

COVID-19 UPDATE

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Fort McMurray

- 68 New Cases
- 219 Active (+16)
- 6,973 Recovered (+52)
- 7,210 Ever
- 18 Deaths
- 275.7 cases per 100,000 pop
- Vaccination:**
 - 73.5% First Dose
 - 63.2% Second Dose

Rural RMWB

- 3 New
- 13 Active (-3)
- 370 Recovered (+6)
- 384 Ever
- 1 Death
- 320.3 cases per 100,000 pop
- Vaccination**
 - 56.7% First Dose
 - 43.6% Second Dose

Alberta

- 4633 New Cases (1436 in last day)
- 20,614 Active (+1413)
- 259,032 Ever
- 2,545 deaths (+22)
- 216 ICU (-2)
- 954 Hospital (+43)
- Vaccination**
 - 81.0% First Dose
 - 72.3% Second Dose
- Statistics as of end of day Sept 19 compared to Sept 16, 2021

Outbreaks in RMWB:

CNRL Albion
CNRL Horizon
CNRL Kirby Jackfish
MEG Christina Lake
Suncor Firebag
Suncor Fort Hills

R-Value for "Rest of Alberta" is 1.15

Variants Identified in the AHS North Zone

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| B.1.1.7 (UK) | 6246 |
| B.1.351 (SA) | 34 |
| P.1 (Brazil) | 767 |
| B.1.617 Delta | 5683 |
| | (+26) |

Total Variant Cases: 12,730

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| AHS NZ Recovered: | 11,320 |
| AHS NZ Deceased: | 78 |
| AHZ NZ Active: | 1332 |

Vaccine Myths and Facts as published by the Government of Alberta can be found here:

<https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine-myths-and-facts.aspx>

"All approved vaccines are researched until proven safe

Thanks to worldwide collaboration, COVID-19 vaccines were developed quickly without compromising safety by building on decades of research on these vaccine technologies. Every approved vaccine has met Health Canada's strict standards for safety, quality and effectiveness."

Pfizer and Moderna Covid-19 Vaccines get full Health Canada approval – and new names

[Pfizer, Moderna COVID-19 vaccines get full Health Canada approval — and new names - National | Globalnews.ca](#)

[Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine - Canada.ca](#)

[Moderna Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine - Canada.ca](#)

[Janssen \(Johnson & Johnson\) COVID-19 vaccine - Canada.ca](#)

[AstraZeneca Vaxzevria COVID-19 vaccine - Canada.ca](#)

[Government of Canada - Vaccines for Covid-19](#)



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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 12 and older can get a card-sized vaccine record through the new express system at alberta.ca/CovidRecords.
 - It's fast and easy – no account required. Enter your personal healthcare number, birthdate, and month and year of vaccination.
 - Download your card and print out or save on your phone.
 - If you were vaccinated recently, it may take up to 2 weeks for your records to be available online.
- [Participating Registry Agents](#) can also print out your vaccine card from alberta.ca/CovidRecords at no cost starting September 21.
- [MyHealth Records](#) is still available for Albertans 14 and over who wish to use a verified account to view their health records, including lab tests and medications.

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.

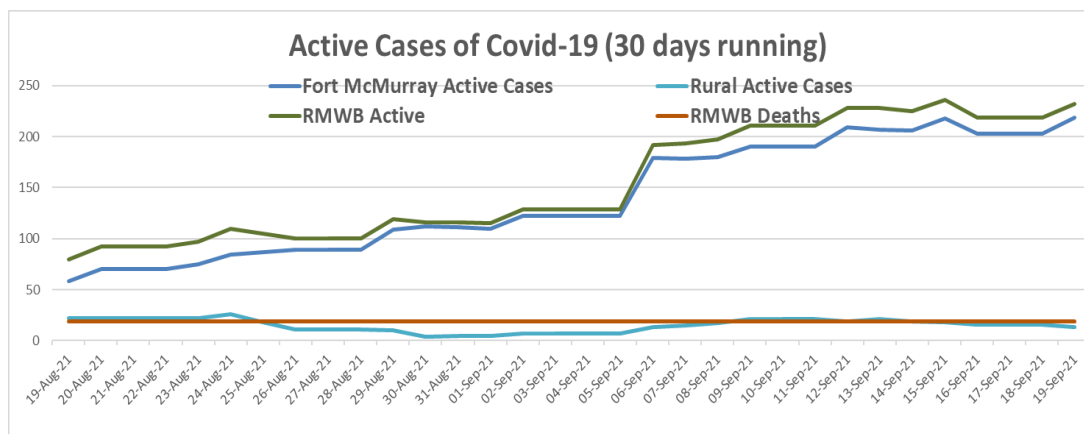
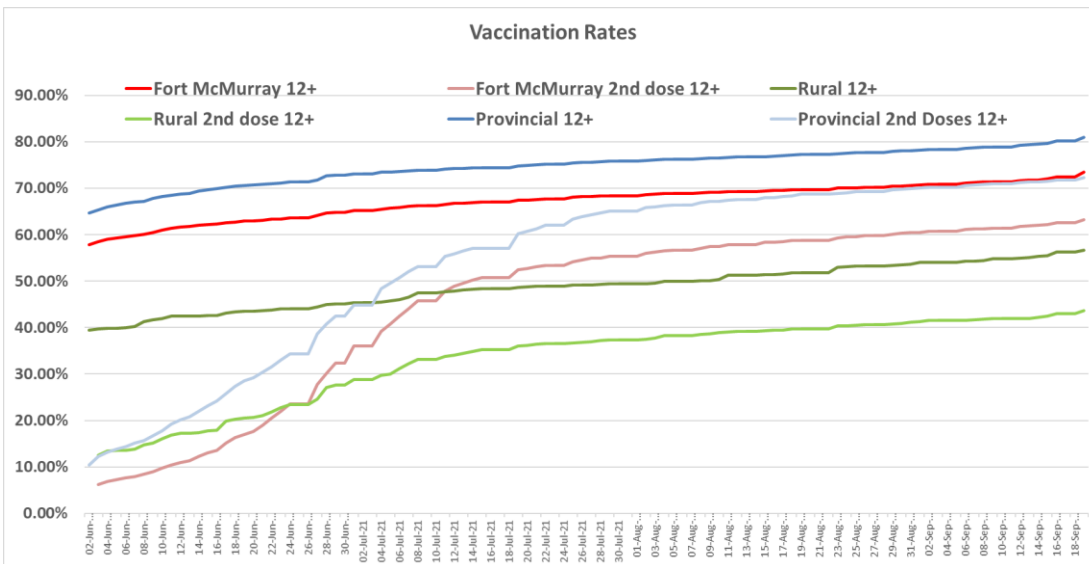


