

# COVID-19 UPDATE

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**Vaccine Phase 2C** opened to health care workers. See page 3 for details

Rate per 100,000 pop.: **640.9** ↑  
 R-Value ("Rest of Alberta" - Everywhere outside Edmonton and Calgary): **1.13**

- Schools**
- Holy Trinity High School (10+)
  - Fort McMurray Islamic (10+)
  - St. Anne (5-9)
  - Ecole Dickinsfield (5-9)
  - Westwood High (5-9)
  - Ecole McTavish High
  - Father Mercredi (2-4)
  - Fort McMurray Christian (2-4)
  - Sister Phillips (2-4)
  - St. Kateri (2-4)

**RMWB Case Outcomes: 535 Active Cases 2581 Resolved Cases 3 Deceased Cases**

**Cases Over Time**

- Fort McMurray 2434 (65 new)
- Rural RMWB 147 (0 new)
- Alberta 162,038 (1136 new)
- Variants in AB 11,449 (649 new)
- Canada 1,066,456

**Demographics (Active)**

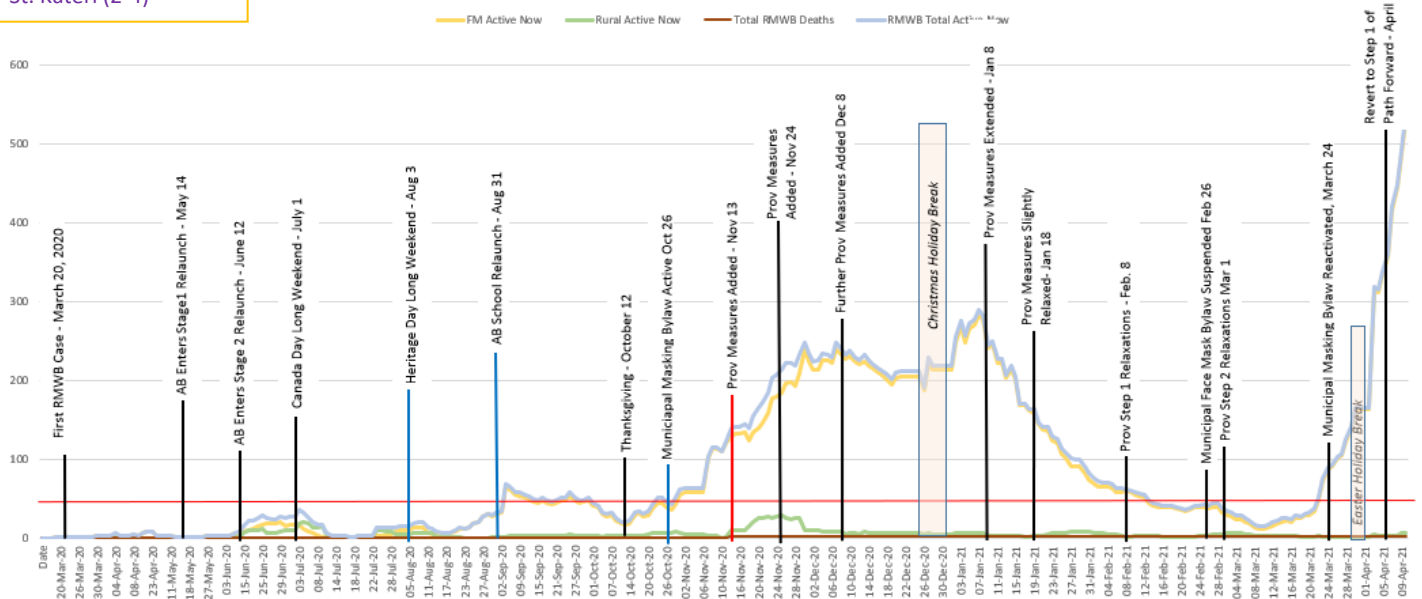
- Fort McMurray 529 (up 43)
- Rural RMWB 6 (no change)
- Alberta 14,849 (up 556)
- Alberta Hosp. 390 (up 14)
- Alberta Variants 7620 (up 403)
- Canada 75,729

**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. 11 compared to Apr. 10 \*\*Active Cases take recoveries into account

Active COVID-19 Cases in the RMWB



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### 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

Last week, 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.

