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Rate per 100,000 pop.:  
**1007.5**



R-Value ("Rest of Alberta")  
- Everywhere outside  
Edmonton and Calgary):  
**1.10**

**Schools:**

**Outbreak 10+ Cases:**

- Holy Trinity High School
- Fort McMurray Islamic School
- Ecole McTavish
- Ecole Dickinsfield

**Outbreak 5-9 Cases:**

- St. Anne
- Westwood High
- Fort McMurray Christian School

**Alert 2-4 Cases**

- Father Mercredi
- Sister Mary Phillips
- St. Kateri
- St. Paul's
- Fort McMurray Composite
- St. Martha

**AstraZeneca**

**Vaccine**

Appointments are open to anyone over 40 beginning tomorrow, April 20, 2021 at participating pharmacies. See page 2 and 3 for more info.

[News release here.](#)

**RMWB Case Outcomes: 841 Active Cases 2269 Resolved Cases 4 Deceased Cases**

**Cases Over Time**

- Fort McMurray 2951 (85 new)
- Rural RMWB 163 (0 new)
- Alberta 172,186 (1391 new)
- Variants in AB 17,787 (1160 new)
- Canada 1,131,595

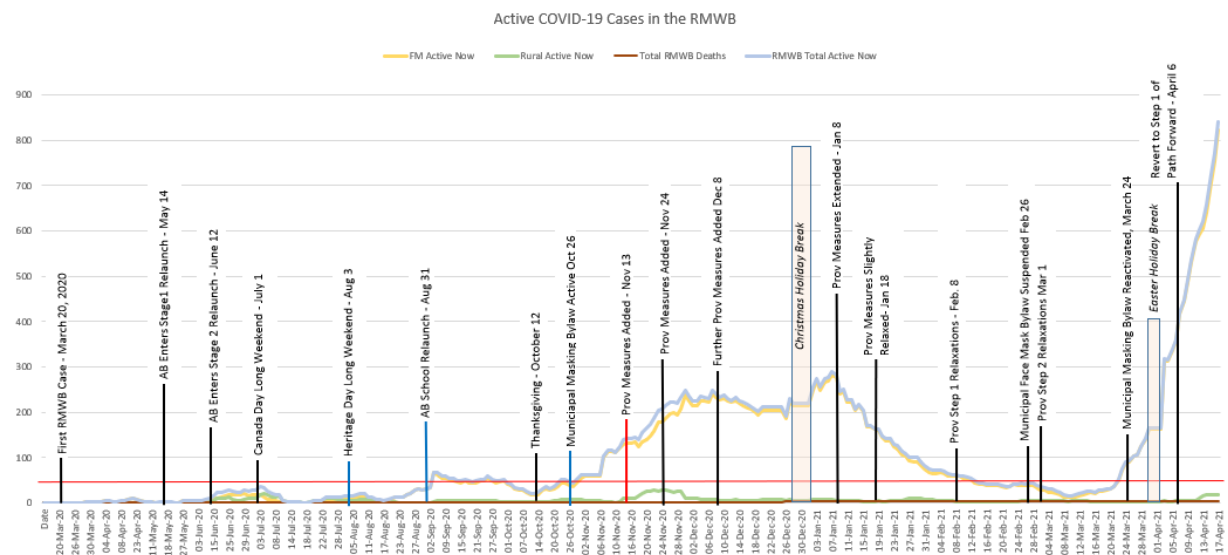
**Demographics (Active)**

- Fort McMurray 822 (up 70)
- Rural RMWB 19 (no change)
- Alberta 18,424 (up 489)
- Alberta Hosp. 460 (up 9)
- Alberta Variants 10,456 (up 688)
- Canada 88,149

**Outbreaks**

- **Industrial:**
  - CNRL Horizon
  - CNRL Albion
  - CNRL Jackfish
  - Kearn Lake
  - Civeo Lynx Lodge
  - Cenovus Sunrise Lodge
  - Suncor Baseplant
  - Suncor Mackay River
  - Syncrude Mildred Lake
  - Syncrude Aurora
  - Fort Hills
  - CNOOC Long Lake Operations
- **Other:**
  - Children First Eagle Ridge Nest
  - Bethel Happy Daycare
  - Wheaton-Penny Childcare Centre
  - North Star Ford

\*as of end of Apr. 18 compared to Apr. 17    \*\*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

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.

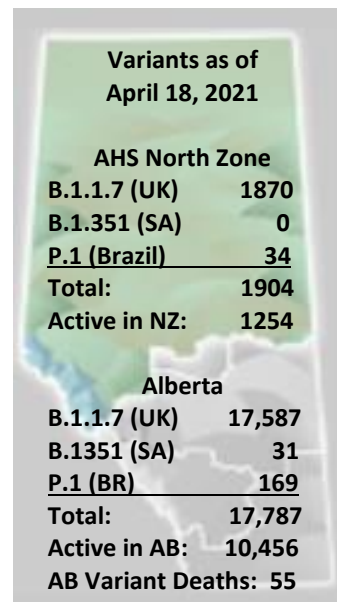
All close contacts of Covid-19 must start their 14-day quarantine from the LAST day they are in contact with the case. If you share a home with a variant case, you are considered in contact the entire time the patient is contagious, unless the sick person stays in an isolated bedroom and washroom the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

