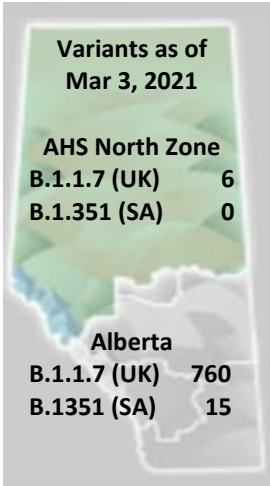


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Rate/100,000 pop.: **18.0**
 R-Value (Rest of Alberta Category): **0.90**

RMWB Case Outcomes: 15 Active Cases 1885 Resolved Cases 3 Deceased Cases



Cases Over Time

- Fort McMurray 1767 (1 new)
- Rural RMWB 136 (no change)
- Alberta 137,137 (364 new)
- Canada 899,393

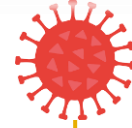
*as of Mar.10 compared to Mar. 9



Demographics (Active)

- Fort McMurray 12 (down 1)
- Rural RMWB 2 (down 1)
- Alberta 4488 (up 25)
- Alberta Hospitalizations 259 (up 5)
- Canada 30,566

**Active Cases take recoveries into account

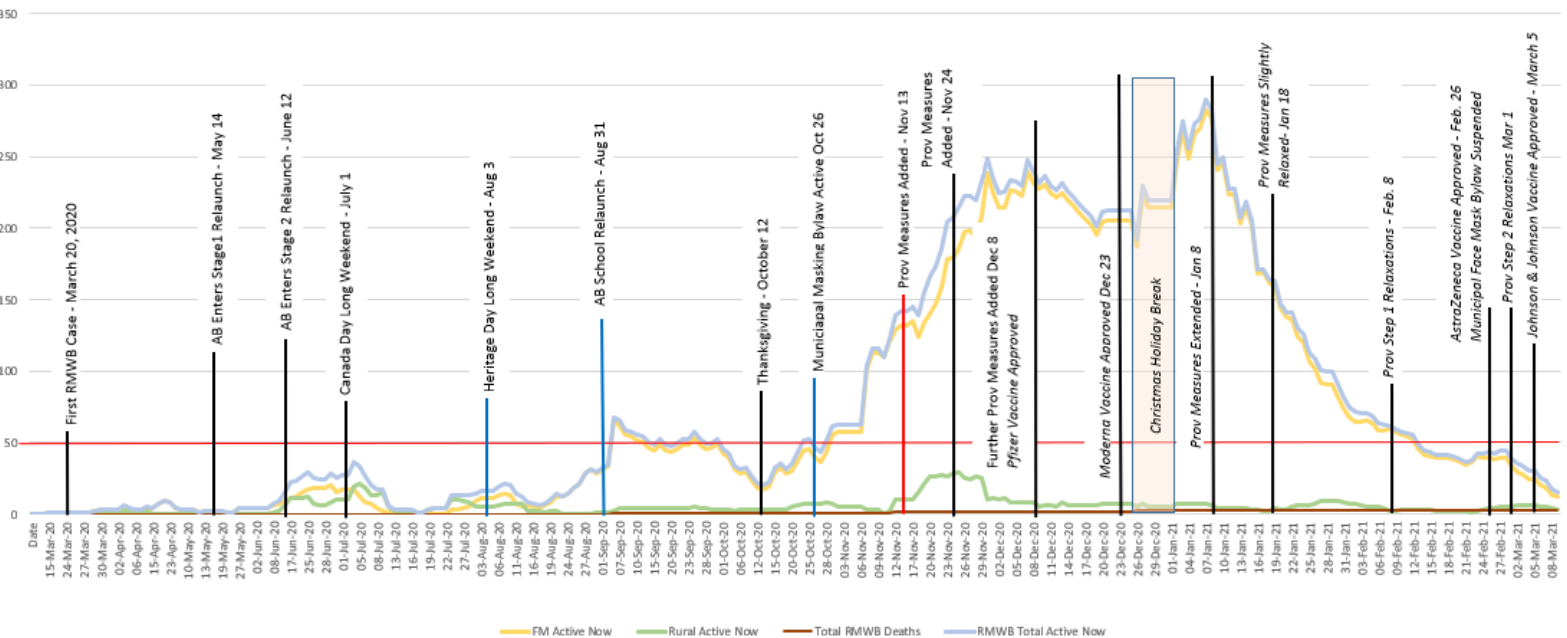


Outbreaks

- **Industrial:**
- CNRL Albanian
- CNRL Horizon
- CNRL Kirby
- Kearl Lake
- Suncor Firebag Village
- Suncor Baseplant
- Suncor Fort Hills
- Syncrude Mildred Lake

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

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 - For more details visit alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures

STEP 1 <600 hospitalizations	STEP 2 <450 hospitalizations	STEP 3 <300 hospitalizations	STEP 4 <150 hospitalizations
Restrictions eased Feb. 8: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurants • Indoor fitness • Children's sport and performance activities 	Restrictions eased March 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further easing of indoor fitness activities • Libraries Restrictions eased March 8: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banquet halls, community halls, conference centres and hotels • Collegiate sport and recreation activities • Further easing of performance activities • Retail 	Potential easing in these areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult team sports • Casinos, racing centres and bingo halls • Further easing of youth sport and recreation activities • Indoor social gatherings, with restrictions • Indoor seated events (movie theatres and auditoria) • Museums, art galleries, zoos, interpretive centres • Places of worship 	Potential easing in these areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amusement parks • Concerts (indoor) • Festivals (indoor and outdoor) • Funeral receptions • Indoor entertainment centres and play centres • Performance activities (singing, dancing and wind instruments) • Sporting events (indoor and outdoor) • Tradeshows, conferences and exhibiting events • Wedding ceremonies and receptions • Workplaces (lift working from home) • Day and overnight camps
Step 1 began February 8th	Step 2 began March 1 st , and expanded March 8th	The earliest Step 3 could happen is March 22 (3 weeks after Step 2 begins). Step 4 could possibly begin 3 weeks after Step 3 begins.	

