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**RMWB Case Outcomes: 230 Active Cases 785 Resolved Cases 2 Deceased Cases**



Open Watch Enhanced

Rate per 100,000 population:  
**272.2**



## Cases Over Time

- Fort McMurray 906 (20 new)
- Rural RMWB 111 (1 new)
- Alberta 72,028 (1727 new)
- Canada 426,742

\*as of Dec 7, compared to Dec 6



## Demographics (Active)

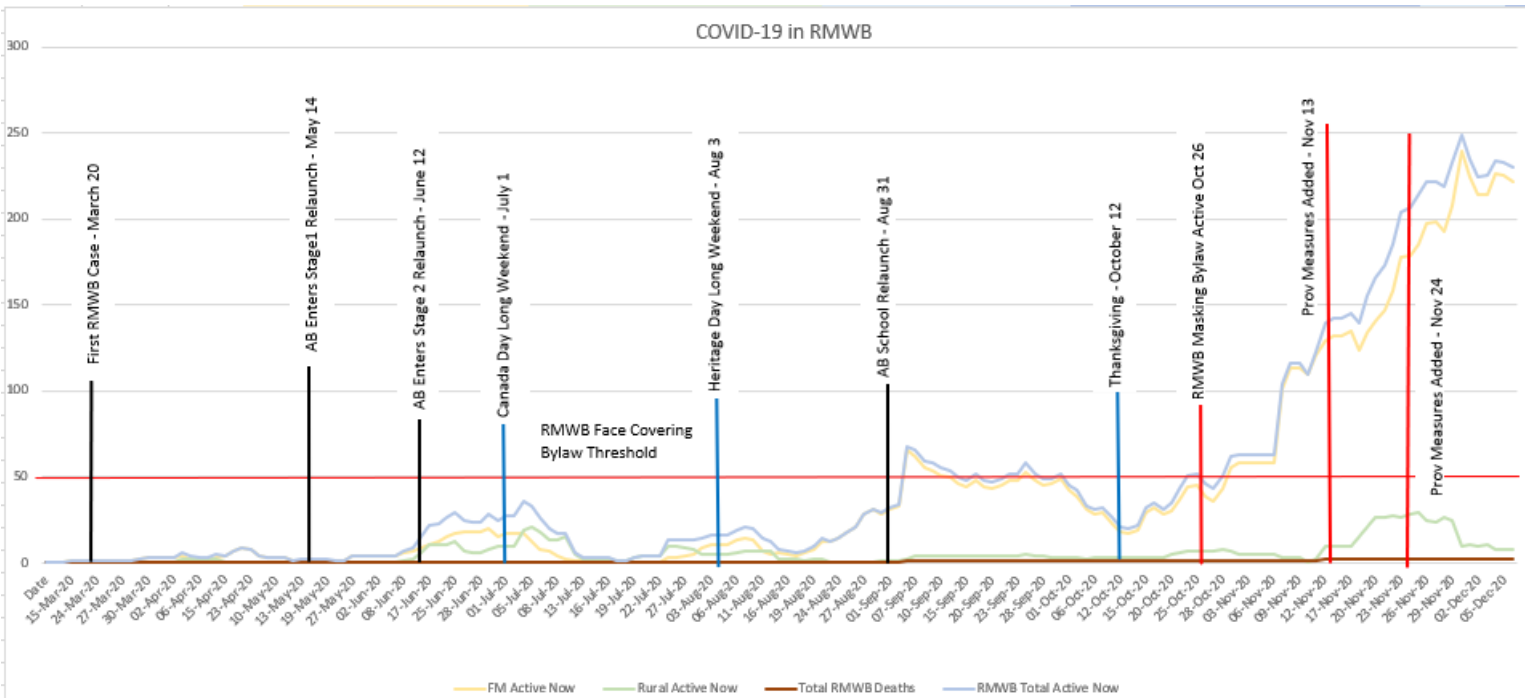
- Fort McMurray 222 (down 3)
- Rural RMWB 8 (no change)
- Alberta 20,388 (up 321)
- Canada 70,749

