

# COVID-19 UPDATE

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## Fort McMurray

- 16 New Cases
- 206 Active (-1)
- 6,884 Recovered (+17)
- 7,108 Ever
- 18 Deaths
- 259.4 cases per 100,000 pop
- Vaccination:**
  - 71.8% First Dose
  - 62.0% Second Dose

## Rural RMWB

- 0 New
- 19 Active (-2)
- 361 Recovered (+2)
- 381 Ever
- 1 Death
- 468.2 cases per 100,000 pop
- Vaccination**
  - 55.3% First Dose
  - 42.2% Second Dose

## Alberta

- 1,609 New Cases
- 18,421 Active (+156)
- 252,904 Ever
- 2,495 deaths (+24)
- 218 ICU (+6)
- 877 Hospital (+55)
- Vaccination**
  - 79.5% First Dose
  - 71.4% Second Dose
- Statistics as of end of day Sept 14, 2021

### Outbreaks in RMWB:

CNRL Albion  
CNRL Horizon  
CNRL Kirby Jackfish  
MEG Christina Lake  
Private Gathering, Anzac  
Suncor Firebag  
Suncor Fort Hills

**R-Value for  
"Rest of Alberta" is 1.12**

### Variants Identified in the AHS North Zone

B.1.1.7 (UK)	6246
B.1.351 (SA)	34
P.1 (Brazil)	767
B.1.617 Delta	5328
	(+75)

**Total Variant Cases: 12,375**

AHS NZ Recovered:	10,383
AHS NZ Deceased:	69
AHZ NZ Active:	1923

## A Message from the Director of Emergency Management, Regional Fire Chief Jody Butz

As a Municipality, we continue to review the newly announced Covid-19 measures and how the State of Public Health Emergency will impact our region. As we have since the beginning of this pandemic, the RMWB remains committed to providing core services to our residents. As we make adjustments within the municipality to follow these restrictions, we ask for your continued understanding as we adapt, once again, to comply with Public Health measures.

Our Emergency Management team continues to gather information and provide community updates in this format as well as on [rmwb.ca](http://rmwb.ca). We encourage all residents to visit [alberta.ca/covid19](http://alberta.ca/covid19) for detailed information.

As the Premier stated on September 15<sup>th</sup> in his news release, vaccinations are the path forward through this pandemic. The Provincial State of Public Health Emergency has been put in place to prevent our health system from being overwhelmed. I encourage everyone who is eligible to obtain a vaccination today, make arrangements to receive it as soon as you can. Vaccinations are free, and easily accessible. Your actions today protect you and your families tomorrow, and allow you additional freedoms to resume your lives.

Stay Safe, Stay Resilient, Be Kind.



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## Vaccination Information

All Albertans 12+ can book now. Adults can get \$100 if you receive your first or second dose between Sept. 3 and Oct. 14.

**COVID-19 vaccines help prevent you from getting infected and protect you from getting severely sick if you do contract Covid-19-19. All vaccines are safe, effective and save lives.** Everyone born in 2009 or before (turning 12+) can get their first and second doses now. Third doses are available to individuals most at risk of severe illness.

**NEW:** AHS clinics and pharmacies now use the same centralized online booking system. You can also book your shot by calling 811, visiting a walk-in clinic, or contacting a doctor's office. Book here: [Registration \(alberta.ca\)](https://bookvaccine.alberta.ca/vaccine/s/)

### Fort McMurray Walk-in Clinic: Thickwood Medical Plaza 108 Wolverine Drive

- First and Second Dose Moderna for those 18+ available
- First and Second Dose Pfizer for those 12+
- Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday: 1pm – 8pm, Saturday and Sunday 1 pm – 4 pm
- Book your appointment to avoid line ups.

Book Online here: <https://bookvaccine.alberta.ca/vaccine/s/>

Call 811

Contact a Physician Clinic

Go to Walk-In Immunization Clinic

## Accessing and Proving your Vaccine Status

Albertans 14 and older can view their verified health records, including all vaccines, lab tests and medications, through [MyHealth Records](#), an online tool that lets you view your personal health information from any computer, tablet or smartphone.

To sign up, follow the instructions on the website. [MyHealth Records](#) will be automatically updated within 2 to 3 weeks of the doses being given if you were vaccinated in Alberta.

From your account, you can print a convenient size card of your vaccine record or download and use the app to show or take a screenshot of your record.

