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All indoor fitness activities are prohibited effective tomorrow

RMWB Case Outcomes: 1283 Active Cases 2857 Resolved Cases 5 Deceased Cases

Schools:

Outbreak 10+ Cases:

- Holy Trinity High School
- Father Mercredi
- Ecole Dickinsfield
- Fort McMurray Comp.
- St. Anne
- Ecole McTavish
- Fort McMurray Islamic

Outbreak 5-9 Cases:

- Fort McMurray Christian
- St. Kateri
- St. Paul's
- Fr. M. Beauregard
- Ecole Boreal
- Westwood School
- St. Martha
- Walter & Gladys Hill

Alert 2-4 Cases

- Dr. Karl A Clark
- Dave McNeilly
- Thickwood Heights
- Timberlea Public
- St. Gabriel
- Hillcrest Montessori
- Father J.A. Turcotte
- Sister Mary Phillips

New Cases and Active Cases

- Fort McMurray
104 new
1264 Active
- Rural RMWB
2 new
19 Active
- Alberta
2048 new
21,385 active
632 in hospital
151 in ICU
- Canada
8990 new
83,659 active

*as of end of Apr. 28 compared to Apr. 27

Vaccine Distribution

- Alberta**
- 31,313 doses distributed in last 24 hours
- 1.52M first doses ever
- 292K people are fully vaccinated
- 20.1%** of individuals in the AHS North Zone have received at least one dose. 4.7% are fully immunized. Provincially, 27.4% have had first dose, 6.4% fully immunized.

**Active Cases take recoveries into account

Outbreaks

- Industrial:**
- CNRL Horizon
- CNRL Albion
- CNRL Jackfish
- Kearl Lake
- Civeo Lynx Lodge
- Cenovus Sunrise Lodge
- Suncor Baseplant
- Suncor Firebag
- Suncor Mackay River
- Syn crude Mildred Lake
- Syn crude Aurora
- Suncor Fort Hills
- CNOOC Long Lake Operations
- Other:**
- Children First Eagle Ridge Nest
- Bethel Happy Daycare Beacon Hill
- Wheaton-Penny Childcare Centre
- YMCA Eagle Ridge Care
- North Star Ford
- MMA Silin Forest Campus

Get Vaccinated – Doses available

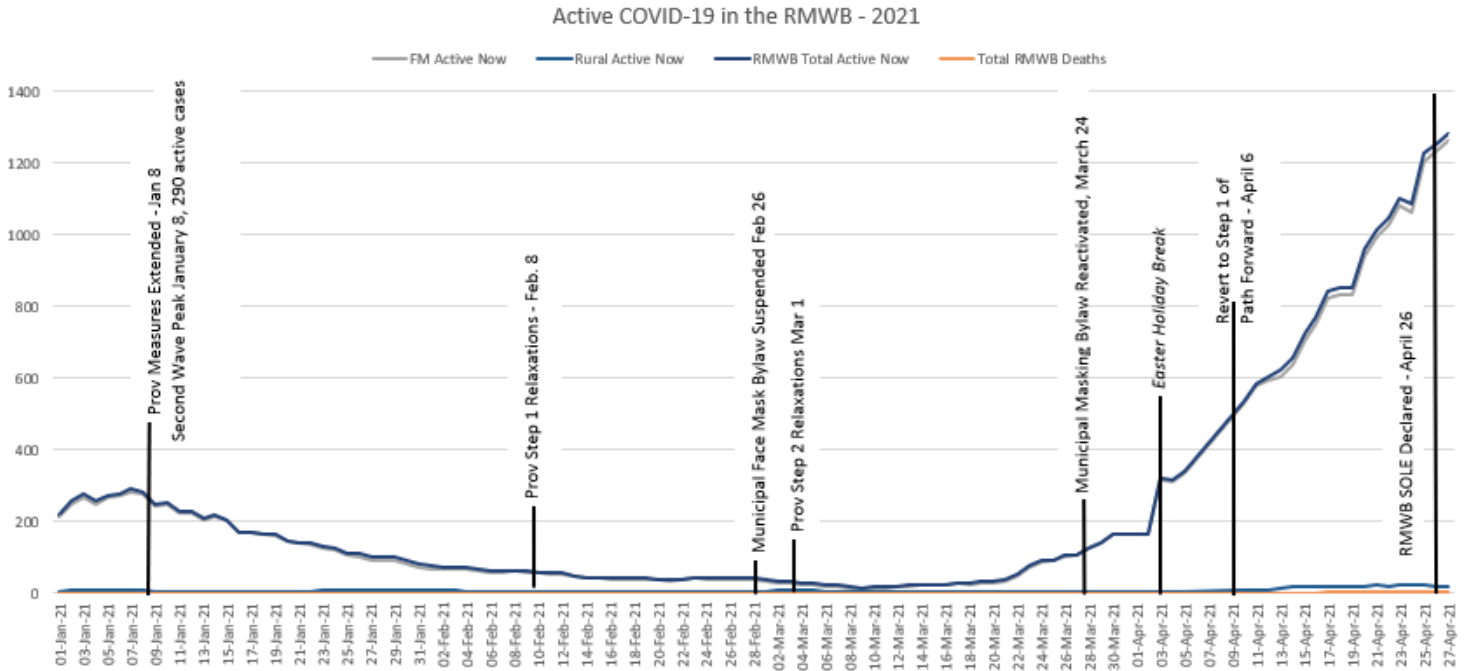
- In the RMWB, anyone over 30 years of age can get AstraZeneca at the Walk-In clinic at Mac Island Park or by appointment at participating pharmacies. [Book online here](#) or [call your pharmacy](#).
- Many people over age 12 with underlying health conditions can get vaccinated by appointment.
- **Everyone in Phase 2C and Phase 2D are eligible starting tomorrow.**
- As of Monday, MacDonald Island Rapid Flow Through Clinic will offer extend hours of Monday to Friday 8:30am – 8:30pm and Saturday and Sunday from 8:30am – 4:30pm
- The best vaccine is the one you can get now.