\*\* Active Cases take recoveries into account



## Outbreaks

- **Industrial:**
  - Suncor Baseplant
  - Suncor Firebag
  - CNRL Horizon
  - CNRL Albion
  - Syncrude Mildred Lake
  - Imperial Kears Lake
- **Schools**
  - Father Patrick Mercredi (Watch 5+ cases)
  - Holy Trinity High School (Watch 5+ cases)
  - Fort McMurray Islamic School (Open 2-4 cases)



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## More Mandatory Measures Announced – December 8, 2020

Today, Premier Kenney announced new mandatory measures for all of Alberta. He stated that the measures announced on November 24<sup>th</sup> prevented a worse situation but aren't bending down the curve enough.

Due to Alberta's high case numbers, aggressive action is required now to protect our health system from being overwhelmed.

The current situation is critical. These mandatory restrictions apply provincewide and will be in place at least until January 12, 2021.

Health officials are monitoring the situation and will adjust measures if required. Dec 13, retail (including grocery, malls) 15%.

Effective Dec. 8, all indoor and outdoor social gatherings have been prohibited. This will be enforced with \$1,000 fines.

### Helpful Links:

#### Municipal Response:

[rmwb.ca/covid19](http://rmwb.ca/covid19)

[WBCentral.biz](http://WBCentral.biz)

#### Provincial Response:

[Alberta.ca/covid19](http://Alberta.ca/covid19)

[AB School Outbreaks](#)

#### Federal Response:

[Canada.ca/covid19](http://Canada.ca/covid19)

#### Indigenous Resources:

[Athabasca Tribal Council](#)

[First Nation Telehealth Network](#)

[Northeastern Alberta](#)

[Aboriginal Business](#)

[Association \(NAABA\)](#)

#### Other Resources:

[FuseSocial.ca/covid-19-resources](http://FuseSocial.ca/covid-19-resources)

Albertans must continue following existing public health measures to keep everyone safe:

- Stay 2 metres apart when you can, wear a mask when you can't
- Practice good hygiene: wash your hands often and cover coughs and sneezes
- Monitor your symptoms every day
- If sick, stay home, get tested, and follow mandatory isolation requirements while waiting for results
- Avoid non-essential travel
- Get the flu shot to keep influenza cases low so health workers can focus on the COVID-19 pandemic
- Download and use the ABTraceTogether contact tracing app when out in public

#### Indoor and Outdoor Gatherings Mandatory - Provincewide

- All indoor and outdoor social gathering - public and private - are prohibited
- Close contacts are limited to household members only
- People who live alone can have up to two consistent close contacts. If those contacts do not live alone, visits cannot be held at their home.
- This does not apply to co-parenting arrangements, service visits from caregivers, health or childcare providers, home maintenance and repairs, mutual support group meetings

#### Out-of-town Travel and Visitors

All out-of-town travel is discouraged at this time

- Non-essential travel is discouraged at this time
- Returning home:
  - If the individual belongs to the household (ie. child returning home from post-secondary), then they would be permitted to return home.
  - If participating in the Border Testing Pilot Program, all program directives must be followed before rejoining the household.
  - If you do not have a household in Alberta, you must not stay in other people's homes while these restrictions are in place.
- Visitors:
  - Out-of-town visitors cannot stay in other people's homes while these restrictions are in place, regardless of where they are coming from.

#### Weddings and Funerals

- No change – Mandatory restriction – Provincewide – Effective Nov. 24
- Maximum of 10 people for wedding ceremonies or funeral services and must be held in a public place. This includes the officiant, bride/groom and witnesses
- This does not include staff or organizers who are not considered an invited guest
- This applies to any facility, including places of worship and funeral homes.
- This includes services held indoors or outdoors, seated or non-seated.
- Receptions are not permitted
- This measure will help limit exposure, reduce outbreaks and protect vulnerable attendees.



