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As of today, April 26, 2021, all classes in the RMWB have moved to online learning.

RMWB Case Outcomes: 1086 Active Cases 2635 Resolved Cases 4 Deceased Cases

Schools:

Outbreak 10+ Cases:

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

Outbreak 5-9 Cases:

- Fort McMurray Christian
- St. Kateri
- Fort McMurray Comp.
- Ecole Boreal
- St. Anne
- Westwood School
- St. Martha
- Walter & Gladys Hill

Alert 2-4 Cases

- St. Paul's
- Dave McNeilly
- Thickwood Heights
- Fr. M. Beauregard
- Timberlea Public
- St. Gabriel
- Father J.A. Turcotte
- Sister Mary Phillips

Cases Over Time

- Fort McMurray 3555 (49 new)
- Rural RMWB 170 (1 new)
- Alberta 183,301 (1495 new)
- Variants in AB 26,050 (1542 new)
- Canada 1,183,706

Demographics (Active)

- Fort McMurray 1064 (down 17) **1339.7 per 100,000 pop**
- Rural RMWB 22 (up 1) **542.1 per 100,000 pop**
- Alberta 20,610 (up 474)
- Alberta Hosp. 616 (up 22)
- Alberta Variants 13,187 (up 888)
- Canada 85,110

Outbreaks

- **Industrial:**
 - CNRL Horizon
 - CNRL Albion
 - CNRL Jackfish
 - Kearl Lake
 - Civeo Lynx Lodge
 - Cenovus Sunrise Lodge
 - Suncor Baseplant
 - Suncor Mackay River
 - Syncrude Mildred Lake
 - Syncrude Aurora
 - 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
 - MMA Silin Forest Campus

*as of end of Apr. 25 compared to Apr. 24

**Active Cases take recoveries into account

Provincial changes announced today, April 26, 2021:

- Restrictions in Long Term Care and Continuing Care facilities are being eased as of May 10. [More info here.](#)
- Starting tomorrow, vaccinations will be made available to meat packing plant workers.
- Starting tomorrow, Albertans born between 2006 and 2009 with underlying health conditions can get Pfizer vaccines (ages 12-16). Parents booking these appointments are asked to discuss with the child's physician. [More info here.](#)
- Rapid testing programs are now available without the need for a healthcare provider to oversee the program.

