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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
- Father Mercredi
- St. Kateri

Alert 2-4 Cases

- Sister Mary Phillips
- St. Paul's
- Fort McMurray Composite
- St. Martha
- St. Gabriel
- Ecole Boreal
- Timberlea Public
- Walter & Gladys Hill

RMWB Case Outcomes: 959 Active Cases 2405 Resolved Cases 4 Deceased Cases

Cases Over Time

- Fort McMurray 3203 (196 new in last 2 days)
- Rural RMWB 165 (1 new)
- Alberta 177,087 (1857 new yesterday, 1699 day before)
- Variants in AB 21,261 (1326 new)
- Canada 1,153,717

Demographics (Active)

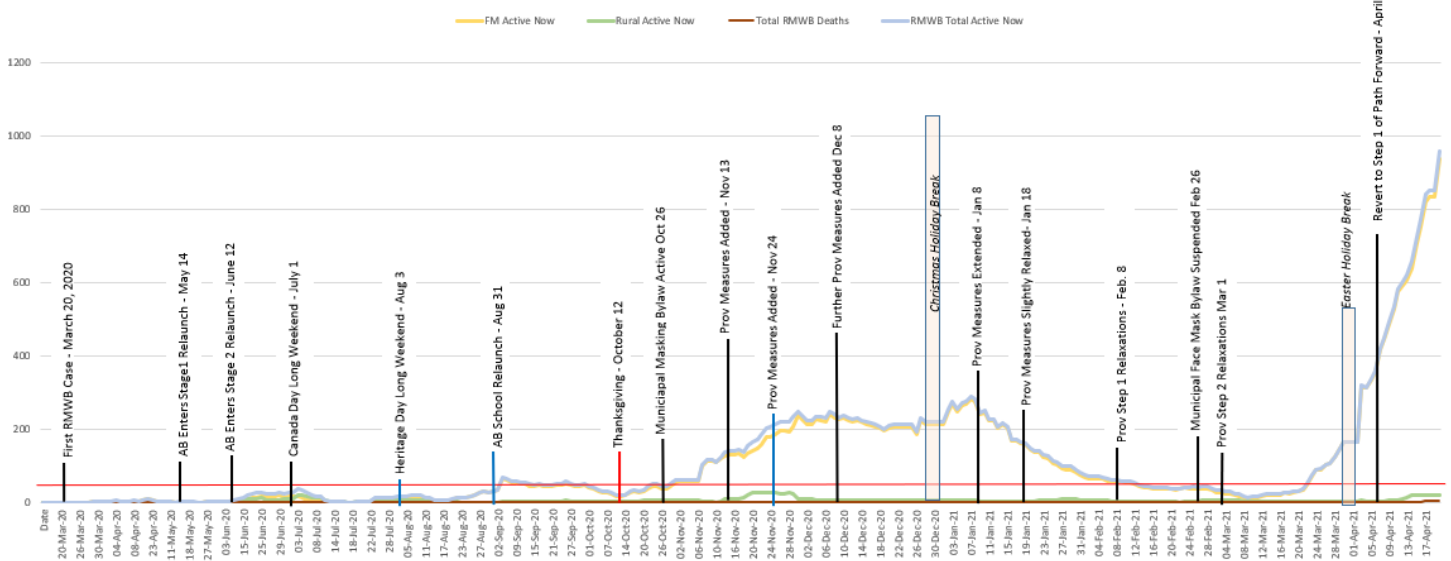
- Fort McMurray 939 (up 106 in 2 days) **1182.3 per 100,000 pop**
- Rural RMWB 20 (up 1) **492.8 per 100,000 pop**
- Alberta 19,182 (up 309)
- Alberta Hosp. 518 (up 42 in 2 days)
- Alberta Variants 11,418 (up 898)
- Canada 85,347

Outbreaks

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

*as of end of Apr. 21 compared to Apr. 20 **Active Cases take recoveries into account

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

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

As of today, Edmonton joins Calgary and Fort McMurray in moving Grades 7-12 to online learning for two weeks.

Variants of Concern

Today, Dr. Hinshaw announced that a case of B. 1617 originally seen in Denmark, California, and the cause of the increase in cases in India. The case was caused by an interprovincial traveller. This Variant is currently classified as a Variant of Interest as more study is being done on it's effects compared to other strains.