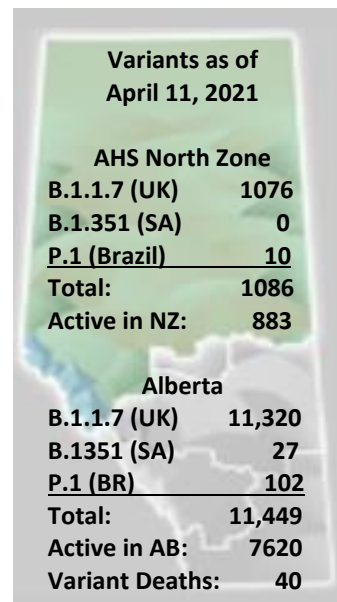
All close contacts of Covid-19 must start their 14 day quarantine from the LAST day they are in contact with the case. If you share a home with a variant case, you are considered in contact the entire time the patient is contagious, unless the sick person stays in an isolated bedroom and washroom the 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:

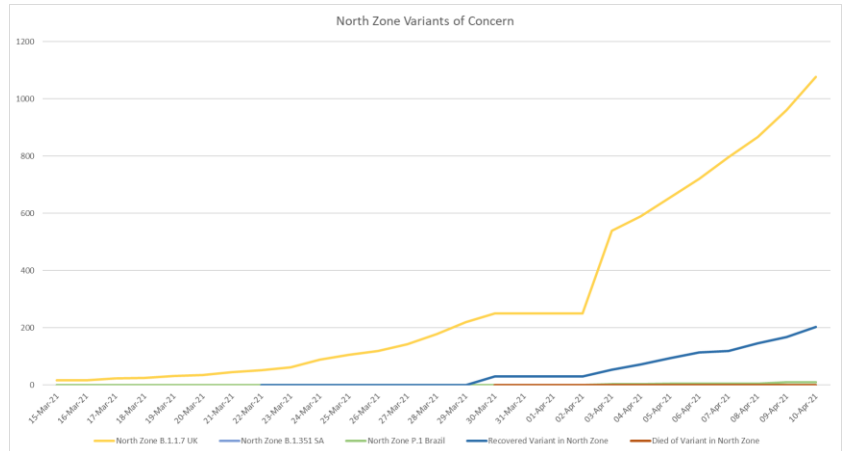
[Follow all mandatory public health measures](#)

[Get tested if you have any symptoms](#)

[Know the isolation and quarantine requirements for the different strains](#)



**Today, Variants represent 51.3% of all active Covid-19 cases, and over half of all new cases.**  
**North Zone: 1086 Variants Ever, 203 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, April 6, Premier Kenney announced the following restrictions being reintroduced in Alberta, called **“Stop the Spike”** effectively receding back to Step 1 of the Path Forward.

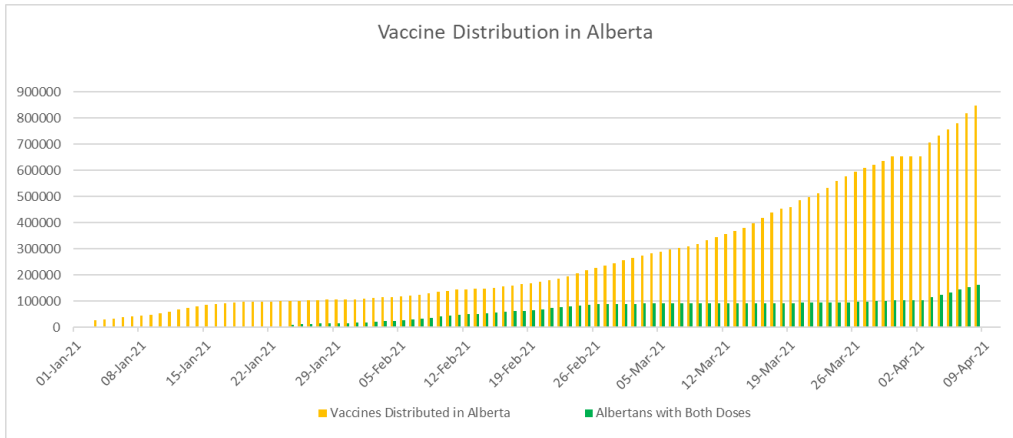
- Retail reduced to 15% of capacity as of April 7
- Only One on One Personal Training is allowed for fitness activities as of April 7
- Performance Activities are not permitted, except for youth development activities.
- Libraries must close, and all entertainment businesses
- Hotels may stay open, but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



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



### Vaccination Progress as of April 9:

- **847,630** doses of vaccine have been administered in Alberta.
- **163,532** Albertans have received both doses and are fully immunized.
- **Rate of vaccination is 18,949 doses per 100,000 population.**
- **211** 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:](#) 16+ with health conditions
  - [Phase 2C:](#) Eligible healthcare workers
  - [Phase 2 \(AstraZeneca\):](#) Ages 55-64
- \*Available at participating pharmacies. No walk-ins.

**Online Booking:**

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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 (Booking begins April 12)

- Starting April 12, part of Group C can book their appointment. The rest of Group C will become eligible in the coming weeks.

#### Who's eligible in Group C now

- Physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists and all other health care professionals and their office or support staff who provide in-person, direct patient care.
- Individuals 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 and Métis Settlements.

[See the full list of eligible healthcare workers](#)

#### Confirming Eligibility

Healthcare workers are required to bring the following to their vaccine appointment:

- Proof of eligibility, such as personal ID that shows birthdate
- Proof of employment or professional registration, such as employee ID card, letter of employment or placement
- Staff who work in community practices will be notified of their eligibility through their employer, regulatory college or professional association.

#### Who will be eligible in coming weeks:

- 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.
- 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.

#### 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.

