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| Fort McMurray | Rural RMWB | Alberta | Outbreaks in RMWB: CNRL Albion CNRL Horizon CNRL Kirby Jackfish Private Gathering, Anzac Suncor Fort Hills | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •14 New Cases •180 Active (+2) •6,810 Recovered (+12) •7,008 Ever •18 Deaths •226.6 cases per 100,000 pop <p>•Vaccination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •71.3% First Dose •61.3% Second Dose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Available by appointment, call 811 or visit www.alberta.ca. •Immunization clinic has moved to 108 Wolverine Drive and offers vaccination 7 days per week. Appointments are recommended. The MacDonald Island Park clinic is now closed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •2 New •17 Active (+2) •357 Recovered (+0) •375 Ever •1 Death •418.9 cases per 100,000 pop <p>•Vaccination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •54.4% First Dose •41.8% Second Dose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Available by appointment, call 811 or visit www.alberta.ca •Vaccines are available at many participating pharmacies. Find one here. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1,510 New Cases •15,977 Active (+359) •264,564 Ever •2,434 deaths (+9) •154 ICU (+7) •679 Hospital (+32) <p>•Vaccination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •78.8% First Dose •70.8% Second Dose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Statistics as of end of day Sept 8, 2021 | <p>R-Value for "Rest of Alberta" is 1.22</p> <p>Variants Identified in the AHS North Zone</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>B.1.1.7 (UK)</td> <td>6246</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B.1.351 (SA)</td> <td>34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P.1 (Brazil)</td> <td>767</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B.1.617 Delta</td> <td>4454</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>(+196)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Variant Cases:</td> <td>11,501</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>AHS NZ Recovered: 9136 AHS NZ Deceased: 58 AHZ NZ Active: 2307</p> | B.1.1.7 (UK) | 6246 | B.1.351 (SA) | 34 | P.1 (Brazil) | 767 | B.1.617 Delta | 4454 | | (+196) | Total Variant Cases: | 11,501 |
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New Health Care Supports and Surgery Delays Announced

Today, Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health, announced new measures to relieve the pressure the delta variant is putting on the health care system:

- \$22M in staffing funding for health care aides for continuing care in both home care and facility-based care.
- \$14M to support short term staff in home care and continuing care facilities. Will assist with increased cleaning and screening needs.

Dr. Hinshaw, Chief Medical Officer of Health, made the following reassurances:

- There is no evidence of harm of mRNA vaccines in those who are pregnant or breastfeeding. Pregnant people are at a high risk of severe outcome from Covid-19.
- There is no evidence that Covid-19 vaccines cause fertility problems.
- The changes originally planned for September 27th have been postponed.
- Isolation is still legally required for those who have Covid-19 symptoms or have tested positive.
- Masking is mandatory in all public indoor spaces.

Dr. Yiu, president and CEO, Alberta Health Services, gave an update on the hospital situation:

- Provincial ICU capacity is at 87%, including surge capacity. 70% of these patients have Covid-19. We have 93 surge beds above baseline of 173 ICU beds. Without the surge beds, we are at over 130% capacity.
- All scheduled non-urgent and elective surgeries in Calgary are postponed this week.
- Surgeries get cancelled as some patients will require ICU care after their surgeries. The province does not have the capacity to provide that care, understanding that accidents and other health emergencies are still occurring. "Health care is a finite resource". The key to returning to normal health care levels is getting our Covid-19 case numbers lower.



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Vaccination Information

While 2 doses provide excellent protection for most people, third doses are now available for eligible groups at highest risk of severe outcomes, including immunocompromised Albertans over 12, and residents of supportive living facilities. These doses can be administered at least 8 weeks after the second dose.

Travellers to jurisdictions that don't recognize Covishield/AstraZeneca or mixed series doses can get additional dose(s) of vaccine. Must wait at least 4 weeks after second dose. The Government of Alberta does not have a vaccine passport. Official vaccine records are available on [MyHealth Records](#).

Any vaccination can be booked by calling 811, or through participating pharmacies or physicians' offices.

