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**New Variant Information on Page 2**  
**More AstraZeneca Vaccine released, see Page 3**

**RMWB Case Outcomes: 360 Active Cases 1996 Resolved Cases 3 Deceased Cases**

Rate per 100,000 pop.: **431.3** ↑

R-Value ("Rest of Alberta" - Everywhere outside Edmonton and Calgary): **1.13**

(if above 1, then a sick person is likely to infect more than one other person)

**Schools Outbreak**

- Holy Trinity High School (10+ cases)
- Ecole Dickensfield (5-9 cases)

**Alert (2-4 Cases)**

- Ecole McTavish High
- Father Mercredi
- St. Anne School
- Sister Mary Phillips

**Cases Over Time**

- Fort McMurray 2214 (40 new)
- Rural RMWB 145 (1 new)
- Alberta 156905 (1429 new)
- Variants in AB 8278 (717 new)
- Canada 1,031,336

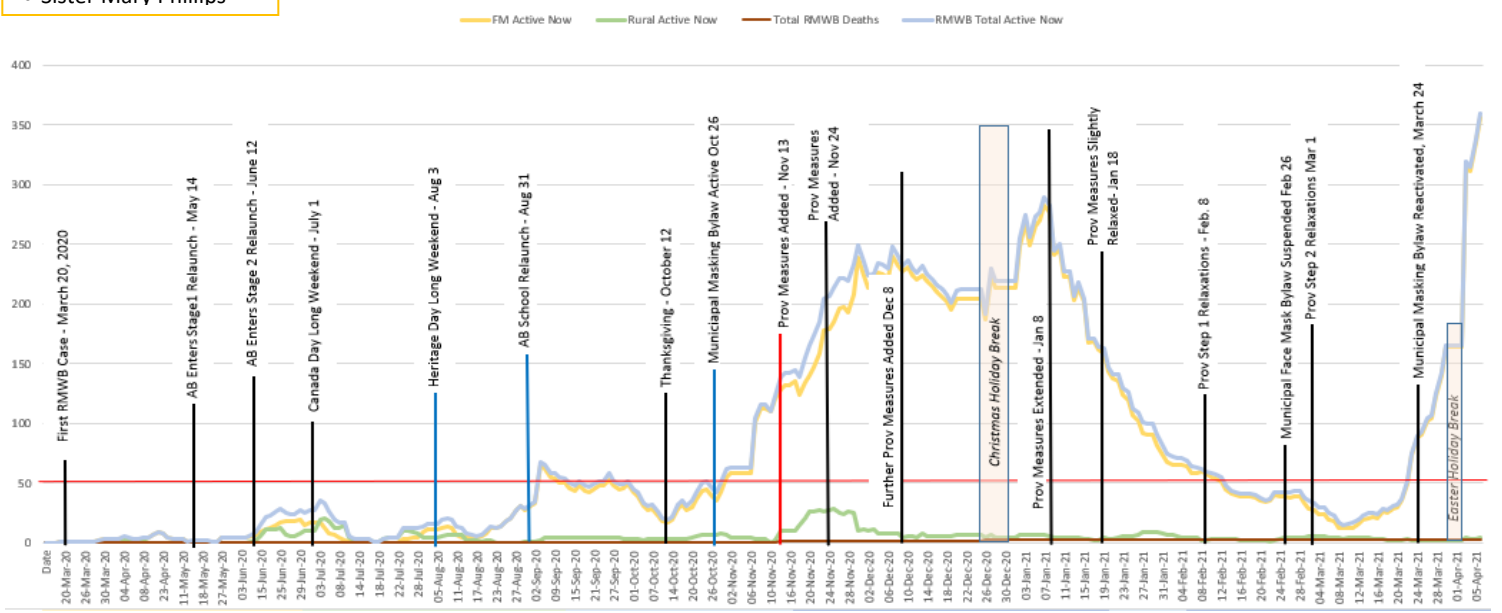
**Demographics (Active)**

- Fort McMurray 356 (up 21)
- Rural RMWB 4 (up 1)
- Alberta 12,187 (up 723)
- Alberta Hosp. 340 (up 7)
- Alberta Variants 5457 (up 506)
- Canada 62,696

**Outbreaks**

- Industrial:**
  - CNRL Horizon
  - CNRL Albion
  - CNRL Jackfish
  - Kearl Lake
  - Suncor Firebag Village
  - Suncor Baseplant
  - Suncor Mackay River
  - Syncrude Mildred Lake
- Other:**
  - Children First Eagle Ridge Nest
  - Wheaton-Penny Childcare Centre

\*as of end of Apr. 7 compared to Apr. 6      \*\*Active Cases take recoveries into account



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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](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:](#)