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Local Vaccination Rates By Age Group

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

More than 81% of eligible Albertans are now protected with at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 72.3% 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. 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 now in effect.

Starting September 20, in-scope businesses, entities and events must follow one of these 2 options:

1. Implement the Restrictions Exemption Program requiring proof of vaccination or negative test result, plus mandatory masking, to continue operating as usual, or
2. Comply with all public health restrictions as outlined in [Order 42-2021](#)

Businesses that may participate in the Restriction Exemption Program (In-Scope Operators) include:

- Restaurants, nightclubs, casinos, bingo halls, VLT lounges
- Entertainment and recreation centres, such as bowling, racing entertainment, arcades, billiard halls, other similar entertainment
- Museums, art galleries
- Movie theatres
- Conferences, meeting spaces, halls and rented space (excluding dwelled units)
- Weddings and funerals held in public facilities where the facility maintains responsibility for adherence to these requirements
- Recreation and fitness facilities
- Adult recreation sports groups (players and participants)
- Recreation Classes and activities (outside physical activity)
- Amenities in hotels and condos

The following out-of-scope operators are **not eligible to participate in the Restrictions Exemption Program and must comply with all public health restrictions as per above.**

- Events in Private Dwellings
- Retail and shopping malls, food courts
- Libraries
- Workers and employees in/on a worksite for the purposes of their employment
- Schools (K-12), school curriculum bases activities
- Accommodations (eg. Hotel)
- Places of worship – for faith services
- Health services
- Personal Services, wellness services
- Publicly funded post-secondary institutions, including cafeterias and resident common areas
- First Nations College entities

Proof of Vaccination

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

- Valid photo identification that matches the vaccine record (only required for adults 18 and over)
- Valid paper or digital vaccine record that shows name, vaccine type and date of administration:
 - From September 20 to October 25: proof of partial vaccination (one dose) is considered acceptable as long as the dose was given more than 2 weeks before the time of service.
 - After October 25: proof of full vaccination (two doses) is required.

Proof of Negative Test and Medical Exemptions:

Details of acceptable negative tests within previous 72 hours, and medical exemptions available here: [COVID-19 public health actions | Alberta.ca](#)

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Enforcement

- Operators will be audited for compliance.
- Requirements can be enforced by AHS, AGLC and police units.
- Public can [submit complaints](#) if they believe operators are not in compliance.

Restaurants, cafés, bars, pubs and nightclubs

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

Retail, shopping malls and food courts are not eligible for the Restrictions Exemption Program as public access is necessary for daily living. Therefore, these restrictions apply:

- Capacity restricted to 1/3 fire code occupancy.
- Attendees must be with household members only, or 2 close contacts if they live alone.
- Indoor food courts must close to in-person dining. Take out is allowed.

Entertainment, event, and recreation facilities

Indoor entertainment, event and recreation facilities (Sept 20)

- Indoor facilities that do not implement the Restrictions Exemption Program must follow these restrictions:
 - Capacity limited to 1/3 fire code occupancy.
 - Attendees must be with household members only, or 2 close contacts if they live alone.

Outdoor entertainment, event and recreation facilities (Sept 16)

- Events and facilities that are fully outdoors (excluding washrooms), have no capacity restrictions but must maintain 2 metres distancing between households or 2 close contact for those living alone.

Sport, Fitness, Recreation and Performance Activities

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.
- Overnight camps must follow cohort models.