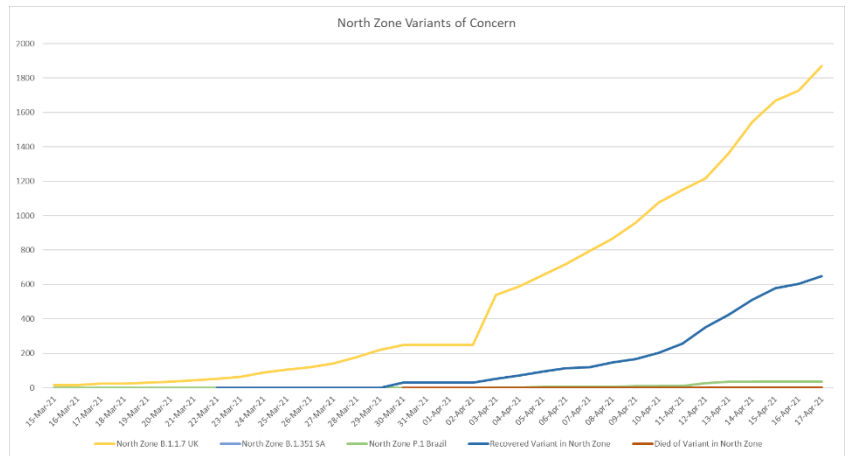
[Follow all mandatory public health measures](#)

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

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



**Today, Variants represent 56.8% of all active Covid-19 cases**  
**North Zone: 1904 Variants Ever, 648 Recovered, 2 Deaths**



### The Path Forward

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

As population vaccination increases and new case numbers decline, restrictions will be eased as able.

### Rules for fully vaccinated people

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

Once both doses take effect, 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.

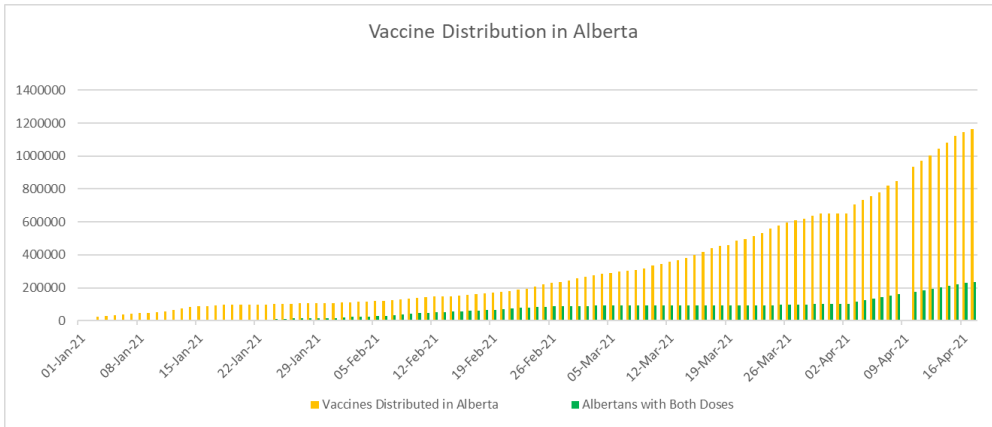
We must continue reviewing emerging evidence on asymptomatic and variant transmission before we can safely alter public health guidelines.



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



### Vaccination Progress as of April 18:

- **1,165,223** doses of vaccine have been administered in Alberta.
- **233,340** Albertans have received both doses and are fully immunized.
- **Rate of vaccination is 26,064 doses per 100,000 population.**
- **234** adverse events following immunization have been reported.
- **18,175** doses administered in last 24 hours

## Vaccine Roll Out News

Who's Eligible Now	How to Book
Ages 55+ (AstraZeneca) Over 40 starting April 20	Pharmacy, Walk-in clinics in Calgary & Edmonton
Ages 65+ (Phases 1 & 2A)	Pharmacy, AHS Online, Call 811
First Nations Ages 50+ (1 & 2A)	Pharmacy, AHS Online, Call 811, On-reserve
Ages 16+ with health conditions (2B)	Pharmacy, AHS Online, Call 811
Front-line health workers (2C)	Pharmacy, AHS online, Call 811
Shelter & correctional staff (2C)	AHS (online & 811) starting April 19, Pharmacies starting April 20
Information on Pharmacies <a href="#">HERE</a> Online booking <a href="#">HERE</a>	



### 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:

**There are no Walk-in Pharmacies in Fort McMurray**

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|--|-------------------------|
| <a href="#">AstraZeneca</a>                | <a href="#">Moderna</a> |
| Dave Hill                                  | Shoppers Drug Mart      |
| Hardin                                     | (Signal Road)           |
| Loblaw (2 locations)                       |                         |
| Medicine Shoppe (3 locations)              |                         |
| Safeway                                    |                         |
| Save-On-Foods (2 locations)                |                         |
| Shoppers Drug Mart (Riverstone & Franklin) |                         |
| Tamarack                                   |                         |
| Timberlea                                  |                         |
| Wal-Mart                                   |                         |

**[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

- Shelter staff and residents
- Correctional facility staff and inmates
- 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.

### Phase 2: Group D (40+ eligible, under 40 not yet eligible)

#### Second Dose:

After receiving your first dose, you're eligible for your second dose of the:

- Pfizer or Moderna vaccine as close to 3-4 weeks as possible, based on available supply, and no later than 4 months
- AstraZeneca vaccine as close to 12 weeks as possible, based on available supply, and no later than 4 months

Contact your pharmacy or AHS closer to your eligibility date to book your next appointment. Do not try booking in advance.

Results show the first dose is at least 80% effective in preventing severe illness. The second dose ensures you're protected for as long as possible.