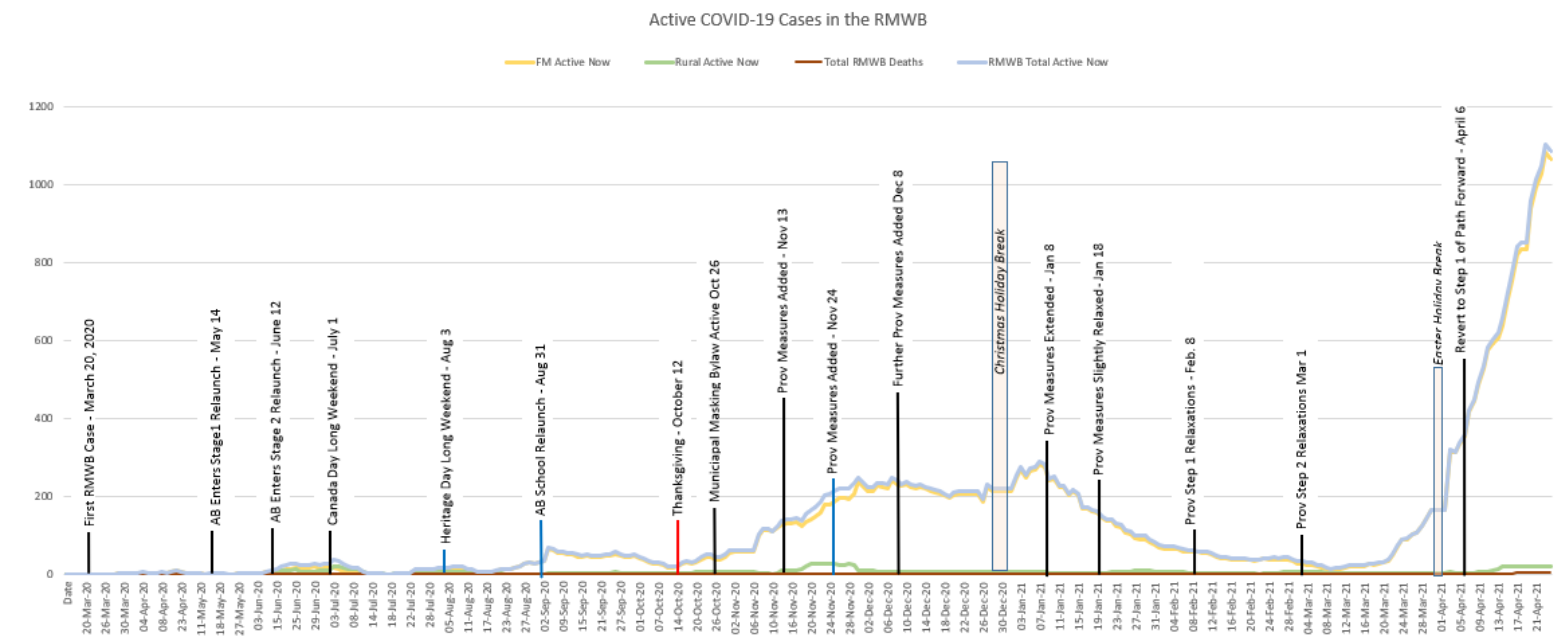


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Region	Active Case Count	Cases per 100,000
RMWB	1086	1300.9
Edmonton	4093	394.3
Calgary	6749	493.8
Red Deer	109	494.2
Grande Prairie	488	657.3

- R values (Reproduction Number) from April 19 to April 25 (confidence interval)
- Alberta provincewide: **1.04 (1.02-1.06)**
 - Edmonton Zone: **1.10 (1.06-1.13)**
 - Calgary Zone: **0.98 (0.95-1.01)**
 - Rest of Alberta: **1.05 (1.02-1.09)**

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

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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

Variants of Concern

Variants are viruses that have changed or mutated while reproducing inside an infected person's cells. Variants can spread to others and may continue mutating as they move from person to person. It is normal for viruses to mutate over time.

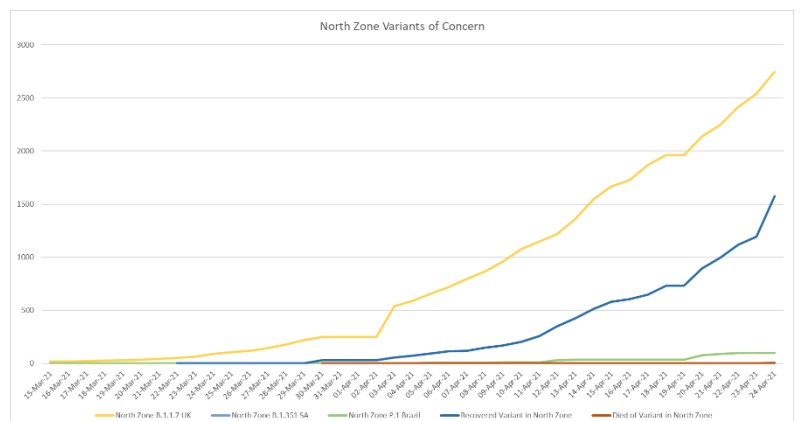
Variants of concern can spread more easily. They can also cause more serious illness that could result in more hospitalizations and deaths as they become common in the community. COVID-19 variants of concern were first identified in the United Kingdom, South Africa and Brazil. These strains have since been detected in Alberta and in countries around the world. Alberta is monitoring for variants spreading in our province. Confirmed cases are updated daily.

