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Fort McMurray

- 1 New Case
- 6 Active (+1)
- 6680 Recovered (0)
- 6702 Ever (+1)
- 16 deaths (0)
- 7.6 per 100,000 pop

•Vaccination:

- 68.2% First Dose
- 59.2% Second Dose

- Available by appointment, call 811 or visit www.alberta.ca
- Walk-in Appointments available at MacDonald Island Park until August 12. Immunization clinic will move to 108 Wolverine Drive with continued 7 days per week access for the community through booked appointments, and first dose walk-ins.

Rural RMWB

- 0 New Cases
- 0 Active (0)
- 326 Recovered (0)
- 327 Ever (0)
- 1 Death (0)
- 0 per 100,000 pop

•Vaccination

- 49.2% First Dose
- 37.0% Second Dose

Alberta

- 194 New Cases
- 1334 Active (+161)
- 233,875 Ever
- 2325 deaths (+0)
- 18 ICU (-3)
- 84 Hospital (+1)

•Vaccination

- 75.6% First Dose
- 64.3% Second Dose

- Enter the "Open for Summer" Lottery [here](#) for cash and other prizes.

- Statistics as of end of day July 26, 2021, compared to July 25, 2021.

Outbreaks in RMWB:

Cenovus Sunrise Lodge
CNRL Albion
Suncor Fort Hills

R-Value for "Rest of Alberta" is 1.48

Variants Identified in the AHS North Zone

B.1.1.7 (UK)	6222
B.1.351 (SA)	30
B.1.617 Delta	52
P.1 (Brazil)	756
Total:	7060

AHS NZ Rec'd: 6958
AHS NZ Deceased: 41
AHZ NZ Active: 61

Dr. Hinshaw spoke today, and made the following announcements:

Effective tomorrow, July 29th, 2021:

- Quarantine is will not be universally legally required for close contacts of confirmed cases (but could be required in certain situations)
 - Recommend close contacts avoid public places for 14 days
 - Mandatory isolation for positive cases/symptomatic individuals remains
 - Stopping routine asymptomatic testing for close contacts
- Contact tracers will no longer contact close contacts
 - Positive individuals are recommended to notify their close contacts if they are positive

Effective August 16th, 2021:

- Provincial masking orders for public transit, taxi, or ride-sharing will be lifted
- Universal masking is not expected to be required in schools, but will be recommended as temporary outbreak intervention
- Isolation will no longer be universally and legally required if you test positive for COVID-19
 - Will be strongly recommended in all settings
 - No longer recommend that all those with mild symptoms should be tested, but should stay home until well.
 - After August 31, testing for COVID-19 will be available for patients whose symptoms are severe enough to require hospitals or physician clinics
 - Launching wastewater testing program to provide early warning for a possible rise in cases.



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Dr. Hinshaw also made the following "Call to Arms":

"Please get vaccinated. If you haven't gotten both doses yet, this is your time. If you are 20-39 and think you are not at risk, more than 1400 Albertans your age have required hospitalization and over 200 have needed ICU care. Now is your best chance to protect yourself and your friends and family."

- Vaccination Efficacy Against the Delta Variant:
- 96% of new cases in Alberta are unvaccinated or within 2 weeks of receiving first dose.
 - 95% of hospitalizations are in unvaccinated people, or within 2 weeks of receiving first dose.
 - 91% of deaths are in unvaccinated people, or within 2 weeks of receiving first dose.
 - One dose is 57% effective against the Delta Variant, and two doses are 91% effective.

AHS is hosting a Youth Vaccination Clinic at the MacDonald Island Park Vaccination Clinic on August 11th, targeted at those 12-19 years of age.

[Book your appointment here.](#) There are limited spots available for walk-in appointments.

