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**Today, Minister of Education Lagrange announced that At-Home Learning will continue in the RMWB until at least May 31, while the rest of the Province will return to in-class learning on May 25.**

**Schools:**

**Outbreak 10+ Cases:**

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

**Outbreak 5-9 Cases:**

- Fort McMurray Christian School
- St. Paul's
- Fr. M. Beauregard
- St. Kateri
- Dave McNeilly
- Thickwood Heights
- Dr. Karl A Clark
- Sister Mary Phillips
- Father JA Turcotte
- Walter & Gladys Hill
- Alert 2-4 Cases**
- Greely Road
- Westview School
- Timberlea Public
- St. Gabriel
- Hillcrest Montessori
- Christina Gordon

**RMWB Case Outcomes: 1323 Active Cases 5083 Resolved Cases 6 Deceased Cases**

**Fort McMurray**

- 68 New cases
- 1268 Active Cases (-58)
- 4855 Recoveries (+126)
- 1596.6 per 100,000 pop

**Rural RMWB**

- 3 New Cases
- 55 Active Cases (-5)
- 228 Recoveries (+8)
- 1355.3 per 100,000 pop

**Alberta**

- 908 New Cases
- 2102 New Recoveries
- 18,813 Active Cases (-1200)
- 685 in hospital (-6)
- 185 in ICU (-2)

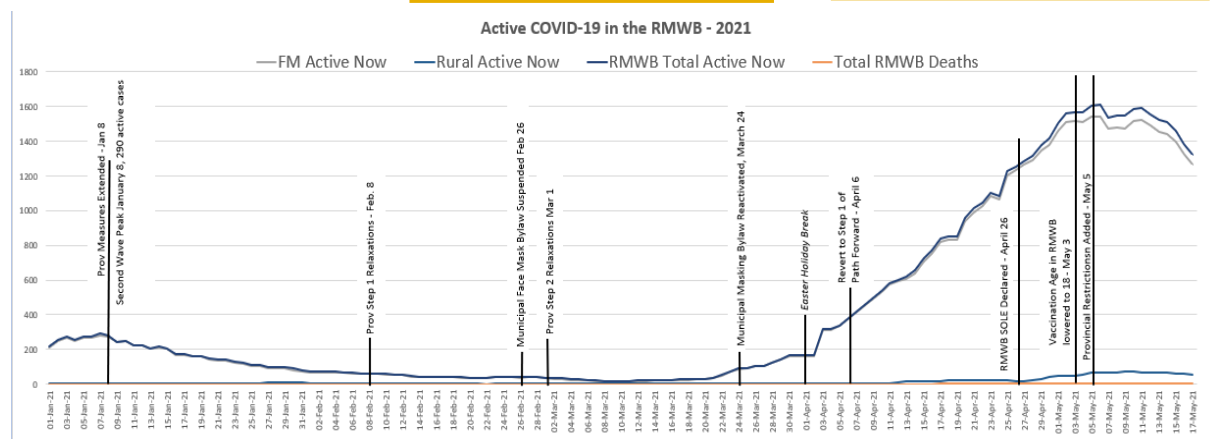
**Canada**

- 3230 New Cases
- 62,745 Active Cases

**Alberta**

- 27,986 doses distributed in last 24 hours
- 2.27M first doses ever
- 332K people are fully vaccinated
- See page 2 for local vaccination data.
- "Rest of Alberta" R-Value: 0.85
- **Today, Dr. Hinshaw announced some relaxed restrictions in Continuing Care settings. More info here.**
- Data as of end of May 18th, compared to May 17th.

- **Get Vaccinated – Doses available**
- **Everyone over age 12 can now book. Be patient, and please cancel unwanted appointments. 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](#).**
- Changes were announced regarding the handling requirements of Pfizer, meaning it will be more accessible in rural areas. More info [here](#).
- Current restrictions and guidance documents can be found [here](#).



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## Outbreaks in RMWB

### Industrial:

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

## Outbreaks in RMWB

### Other:

Sunshine Community Dayhome  
 Bethel Happy Daycare  
 Beacon Hill  
 Chez Madame  
 Piccolo/Ecole Boreal  
 YMCA Eagle Ridge Care  
 North Star Ford  
 Brandt Tractor  
 MMA Silin Forest Campus  
 Joly's Your Independent Grocer  
 Salvation Army Shelter  
 Centre of Hope  
 Pastew Place Detoxification Centre  
 Birch Mountain Enterprises

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

## 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. Alberta Health 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 12 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.

Alberta.ca started publishing local vaccination rates [here](#).

## Local Vaccination Rates:

	Fort McMurray Rural	
75+	65.8%	56.6%
60-74	63.2%	48.5%
40-59	53.5%	38.5%
20-39	32.8%	19.0%
12-19	38.5%	14%
All Ages	35.1%	24.8%

Thursday, May 13, Dr. Hinshaw announced a change to the face mask bylaw requirement.

Anyone with [qualifying health issues](#) will now be required to have an exemption letter from a Nurse Practitioner, Physician, or Psychologist.

## Variants in the AHS North Zone

B.1.1.7 (UK)	5151
B.1.351 (SA)	4
B.1617 (India)	0
P.1 (Brazil)	633
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5788</b>

**AHS NZ Recovered: 4677**  
**AHS NZ Deceased: 14**  
**AHS NZ Active: 1097**