**Check with businesses and event organizers to confirm their requirements. You can show a paper or [digital copy](#) of your vaccine record. Plan ahead for busy events by saving a copy on your phone or printing it out.**

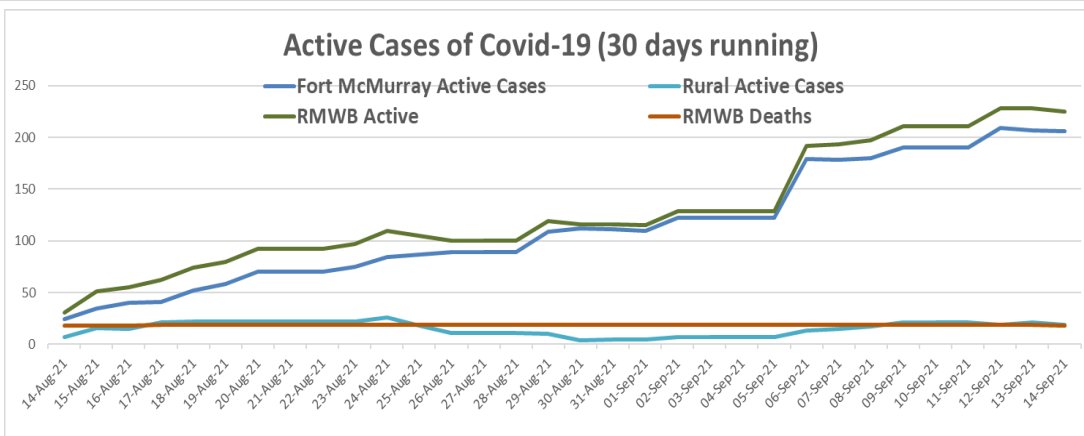
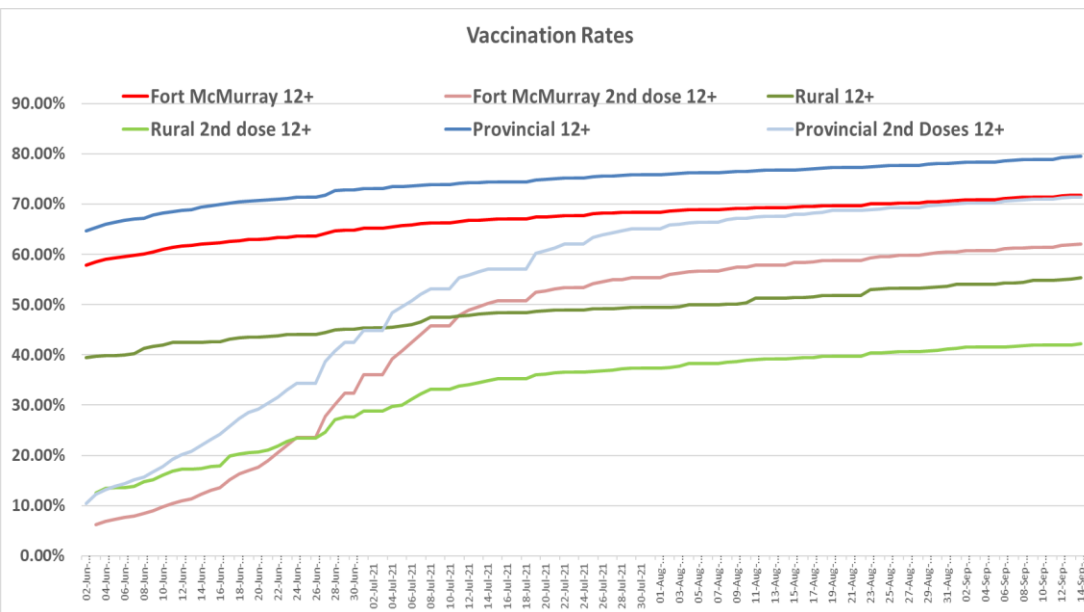


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## Local Vaccination Rates By Age Group

Everyone over 12 years	12-19	20-39	40-59	60-74	75+
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**Get Fully Vaccinated**

More than 79.5 per cent of eligible Albertans are now protected with at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 71.4 per cent are fully vaccinated.

Vaccines dramatically reduce the risk of severe outcomes and the risk of infection.

Vaccines are the most powerful tool in the fight against COVID-19. Vaccine appointments are widely available through AHS or participating pharmacies and physician clinics.

Book yours at [alberta.ca/vaccine](https://alberta.ca/vaccine). First doses are also available at select walk-in clinic locations.

Two doses provide maximum effectiveness and long-lasting protection.



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**Alberta has declared a state of public health emergency. COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to rise, largely in unvaccinated Albertans. New measures to protect the health care system, stop the spread, and increase vaccination rates are being introduced.**

Starting September 20, discretionary events and businesses must follow one of these 2 options:

1. Implement the Restrictions Exemption Program requiring proof of vaccination or negative rapid test result to continue operating as usual, or
2. Follow capacity and operating restrictions as outlined [here](#).