**Federal Response:**  
[Canada.ca/covid19](http://Canada.ca/covid19)

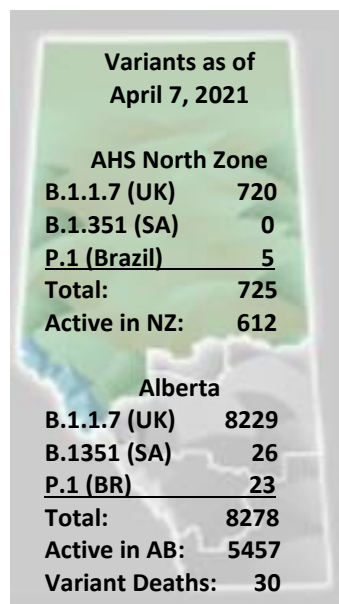
**Indigenous Resources:**  
[Athabasca Tribal Council](#)  
[First Nation Telehealth Network](#)  
[Northeastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association \(NAABA\)](#)

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

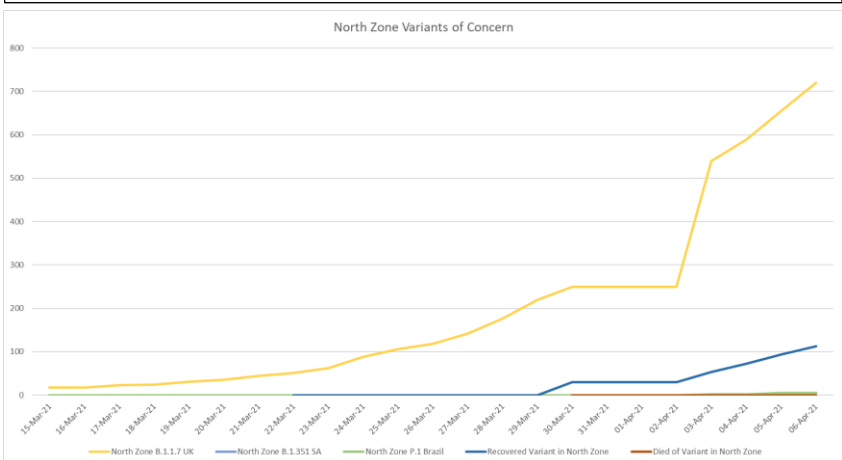
### Variants of Concern

Today, Dr. Hinshaw stated that if you are confirmed as having Covid-19, you should assume you have the B.1.17 Variant (UK). All positive Covid-19 tests are tested for variants. As of today, all close contacts of Covid-19 must start their 14 day quarantine from the LAST day they are in contact with the case. If you share a home with a variant case, you are considered in contact the entire time the patient is contagious, unless the sick person stays in an isolated bedroom and washroom the entire time. All close contacts of Covid-19 will now be offered two tests (previously only for confirmed variant cases).

Although the variants are more contagious, they can be prevented the same way as the original virus:  
[Follow all mandatory public health measures](#)  
[Get tested if you have any symptoms](#)  
[Know the isolation and quarantine requirements for the different strains](#)



**Today, Variants represent 44.8% of all active Covid-19 cases, and over half of all new cases.**  
**North Zone: 775 Variants Ever, 113 Recovered, 0 Deaths**



**The Path Forward**  
[Roadmap to help Albertans understand how restrictions will be eased in steps.](#)

**Step 1:** Began Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Step 2:** Began March 1<sup>st</sup>, expanded March 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Step 1:** Reverting to Step 1 on April 7<sup>th</sup>

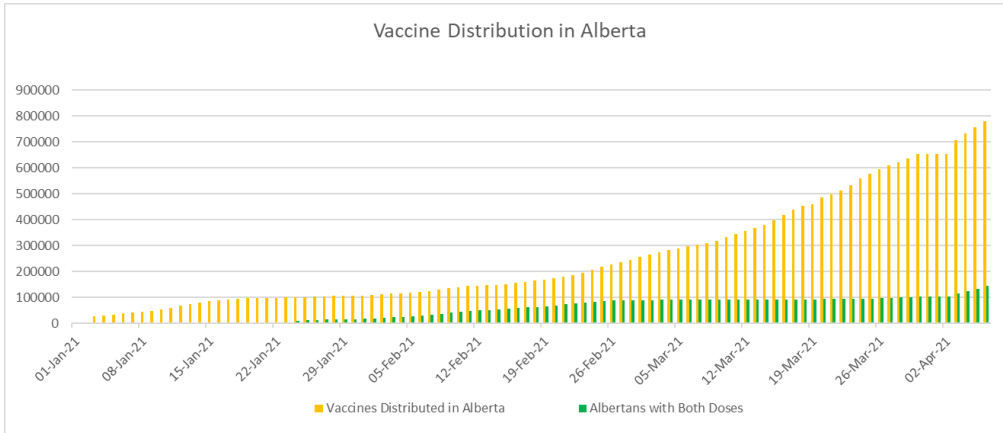
**Tuesday, Premier Kenney announced the following restrictions being reintroduced in Alberta, called “[Stop the Spike](#)” effectively receding back to Step 1 of the Path Forward.**

- Retail reduced to 15% of capacity as of April 7
- Only One on One Personal Training is allowed for fitness activities as of April 7
- Performance Activities are not permitted, except for youth development activities.
- Libraries must close, and all entertainment businesses
- Hotels may stay open, but pools and spas must close
- Effective April 9<sup>th</sup> at noon, restaurants must close to indoor dining. Patios, takeout, and delivery are permitted.

