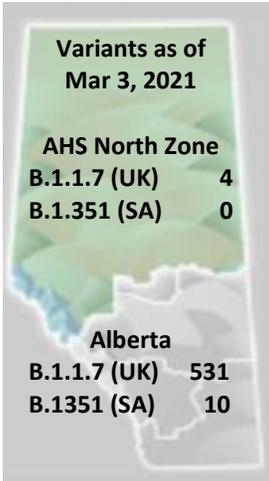


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Rate/100,000 pop.: **41.9**  
R-Value (Rest of Alberta  
Category): **0.94**

**RMWB Case Outcomes: 35 Active Cases 1858 Resolved Cases 3 Deceased Cases**



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



## Cases Over Time

- Fort McMurray 1760 (no change)
- Rural RMWB 136 (1 new)
- Alberta 134,785 (331 new)
- Canada 877,496

\*as of Mar. 3 compared to Mar. 2



## Demographics (Active)

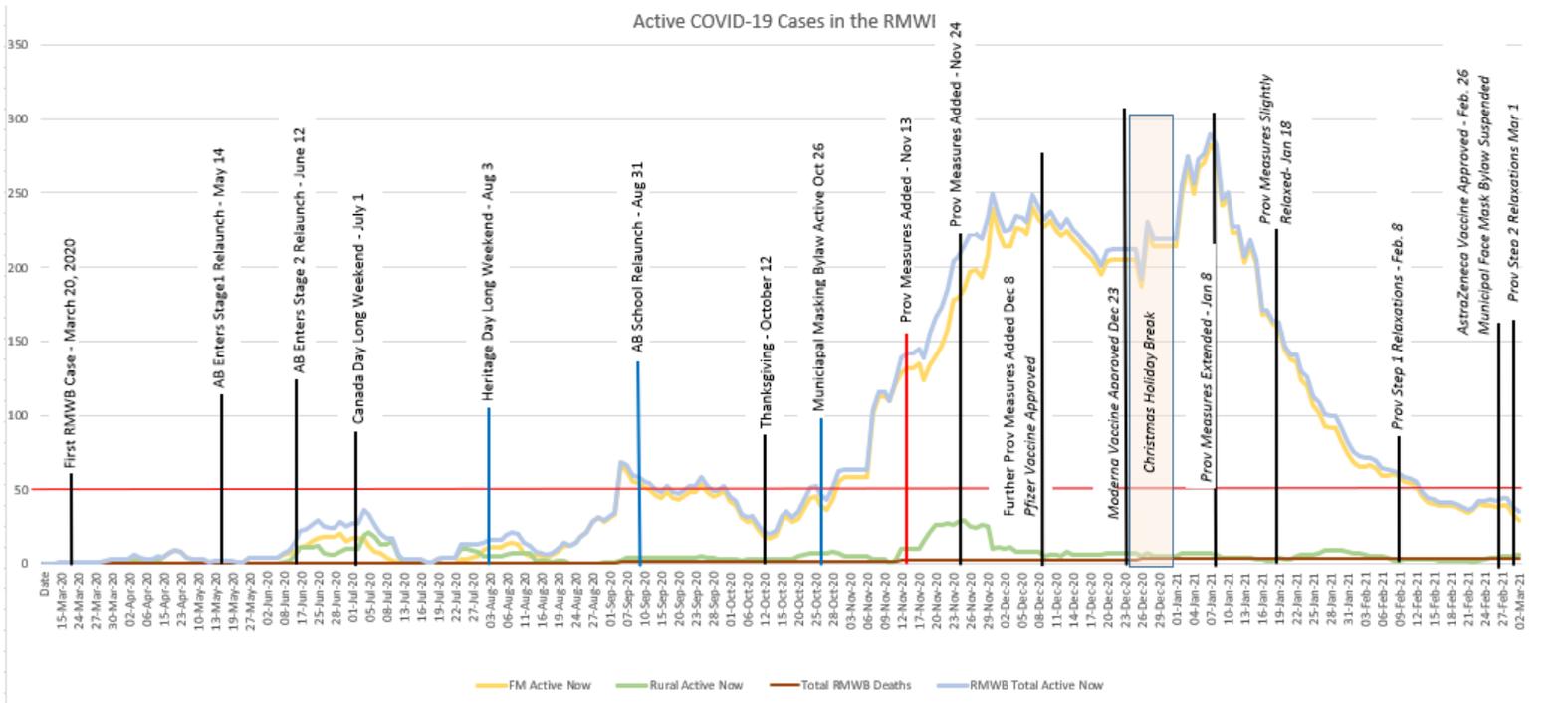
- Fort McMurray 29 (down 4)
- Rural RMWB 6 (up 1)
- Alberta 4613 (down 36)
- Alberta Hospitalizations 245 (down 6)
- Canada 29,786

\*\*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



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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>
<p>Step 1 began February 8th</p>	<p>Step 2 began March 1st</p>	<p>The earliest Step 3 could happen is 3 weeks after Step 2 begins</p>	<p>The earliest Step 4 could happen is 3 weeks after Step 3 begins</p>

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:

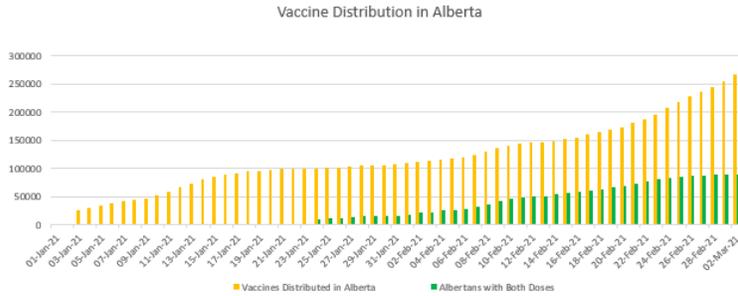
[FuseSocial.ca/covid-19-resources](http://FuseSocial.ca/covid-19-resources)



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



### Vaccination Progress as of March 3:

**266,231** doses of vaccine have been administered in Alberta, **10,948** (692 were 2<sup>nd</sup> doses) in the last 24 hours.

**89,786** Albertans have received both doses and are fully immunized.

Rate of vaccination is **6020.8** 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:** Emerging evidence shows first doses of the vaccine are at least 80% effective at preventing severe illness. Second doses are necessary to ensure you're protected for as long as possible.

Starting March 10, second doses will be administered up to 4 months later so all Albertans over 18 are protected with the first dose faster. This change is in line with British Columbia and other jurisdictions.

Anyone who received their first dose prior to March 10 will still receive their second dose within 42 days. All existing appointments for second doses will be honoured.

### Phase 2: April to September 2021:

#### Group A (Booking begins March 15 in 2-year age groupings)

- Albertans aged 65 to 74, no matter where they live
- First Nations, Inuit and Métis people aged 50 and older no matter where they live
- Staff and residents of licensed supportive living (seniors) not included in Phase 1

#### Phase 2: AstraZeneca (Bookings begin March 10)

Albertans aged 50 to 64 who do not have a severe chronic illness can either:

- receive the AstraZeneca vaccine early, or
- wait until Phase 2D begins in May to receive the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine

Appointment bookings will be announced in stages, while supply lasts:

- Born in 1957: Book starting March 10
- Born in 1958 to 1971: Book in following days, rolling one year at a time

All vaccines approved for use in Canada are safe and effective. AstraZeneca is proven to be highly effective in preventing serious illness and death in healthy adults 18 to 64.

#### [Learn more about approved vaccines](#)

#### 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.

**Today, Minister Shandro pledged to have every Albertan receive a first dose of vaccine by June 30**



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