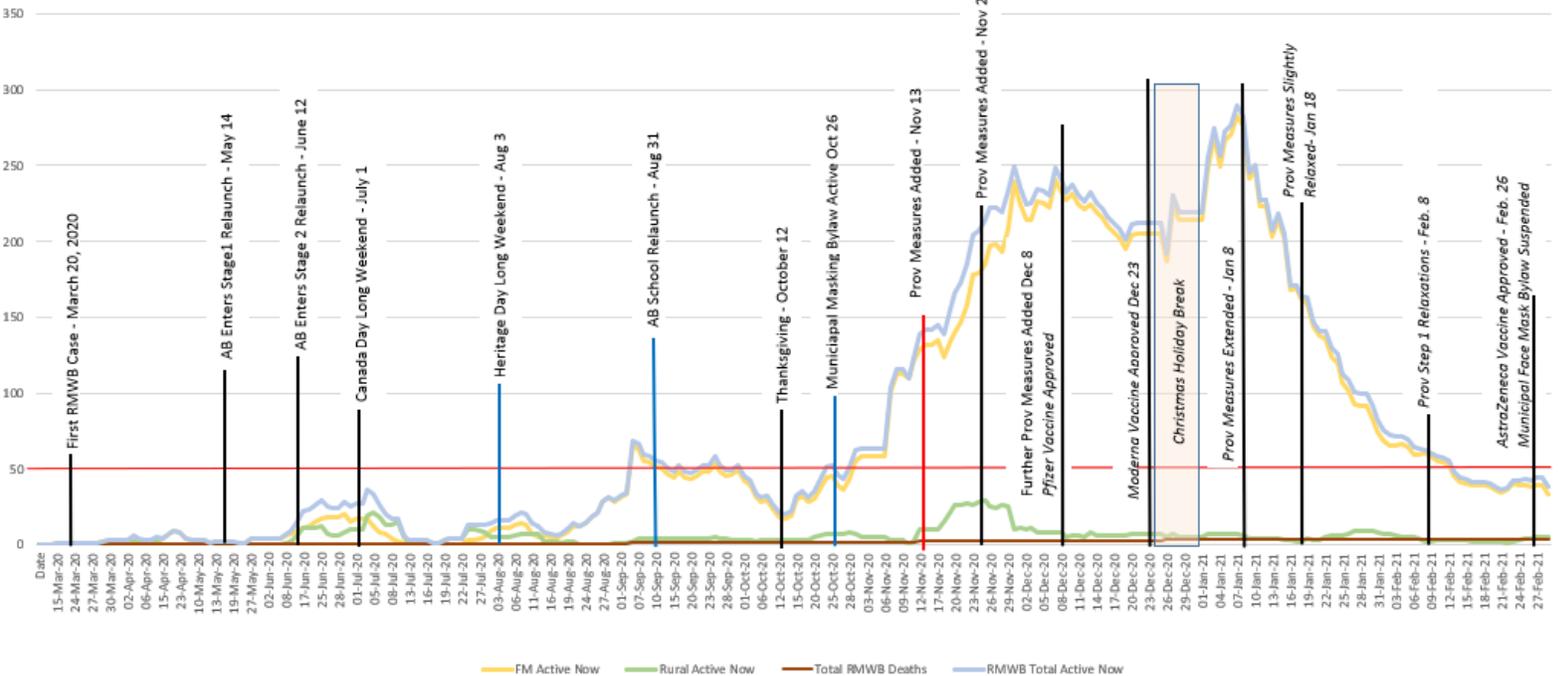
\*\*Active Cases take recoveries into account



## Outbreaks

- **Industrial:**
  - CNRL Albanian
  - CNRL Horizon
  - CNRL Kirby
  - Kearl Lake
  - North American Construction Group
  - Suncor Baseplant
  - Suncor Fort Hills
  - Syncrude Aurora
  - Syncrude Mildred Lake
  - YMCA Eagle Ridge child care

Active COVID-19 Cases in the RMWB



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

## Path Forward – Currently in Step 2

The Path Forward – Public health measures will be eased in steps based on hospitalization benchmarks. Each step sets a more predictable path for easing restrictions, while protecting the health system. Once hospitalizations are within range of the benchmark, decisions to move to the next step will be considered. The lowest-risk activities in each sector will be considered for change first. Moving between steps will happen at least 3 weeks apart to assess the impact on cases. For more details visit [alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures](http://alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures)

STEP 1 <600 hospitalizations	STEP 2 <450 hospitalizations	STEP 3 <300 hospitalizations	STEP 4 <150 hospitalizations
<p>Restrictions eased Feb. 8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restaurants</li> <li>Indoor fitness</li> <li>Children's sport and performance activities</li> </ul>	<p>Potential easing in these areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retail</li> <li>Banquet halls</li> <li>Community halls</li> <li>Conference centres</li> <li>Hotels</li> <li>Further easing of indoor fitness and children's sport and performance</li> </ul>	<p>Potential easing in these areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult team sports</li> <li>Casinos, racing centres and bingo halls</li> <li>Indoor social gatherings, with restrictions</li> <li>Indoor seated events (movie theatres and auditoria)</li> <li>Libraries</li> <li>Museums, art galleries, zoos, interpretive centres</li> <li>Places of worship</li> </ul>	<p>Potential easing in these areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amusement parks</li> <li>Concerts (indoor)</li> <li>Festivals (indoor and outdoor)</li> <li>Funeral receptions</li> <li>Indoor entertainment centres and play centres</li> <li>Performance activities (singing, dancing and wind instruments)</li> <li>Sporting events (indoor and outdoor)</li> <li>Tradeshows, conferences and exhibiting events</li> <li>Wedding ceremonies and receptions</li> <li>Workplaces (lift working from home)</li> </ul>
<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px;">Step 1 began February 8th</div>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px;">Step 2 began March 1st</div>	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;">The earliest Step 3 could happen is 3 weeks after Step 2 begins</div>	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;">The earliest Step 4 could happen is 3 weeks after Step 3 begins</div>

Alberta's Path Forward is now in Step 2.