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## Places of Worship

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- Faith services are limited to 15% of fire code occupancy for in-person attendance:
- Services must be held at their normal location, including rental spaces like a community hall
- Physical distancing between households must be maintained
- Mask use is mandatory
- Alternatively:
- Virtual or online services are recommended
- Drive-in services where people do not leave their vehicles and adhere to guidance are allowed
- Additional safety measures:
- In-person faith group meetings and other religious gatherings are:
  - not permitted in private homes while these measures are in effect
  - permitted when conducted at a place of worship as long as physical distancing and public health measures are followed
- Faith leaders and other speakers can remove their masks while speaking if there is a distance of 2 metres. The mask must be put on again once finished speaking.
- Group performance activities, such as choir singing and playing music, are permitted if they are normal worship practices and not for the purpose of entertainment.

## Workplace and Learning Centres

- Effective Dec. 8, masks are mandatory in all indoor public spaces and workplaces.
- Effective Dec. 13, working from home is mandatory when physical presence is not required.
- Current restrictions on child care and K-12 learning remain in effect.
- Mandatory restriction – Provincewide – Effective Dec. 8

### Masks are mandatory in all:

- indoor public places
- places of worship
- indoor workplaces and facilities outside the home, except:
  - when working alone in an office or a safely distanced cubicle or a barrier is in place
  - rental accommodations used solely for the purposes of a private residence
  - farm operations (exempt)

### This Workplace Requirement:

- applies to all employees, customers, visitors, delivery personnel and contractors
- includes any location where employees are present in-person
- includes all workplace locations where masks won't pose a safety risk
- does not change current student mask requirements in schools

### Working from Home

Mandatory - Provincewide - Effective Dec. 13

Working from home is mandatory unless the employer requires a physical presence for operational effectiveness

## K-12 Schools

### No change – Mandatory restriction – Provincewide – Starting Nov. 30

- Grades 7-12 students
- Move to at-home learning Nov. 30 to Jan. 8, except during winter break\*
- Resume in-person classes Jan. 11
- Diploma exams are optional for rest of the school year. Students and families can choose to write an exam or receive an exemption for the January, April, June and August 2021 exams.

### Grades K-6 students, including Early Childhood Services

- Continue in-person learning until their scheduled winter break (generally Dec. 18\*)
- Move to at-home learning after the winter break until Jan. 8
- Resume in-person classes Jan. 11
- Schools have different winter break schedules, check with your school for details.
- Exemption is available for students with disabilities or in outreach programs, learn more at K-12 learning during COVID-19.

### Child Care

- No change to current measures
- Licensed daycare, out-of-school and preschool program can continue operating as long as providers follow all public health orders and guidance for child care programs.



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## Business and Service Restrictions

All previous restrictions from Nov. 27 remain in effect until new restrictions come into effect on Dec. 13.

### Retail

**Mandatory restriction –  
Provincewide – Effective Dec. 13**

- Retail services must reduce customer capacity to 15% of fire code occupancy or a minimum of 5 customers:
- Curbside pick up, delivery and online services are encouraged
- Shop only with the people you live with
- Shopping mall: ocapacity limits of 15% include common areas and individual stores
  - food courts open for grab and go only

Retail services include:

- Retail businesses operating within a shopping centre or mall
- Shopping centres and malls
- Pet supply stores
- Grocery stores
- Pharmacies
- Clothing stores
- Computer and technology stores
- Hardware
- Automotive
- Sporting goods
- Liquor and cannabis
- Gift shops
- Approved farmers markets

## Restaurants, bars, pubs, lounges and cafes

**Mandatory restriction –  
Provincewide – Effective Dec. 13**

- All entertainment businesses and entities must close, including:
  - Casinos, bingo halls, gaming centres
  - Racing centres, horse tracks, raceways
  - Bowling alleys, pool halls
  - Legions and private clubs (nightclubs must remain closed)
  - Art galleries, libraries and museums
  - Science and interpretive centres
  - Amusement and water parks
  - Children’s play centres and indoor playgrounds
  - Theatres, auditoria and concert halls
  - Banquet halls, conference centres and trade shows
- All indoor recreation facilities must close, including:
  - Gyms and studios
  - Fitness and recreation centres
  - Spas, pools, indoor rinks and arenas
  - Day and overnight camps
  - Community halls and centres
  - Outdoor recreation is permitted, but facilities with indoor spaces except for washrooms will be closed.