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



### Vaccination Progress as of April 7:

**779,817** doses of vaccine have been administered in Alberta.  
**23,986** (10,224 2<sup>nd</sup> doses) in the last 24 hours.  
**143,625** Albertans have received both doses and are fully immunized.  
 Rate of vaccination is **17,443.10** doses per 100,000 population.  
**205** adverse events following immunization have been reported.



## Vaccine Roll Out News

**Pharmacies:** Book directly with Pharmacy

[Phase 1:](#) Born 1946 or earlier

[Phase 2A:](#) Born 1947-56, FNMI born 1962-71

[Phase 2B:](#) Born 1957-73\*

[Phase 2](#) (AstraZeneca): Born 1957 – 1966

\*Available at participating pharmacies. No walk-ins.

**Online Booking:**

[Phase 1:](#) Born 1946 or earlier

[Phase 2A:](#) Born 1947-56, FNMI 1962-71

[Phase 2B:](#) Born 2005 or earlier

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**Call Health Link 811:**

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\*FNMI – First Nations, Métis, Inuit

### Vaccines approved by Health Canada:

- [Pfizer BioNTech](#), approved Dec. 9, 2020
- [Moderna](#), approved Dec. 23, 2020
- [AstraZeneca](#), 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](#).

### Pharmacies with Vaccine in Fort McMurray

#### [AstraZeneca](#)

Dave Hill  
 Hardin  
 Loblaw (2)  
 Medicine Shoppe (3)  
 Safeway  
 Save-On-Foods (2)  
 Shoppers Drug Mart (Riverstone & Franklin)  
 Tamarack  
 Timberlea  
 Wal-Mart

#### [Moderna](#)

Shoppers Drug Mart  
 (Signal Road)

**[Mass Vaccination Clinic](#) in Fort McMurray now open! By Appointment Only**



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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:
- 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
- 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 began 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: Group B (Booking began April 5)

- Albertans born 2005 to 1957 (16 to 64) with any one of the following high-risk underlying health conditions:

[Detailed clinical breakdown of these conditions and who is eligible](#)

#### Phase 2: AstraZeneca - (Booking began April 6)

- Albertans born 1957-1966 (ages 55 to 64) who do not have chronic underlying health conditions can make an appointment to receive the AstraZeneca vaccine at one of more than 800 participating pharmacies across the province.
- Eligible Albertans in this phase can choose to wait to receive a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine to be available to them when Phase 2D opens in May.

### Phase 2: Group C (April – May – not yet eligible)

- Vaccinations for Group C will begin once Group B has been completed. Timelines are subject to change depending on supply. Details on how to get the vaccine will be released prior to each group.
- Residents and support staff at eligible congregate living and work settings at risk for large outbreaks, including: correctional facilities, front-line policing and provincial sheriffs, homeless shelters, meatpacking plants, and group homes for disability, mental health and other types of licensed supportive living.
- Health-care workers working in patient care facilities or providing direct patient care in the community, in order to limit spread to high risk individuals, including: physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists and all other regulated health care professionals and their office or support staff.
- Anyone working in patient care facilities or providing services directly to clients in the community for Alberta Health Services, Covenant Health, Alberta Precision Labs, DynaLife, and students undertaking placement practicums in clinical areas.
- Healthcare workers on First Nation reserves.
- Caregivers of Albertans who are most at risk of severe outcomes:
- All designated family/support people of those individuals in long term care, designated supportive living and licensed supportive living facilities.
- Up to 2 caregivers for children under 16 who have an eligible chronic condition but are unable to receive vaccine due to age.
- Confirming eligibility
- Workers or students eligible in Phase 2C will need to provide personal identification that contains a birth date and proof of employment or professional registration (employee ID card, letter of employment or placement) when booking or attending their appointments with Alberta Health Services or at community pharmacies.
- Health officials will work with licensed supportive living facilities, pharmacists, and primary care clinicians on the best way to notify and confirm eligibility of caregivers when bookings open.

### Phase 2: Group D (May – not yet eligible)

- Albertans born 1957 to 1971 (turning 50 to 64).
- First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) persons born 1972 to 1986 (turning 35 to 49), no matter where they live.

Work to identify sequencing for all other groups is underway.