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How does the RMWB compare to the rest of the province according to infection rate per 100,000 population?

Fort McMurray	1591.5
Rural RMWB	468.2
Banff	1115.1
Edmonton	403.2
Calgary	524.5
Grande Prairie	615.5
Lethbridge	406.3
Red Deer	678.6

Do your part, even after your vaccination:

- Wear a proper face mask whenever you are around people not in your immediate household.
- Stay 2m apart from anyone not in your household.
- Stay in your household cohort when out in public, including enjoying outdoor dining.
- Sanitize your hands often, wash for at least 20 seconds with soap.
- Isolate if you are a suspected close contact.
- Stay home if you feel ill.

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.



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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](#)

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](#)

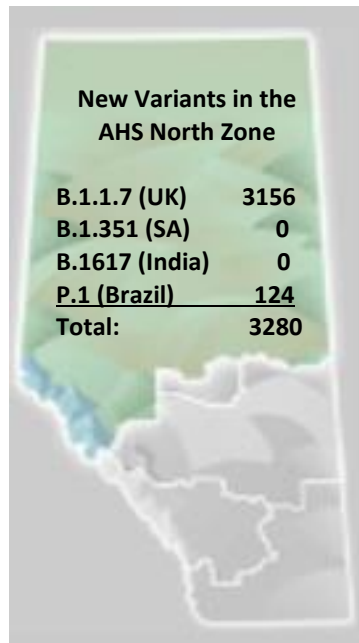
[Northeastern Alberta](#)

[Aboriginal Business](#)

[Association \(NAABA\)](#)

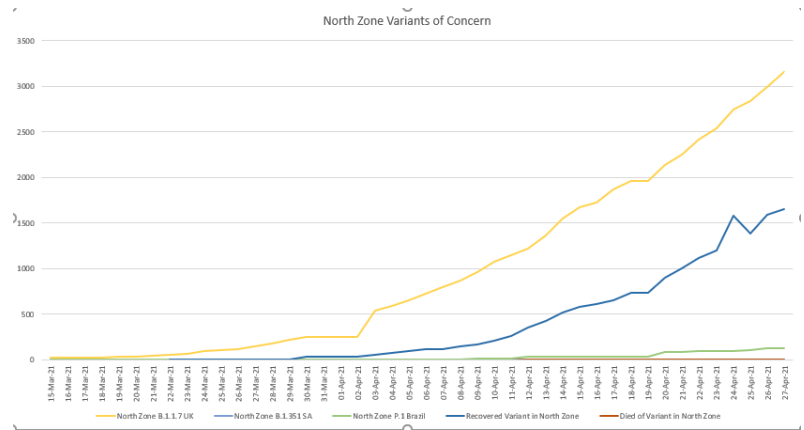
Other Resources:

FuseSocial.ca/covid-19-resources



Today, Variants represent 62.9% of all active Covid-19 cases

North Zone: 3280 Variants Ever, 1648 Recovered, 4 Deaths



Today, Premier Kenney announced that **“Hot Spot” municipalities will be subject to more restrictions**, which include Fort McMurray. All indoor fitness activities, such as team sports and training sessions are prohibited. All indoor recreation facilities must close. Outdoor recreation amenities can be open to public access unless specifically closed by health order.