## **Businesses that may participate in the Restriction Exemption Program include:**

- **Adult (over 18) sport, fitness, recreation and performance activities**
- **Restaurants, cafes, bars, pubs and nightclubs**
- **Indoor retail, entertainment, and recreation facilities**

**The Restriction Exemption Program must be implemented by September 20, 2021.**

## **Masks and Physical Distancing**

- Masking and physical distancing are mandatory in all indoor public spaces and workplaces. This measure extends to places of worship as of September 16.
- Employees must mask in all indoor work settings, except while alone in work stations.

## **Work from Home**

- Mandatory work-from-home measures are in place unless the employer has determined a physical presence is required for operational effectiveness.
- If employees are working on location, they must mask in all indoor settings, except while alone in work stations.

## **Businesses that implement the Restrictions Exemption Program can operate as usual if they only serve people (ages 12 and over) who have:**

- proof of vaccination
  - single dose accepted between September 20 and October 25 if received 2 weeks before time of service
  - double doses required after October 25
- documentation of a medical exemption
- proof of a privately-paid negative PCR or rapid test within 72 hours of service (tests from AHS or Alberta Precision Laboratories not allowed)

Businesses do not need to apply for the program. Audits and enforcement will occur to ensure rules are followed.

The Restriction Exemption Program would not apply to:

- businesses or entities that need to be accessed for daily living
- employees of businesses participating in the program
- children under 12

To enter spaces participating in the Restrictions Exemption Program, people aged 12 and older can show proof of a negative test result.

- Tests must be privately-paid COVID-19 PCR or rapid tests completed within 72 hours.
- Tests must not be from Alberta Health Services or Alberta Precision Laboratories.

To enter spaces participating in the Restrictions Exemption Program, people ages 12 and older can provide proof of vaccination or documentation of a medical exemption.

Sept. 20 to Oct. 25: proof of a single dose is considered acceptable as long as the dose was given more than 2 weeks before the time of service.

After Oct. 25: proof of double vaccination is required.

More information here: [COVID-19 public health actions | Alberta.ca](#)



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## **Schools (K to 12)** – effective September 16

- Mandatory masking for students in Grades 4 and up, plus staff and teachers in all grades.
  - Schools that implement an alternate COVID safety plan can be exempted from mandatory masking.
- Elementary schools to implement class cohorting.
- Indoor sports, fitness, recreation, and performance activities are permitted in schools, with requirements to maintain 2 metre physical distancing where possible.
  - Masks and distancing are not required by youth under 18 while engaged in physical activity.
  - Spectator attendance restricted to 1/3 fire code capacity and limited to households or 2 close contacts for those living alone. Attendees must be

## **Restaurants, cafés, bars, pubs and nightclubs**

– effective September 20

The following restrictions apply to businesses that do not implement the restrictions exemption program.

- Indoor dining is not permitted.
- Outdoor dining only with a maximum of 6 people per table (one household or 2 close contacts for those living alone)
- Liquor sales and consumption restrictions apply (sales end at 10pm, consumption by 11pm).

## **Retail, entertainment, and recreation facilities**

- Effective September 16 and 20

### **Indoor retail, entertainment, and recreation facilities (Sept 20)**

- The following restrictions apply to any indoor facility that does not implement the restrictions exemption program.
  - Capacity restricted to 1/3 fire code occupancy.
  - Attendees must be with household members only, or 2 close contacts if they live alone.
  - Masks and 2 metre physical distancing is required.

### **Outdoor events and facilities (Sept 16)**

- Fully outdoor events and venues have no capacity restrictions (excluding washrooms), but must maintain 2 metres distancing between households or 2 close contact for those living alone.

## **Sport, Fitness, Recreation and Performance Activities**

- Effective Sept. 16 and 20

### **Adult (over 18) sport, fitness, recreation and performance activities (Sept 20)**

- The following restrictions apply unless the facility or program implements the restrictions exemption program:
  - Indoor group classes and activities are not permitted.
  - Indoor competitions are paused except where vaccine exemptions have been granted.
  - Indoor one-on-one training and solo activities are allowed with 3 metre physical distancing.
  - Outdoor activities can continue with no restrictions.

### **Youth (under 18) sport, fitness, recreation and performance activities (Sept 16)**

- Indoor group classes, training, and competitions are permitted, but participants are required to:
  - screen for symptoms
  - maintain 2 metres distancing, except youth while engaged in physical activity
  - wear a mask, except youth while engaged in physical activity
- Spectator attendance is restricted to 1/3 fire code capacity, attendees are limited to a single household or 2 close contact if living alone and must be masked and maintain 2 metres physical distancing.
- Outdoor activities can continue with no restrictions.

### **Day and overnight camps (Sept 16)**

- Day camps required to maintain physical distancing between participants and masking indoors.