## Personal and Wellness Services

**Mandatory restriction –  
Provincewide – Effective Dec. 13**

All personal and wellness services must close.

- Personal services include:
  - esthetics, manicure, pedicure, body waxing, make-up
  - body, nose and ear piercing, and tattoos
  - artificial tanning and spray tanning
  - facial, eyebrow and eyelash treatments
  - cosmetic skin and body treatments
  - laser hair and tattoo removal

Wellness services include:

- colonic irrigation
- floatation tanks
- massage
- reflexology



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## Hotels, Motels, Hunting & Fishing Lodges

*Mandatory - Provincewide - Effective Dec. 13*

Hotels, motels, hunting and fishing lodges may remain open but must follow restrictions:

- No spa, pool or gym access
- No in-person dining (room service only)

## Performance Activities

*Mandatory restriction – Provincewide – Effective Dec. 13 (Nov. 27 restrictions remain in effect until Dec. 13)*

- Performance activities include dancing, singing, theatre and playing wind instruments.
- Outdoor settings
  - Rehearsals and practices are permitted up to a maximum of 10 participants. Physical distancing and other relevant guidelines must be followed.
  - Performances with audiences are not permitted.
- Indoor settings
  - No group performances in indoor settings are permitted.
  - Rehearsals, practices and lessons involving 2 or more are not permitted.
- Lessons
  - 1-to-1 in-person lessons are permitted.
  - Virtual lessons are strongly encouraged where possible.
- School settings
  - Phys Ed., band and drama classes are permitted to continue
  - Assemblies, performances, concerts, and inter-school games, activities and competitions are not permitted.
- Places of worship
  - Indoor group performance activities conducted in a place of worship, such as choir singing and playing music, are permitted provided these are normal activities conducted as part of worship practices and not for the purpose of entertainment.

## Sport and Physical Activities

*Mandatory restriction – Provincewide – Effective Dec. 13 (Nov. 27 restrictions remain in effect until Dec. 13)*

- Group physical activities, including team sports, fitness classes and training sessions, are prohibited or restricted across Alberta.
- Outdoor group physical activity, including team sports, must be limited to 10 people or fewer.
- Indoor group physical activities are prohibited unless the group only involves members of the same household.
- the activity involves students at a school or post-secondary institution as part of an education program
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- One-to-one indoor training, such as training with a fitness trainer or coach, is not permitted.

### Any Core Symptoms

Albertans are Legally Required to Isolate for 10 days, or quarantine for 14 days if they are close contact of positive Covid-19 case, or if they travelled outside of Canada.

**Core Symptoms include: Cough, Fever, Shortness of Breath, Runny Nose, Sore Throat**

### Loss of Income

If you experience a loss of income because you are required to isolate or care for someone in isolation, you may be eligible for [financial support through the federal government.](#)

Book your Covid-19 test [here.](#)

### When to Isolate

Isolate to avoid spreading illness.

- You tested positive for COVID-19.
- You are sick with fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat\* or runny nose\* and have not been tested.

*\*Children under 18 are exempt from mandatory isolation for runny nose or sore throat, but should stay home until well.*

### If you Test Positive

Isolate for 10 days or until symptoms resolve, even from your household if possible.

Determine your close contacts [here](#). They will have to isolate for 14 days.

Enter your close contacts [here](#), a text message will be sent anonymously.

