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Schools:

Outbreak 10+ Cases:

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

Outbreak 5-9 Cases:

- Fort McMurray Christian
- St. Paul's
- Fr. M. Beaugard
- Dave McNeilly
- Ecole Boreal
- Thickwood Heights
- Westwood School
- Sister Mary Phillips
- Father JA Turcotte
- Walter & Gladys Hill

Alert 2-4 Cases

- Greely Road
- Westview School
- Dr. Karl A Clark
- Timberlea Public
- St. Gabriel
- Hillcrest Montessori
- Christina Gordon

RMWB Case Outcomes: 1567 Active Cases 3492 Resolved Cases 5 Deceased Cases

New Cases and Active Cases

- Fort McMurray
115 new
1512 Active
- Rural RMWB
6 new
55 Active
- Alberta
2211 new
24,497 active
654 in hospital
146 in ICU
- 11.52% Positivity
- Canada
6150 new
80,767 active
- Data as of end of May 5th, compared to May 4th.

Vaccine Distribution

- Alberta
•37,907 doses distributed in last 24 hours
•1.73M first doses ever
•308K people are fully vaccinated
- 24.3% of individuals in the AHS North Zone have received at least one dose. 4.9% are fully immunized. Provincially, 31.9% have had first dose, 6.8% fully immunized.

MacDonald Island Clinic

- Get Vaccinated – Doses available
- Everyone over age 18 can book now. Everyone over age 12 can book starting May 10.
- The Rapid Flow Through Clinic at MacDonald Island is no longer offering Walk-In Appointments.
- Book your appointment online [here](#), or find a pharmacy offering vaccine [here](#).

Current Restrictions:

Premier Kenney announced the [following restrictions on Tuesday](#):

- As of Friday May 7, Kindergarten to Grade 12 will move to at home learning until Tuesday May 25th
- Immediately, workplaces with outbreaks must close for 10 days
- Immediately, all post-secondary institutions move online
- Immediately, retail services must limit capacity to 10% of fire code capacity
- Outdoor social gatherings now limited to 5 people, with strong recommendation to no more than 2 family cohorts
- Immediately, places of worship are limited to 15 people
- Funerals limited to 10 people
- Effective 11:59pm Sunday – personal and wellness services must close for 3 weeks.
- Effective 11:59pm Sunday - In person dining, including patios also must be closed for same period. Take-out and delivery are permitted.
- Outdoor sports limited to households and close contacts only
- Health social and professional services will remain available by appointment only.
- Indoor fitness remains closed.
- Doubling basic violation fine from \$1000 to \$2000. Maximum fine remains \$100,000. Tougher enforcement protocol for repeat offenders.
- Those who can work from home must do so. Masks are required at all indoor worksites unless distanced.

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Outbreaks in RMWB

Industrial:

- MEG Energy
- CNRL Horizon
- CNRL Albion
- CNRL Jackfish
- Kearl Lake
- Civeo Lynx Lodge
- Cenovus Sunrise Lodge
- Suncor Baseplant
- Suncor Firebag
- Suncor Mackay River
- Syncrude Mildred Lake
- Syncrude Aurora
- Suncor Fort Hills
- CNOOC Long Lake Operations
- Oilsands Industrial Lodge - Fort McKay

Other:

- Sunshine Community Dayhome
- Bethel Happy Daycare
- Beacon Hill
- YMCA Eagle Ridge Ca re
- North Star Ford
- MMA Silin Forest Campus
- Joly's Your Independent Grocer
- North American Construction Group - Ruth Lake
- Salvation Army Shelter

Do your part, even after your vaccination:

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

Second Dose:

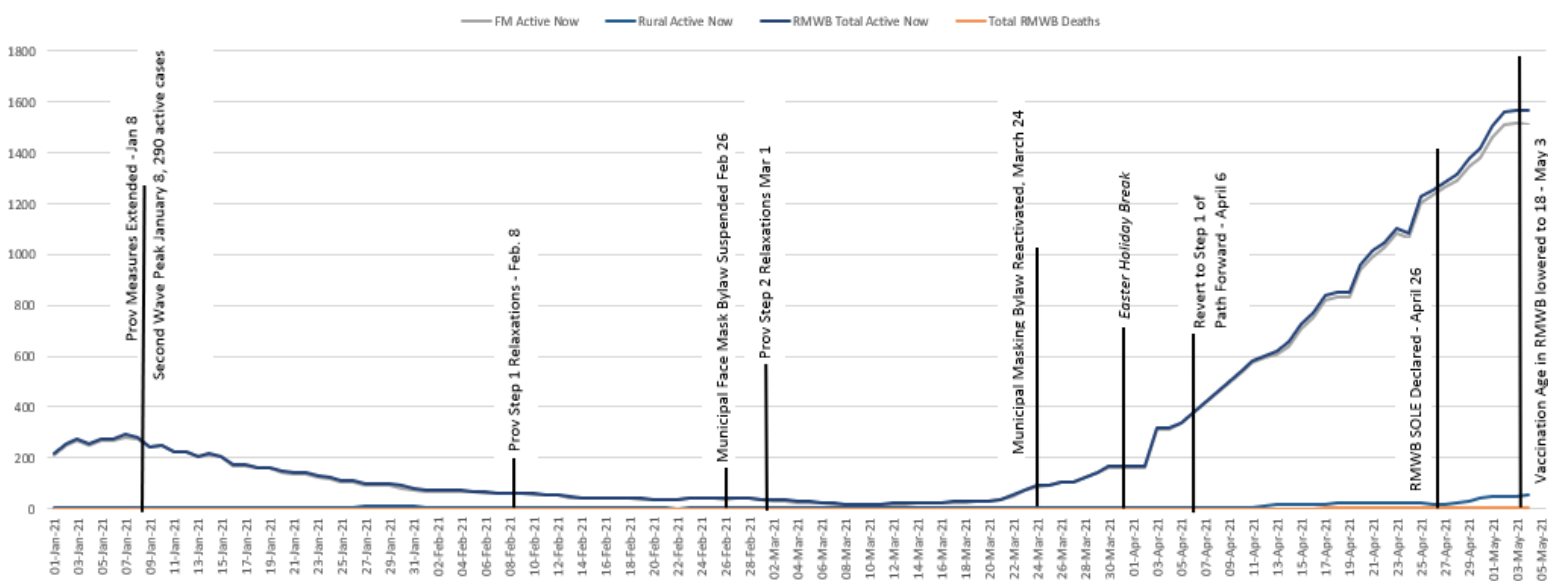
Results show the first dose is at least 80% effective in preventing severe illness. The second dose ensures you're protected for as long as possible. The timing for getting your second dose depends on your health status. Most Albertans are eligible for your second dose of:

- 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.

Active COVID-19 in the RMWB - 2021



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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

Report non-compliance to the public health orders [here](#) or call AHS Public Health Inspectors here 1-833-415-9179

Variants of Concern

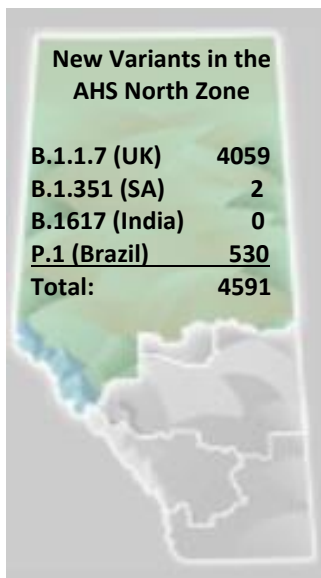
Variants are viruses that have changed or mutated while reproducing inside an infected person’s cells. Variants can spread to others and may continue mutating as they move from person to person. It is normal for viruses to mutate over time.

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](#)

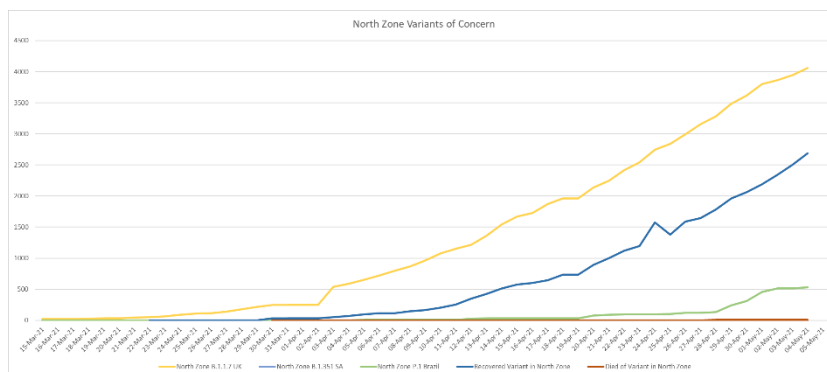
[Get tested if you have any symptoms](#)

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



Today, Variants represent 55.3% of all active Covid-19 cases

North Zone: 4591 Variants Ever, 2688 Recovered, 6 Deaths



Travel outside of your home community for recreational purposes is not encouraged at this time.

RMWB Administration is participating in ongoing conversations with AHS and Alberta Health to discuss the current situation and various ways to help bend the curve in our region quickly.