Although the variants are more contagious, they can be prevented the same way as the original virus:

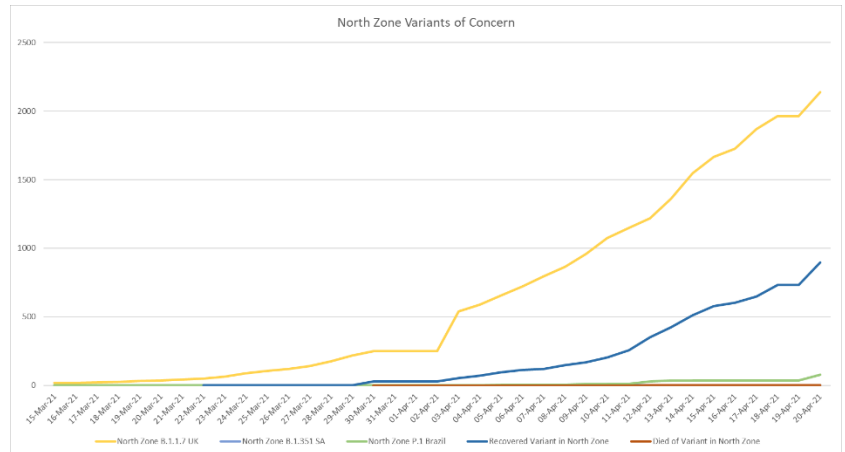
[Follow all mandatory public health measures](#)

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

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

Variants as of April 21, 2021	
AHS North Zone	
B.1.1.7 (UK)	2138
B.1.351 (SA)	0
P.1 (Brazil)	78
Total:	2216
Active in NZ:	1319
Alberta	
B.1.1.7 (UK)	20,654
B.1351 (SA)	59
B 1617 (India)	1
P.1 (BR)	548
Total:	17,787
Active in AB:	11,418
AB Variant Deaths:	61

Today, Variants represent 59.5% of all active Covid-19 cases
North Zone: 2216 Variants Ever, 895 Recovered, 2 Deaths



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.

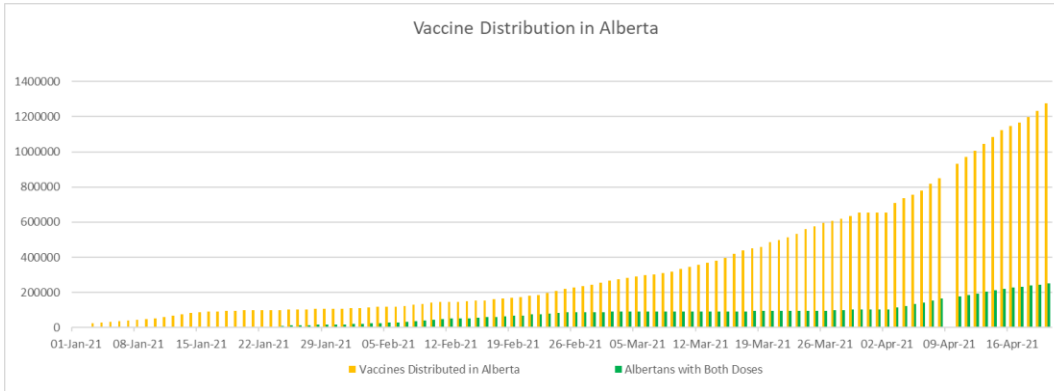
Second Doses for those with specific cancer and profoundly immunocompromised will be allowed to book their second dose earlier. Click [here](#) for more info.



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Vaccine Updates – Sign up [here](#).



Vaccination Progress as of April 21:

- **1,275,287** doses of vaccine have been administered in Alberta.
- **252,422** Albertans have received both doses and are fully immunized.
- **Rate of vaccination is 28,526 doses per 100,000 population.**
- **235** adverse events following immunization have been reported.
- **Over 42,000** 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, and Fort McMurray
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 HERE Online booking HERE	



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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| AstraZeneca | Moderna |
| 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 for qualified walk-in vaccinations.



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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.