**Indoor Fitness** – Low intensity individual and group fitness activities allowed indoors including Tai Chi, Yoga, Pilates, light weightlifting, and Indoor Climbing. High intensity (including bodybuilding, aerobics, bootcamp, dance fitness, HIIT, kickboxing, power yoga) is only allowed for personal training or household training. Drop-in fitness and team sports are not allowed. [More info here.](#)

**Libraries** – allowed to open subject to 15% of fire code capacity.

Possible easing for hotels, banquets, and conference centres, retail, and children's sport and performance are delayed. It is still extremely important to avoid indoor socializations.

### Helpful Links:

#### Municipal Response:

[rmwb.ca/covid19](http://rmwb.ca/covid19)  
[WBCentral.biz](http://WBCentral.biz)

#### Provincial Response:

[Alberta.ca/covid19](http://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. Border testing protocols are changing.

#### Federal Response:

[Canada.ca/covid19](http://Canada.ca/covid19)

#### Indigenous Resources:

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

#### Other Resources:

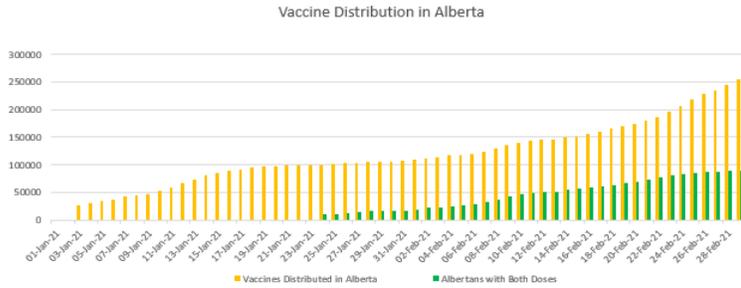
[FuseSocial.ca/covid-19-resources](http://FuseSocial.ca/covid-19-resources)



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## Vaccine Updates – Sign up [here](#).



### Vaccination Progress as of March 2:

**255,283** doses of vaccine have been administered in Alberta, **10,229** (555 were 2<sup>nd</sup> doses) in the last 24 hours.

**89,094** Albertans have received both doses and are fully immunized.

Rate of vaccination is **5773.2** doses per 100,000 population.

**117** adverse events following immunization have been reported.

### Updated Vaccination Program

#### Early Phase 1 (December 2020): Complete

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

#### Phase 1A (January to March 2021):

- Vaccinations are being offered to key populations across the province:
- Respiratory therapists
- Health-care workers in intensive care units, emergency departments, COVID-19 units, medical and surgical units, and operating rooms
- Paramedics and emergency medical responders
- Staff in long term care and designated supportive living facilities
- Home care workers
- All residents of long-term care and designated supportive living, regardless of age
- First Nations, Métis and persons 65 years of age and over living in a First Nations community or Métis Settlement**
- Seniors 75 years of age and over, no matter where they live:
  - Starting Feb. 19, AHS will vaccinate residents in retirement centres, lodges, supportive living and other congregate living facilities with people 75 or older
  - Starting Feb. 24, any Albertan born in 1946 or earlier can book an appointment regardless of age. More info [here](#).**

**Second Dose:** Second doses of the vaccine are necessary to ensure you are protected from Covid-19 for as long as possible. **Today, Dr. Hinshaw announced that Alberta would be joining other provinces in extending the time between first and second doses of the vaccine to up to 4 months. She said that the primary goal is to get as many Albertans with their first dose as quickly as possible. Anyone with a second dose already booked can keep their appointment.**

**Phase 2: April to September 2021:** Phase 2 is broken into Groups A to D. Vaccinations for each group will begin once the previous group has been completed. Timelines are subject to change depending on vaccine supply. Detailed information on how eligible Albertans will receive the vaccine will be released prior to each group.

#### Group A

- Albertans aged 65 to 74, no matter where they live
- First Nations and Métis people aged 50 to 64, on and off reserve or Métis Settlements
- Staff of licensed supportive living not included in Phase 1

#### Group B

- Albertans aged 18 to 64 with high-risk underlying health conditions
- Specific conditions will be provided prior to Phase 2 roll-out

#### Group C

- Residents and staff of eligible congregate living settings: correctional facilities, homeless shelters, group homes including disability, mental health and other types of licensed supportive living
- Health-care workers providing direct and acute patient care who have a high potential for spread to high-risk individuals
- Caregivers of Albertans who are most at risk of severe outcomes

#### Group D

- Albertans aged 50 to 64, no matter where they live
- First Nations and Métis people aged 35 to 49 on and off reserve or Métis Settlements

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