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:](#)

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

Today, Minister Shandro announced [Nearly 1M Rapid Tests to be distributed across Alberta](#) to help protect workers, students and vulnerable Albertans from COVID-19.

Rapid tests will support screening programs to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and prevent outbreaks at a wide range of businesses and sectors:

- 325,000 tests to Suncor, Syncrude and CNRL
- 267,000 to long-term care, designated supportive living and hospice facilities
- 100,000 for a new pilot program offering rapid tests in schools
- 100,000 to rural and remote hospitals, assessment centres and other health care sites
- 76,000 to WestJet
- 56,000 to various other industries and groups across the province
- Thousands of additional rapid tests will be deployed to more businesses and service providers in the coming weeks.

Dr. Hinshaw cautioned that rapid tests are a “Red Light Tool”, allowing facilities to quickly identify positive cases, and not a “Green Light Tool”, meaning a negative test does not mean someone is not sick, and precautions must still be taken.

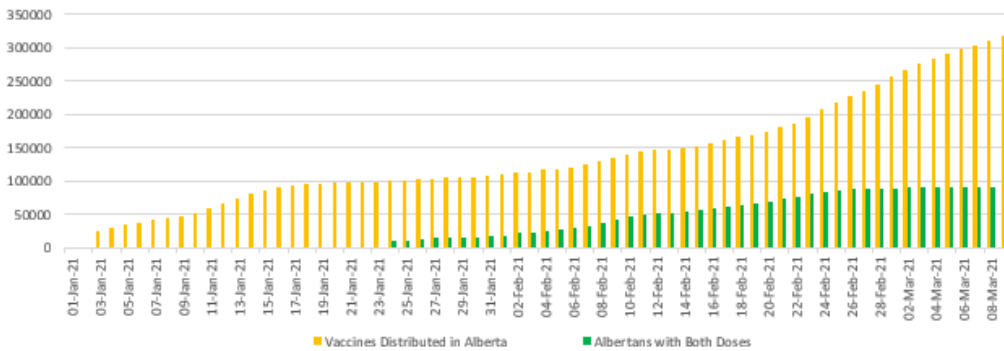


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Vaccine Updates – Sign up [here](#).

Vaccine Distribution in Alberta



Vaccination Progress as of March 10:

317,574 doses of vaccine have been administered in Alberta, **8612** (107 were 2nd doses) in the last 24 hours.

91,366 Albertans have received both doses and are fully immunized.

Rate of vaccination is **7181.9** doses per 100,000 population.

129 adverse events following immunization have been reported.

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.

Vaccine Roll Out News

Booking March 11:

- Albertans 75+ (born 1946 or earlier)
- AstraZeneca: Born 1957-58 only, FNMI 1972-1973

Coming soon:

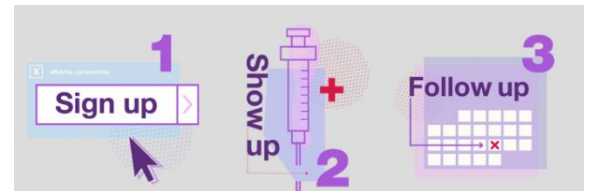
- AstraZeneca: Born 1959-71, FNMI 1974-1986
- Phase 2A opens March 15 by birth year, starting with 1947 or FNMI born 1962

Pharmacies:

- Albertans 75+ (born 1946 or earlier)
- Phase 2A opens in pharmacies March 15 for all eligible ages, no matter birth year.

*Only participating pharmacies in Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer offer the vaccine at this time. No walk-ins.

*FNMI – First Nations, Métis, Inuit



Vaccines approved by Health Canada:

- [Pfizer BioNTech](#), approved Dec. 9, 2020
- [Moderna](#), approved Dec. 23, 2020
- [Astra-Zeneca](#), approved Feb. 26, 2021
- [Janssen](#), approved Mar. 5, 2021

Learn more about vaccine safety [here](#).

Sign up to be notified when it is your turn [here](#).

Book your appointment online [here](#).
FNMI book your appointment by calling Health Link 811.



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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.

Phase 2: April to September 2021:

Phase 2: Group A (Booking begins March 15 by year of birth)

- 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

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.

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.

Not Yet Eligible:

Phase 2: Group B

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

Phase 2: 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

Phase 2: 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: Spring/Early Summer 2021: Anticipated start of roll-out of the vaccine to the general public.

Rules for fully vaccinated people

Until most Albertans are protected, fully vaccinated people must continue following all public health guidelines: no indoor social gatherings, keep 2 metres apart from others, wear a mask in public, wash your hands, and stay home when sick.

Once you've had both doses of the vaccine, you are less likely to become severely sick with COVID-19, but we don't yet know if the vaccine prevents vaccinated people from spreading the virus.

We must continue reviewing emerging evidence on asymptomatic and variant transmission before we can safely alter public health guidelines.

Alberta Health will let Albertans know when rules for fully vaccinated people can be changed.