Accessing your Vaccine Records

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.

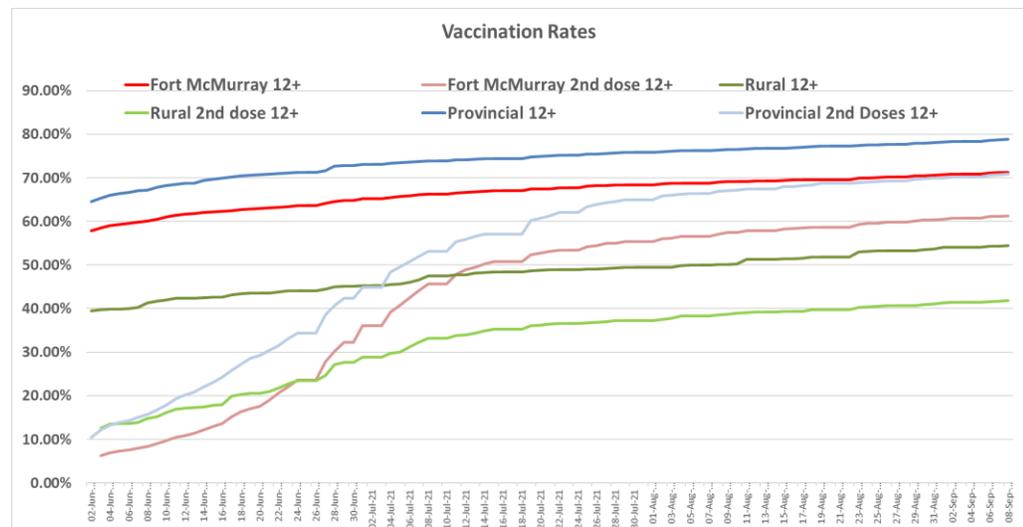
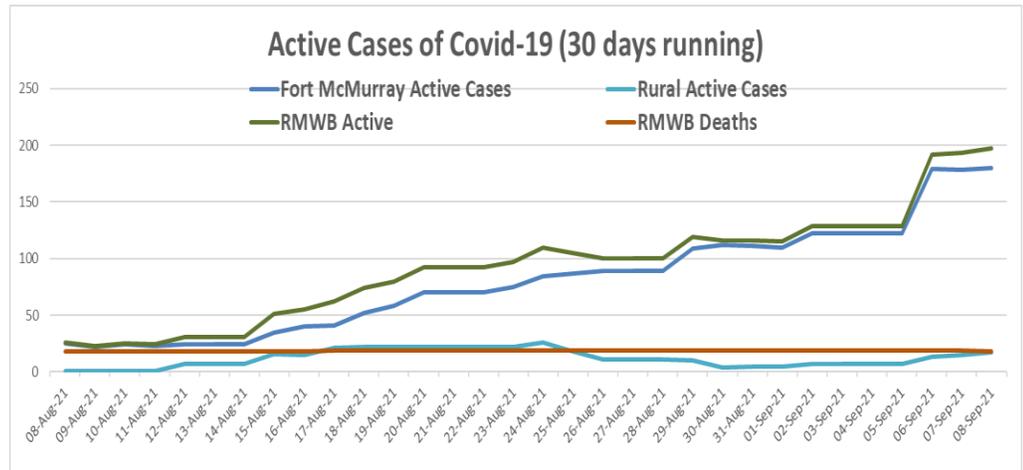
To sign up, follow the instructions on the website. [MyHealth Records](#) will be automatically updated within 2 to 3 weeks of the doses being given if you were vaccinated in Alberta.

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

Did you know?

In the last four months, 84% of all those who have died from Covid-19 have not been fully immunized.

In the past two months, no fully vaccinated Albertan under the age of 60 has died. – Dr. Hinshaw, CMOH, September 9, 2021



Masking

The RMWB is currently following the Government of Alberta health orders. Masks are mandatory in indoor public spaces, when using public transit, including ride shares, motor coaches, and shuttles. Masking requirements remain in high-risk settings such as acute and continuing care. More information is available [here](#).