[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 24, 2021	
AHS North Zone	
B.1.1.7 (UK)	2747
B.1.351 (SA)	0
B.1617 (India)	0
P.1 (Brazil)	96
Total:	2843
Recovered in NZ:	
Active in NZ:	1576
Deaths in NZ:	3
Alberta	
B.1.1.7 (UK)	25,247
B.1351 (SA)	71
B 1617 (India)	1
P.1 (BR)	732
Total:	26,050
Active in AB:	13,187
AB Variant Deaths:	64

Today, Variants represent 64% of all active Covid-19 cases

North Zone: 2843 Variants Ever, 1576 Recovered, 3 Deaths



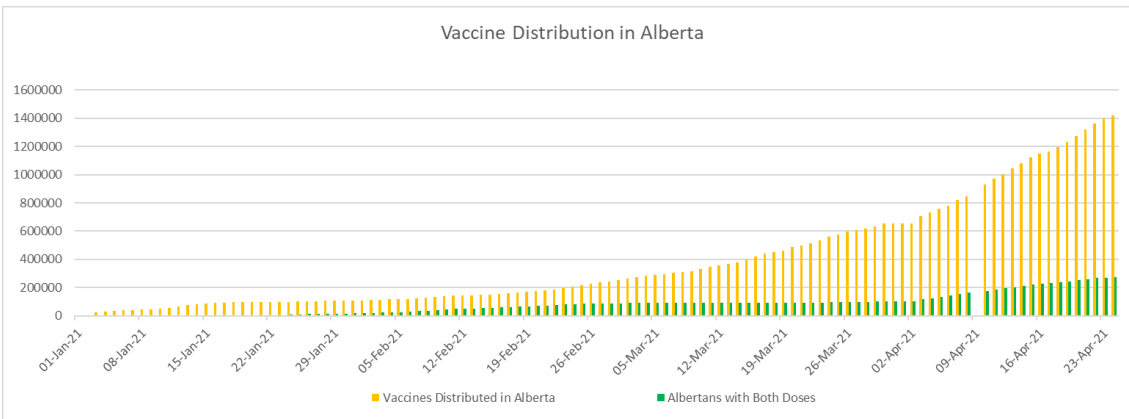
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Vaccine Updates – Sign up [here](#).



Vaccination Progress as of April 24:

- **1,419,188** doses of vaccine have been administered in Alberta.
- **274,289** Albertans have received both doses and are fully immunized.
- **Rate of vaccination is 31,745 doses per 100,000 population.**
- **239** adverse events following immunization have been reported.
- **Over 20,000** doses administered in last 24 hours

Vaccine Roll Out News

Who's Eligible Now	How to Book
Ages 40+ (AstraZeneca)	Pharmacy, 811, or Walk-in Clinic at MacDonald Island
Ages 65+ (Phases 1 & 2A)	Pharmacy, AHS Online, or Call 811
First Nations Ages 50+ (1 & 2A)	Pharmacy, AHS Online, Call 811, On-reserve
Ages 16+ with health conditions (2B) Starting April 27: Ages 12-15 with health conditions	Pharmacy, AHS Online, Call 811
Front-line health workers (2C)	Pharmacy, AHS online, Call 811
Information on Pharmacies HERE Online booking HERE	

[Vaccines approved by Health Canada:](#)

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

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

Second Dose:

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. The timing for getting your second dose depends on your health status.

Most Albertans are eligible for your second dose of:

- Pfizer or Moderna no later than 4 months after the first dose
- No later than 4 months and no earlier than 12 weeks after the first dose.

When to book:

- Bookings for second doses will begin when supply allows, after all Albertans 16 and over have been offered a first dose, likely in late June.
- Contact your pharmacy or AHS closer to your eligibility date to book your next appointment. Do not try booking in advance.

Profoundly immunocompromised Albertans are eligible for your second dose of:

- Pfizer or Moderna 21 to 28 days after your first dose
- AstraZeneca 12 weeks after your first dose
- Call 811 for an [evaluation of your eligibility](#) and to book your appointment. Do not call a pharmacy or use the AHS online booking tool.

