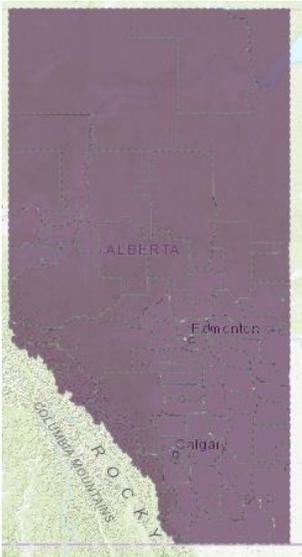


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**RMWB Case Outcomes: 240 Active Cases 819 Resolved Cases 2 Deceased Cases**



● Open   
 ● Watch   
 ● Enhanced

Rate per 100,000 population:  
**289.2**



## Cases Over Time

- Fort McMurray 950 (13 new)
- Rural RMWB 111 (0 new)
- Alberta 75,054 (1566 new)
- Canada 439,780

\*as of Dec 9, compared to Dec 8



## Demographics (Active)

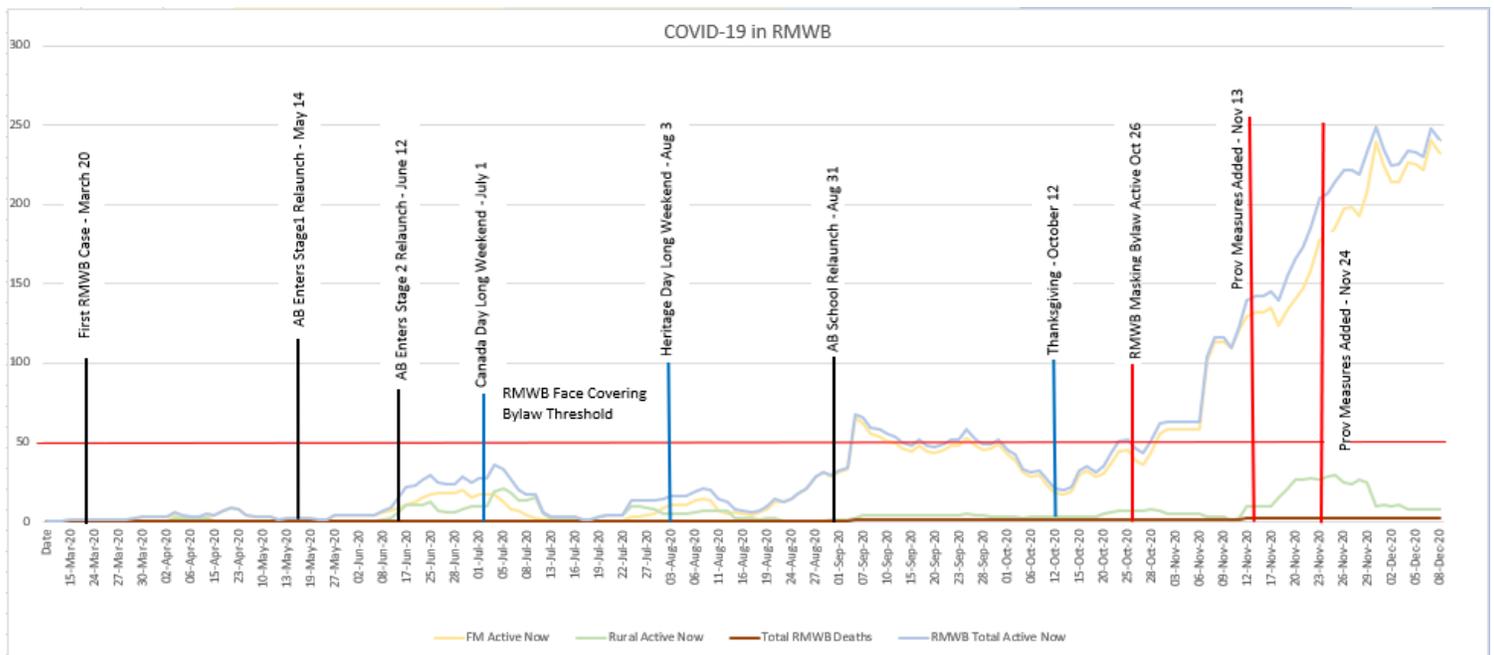
- Fort McMurray 232 (down 8)
- Rural RMWB 8 (no change)
- Alberta 20,163 (down 36)
- Canada 72,071

\*\*Active Cases take recoveries into account



## Outbreaks

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



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## The Provincial Operations Centre escalated their response to Level 3 on December 8, 2020

### More Mandatory Measures Announced – December 8, 2020

#### Immediate

All **indoor and outdoor social gatherings** – public and private – are prohibited. Close contacts are limited to household members only. Individuals who live alone will be allowed up to two close contacts for in-person visiting, with those two people remaining the same for the duration of the restriction period. Festivals, parades, events, concerts, exhibitions, competitions, sport and performance remain prohibited.

The **mandatory indoor public masking** requirement will be extended provincewide. Public spaces include locations where a business or entity operates and is applicable to employees, visitors and the general public. Applies to all indoor workplaces and facilities outside the home. Farm operations are excluded. Rental accommodations used solely for the purposes of a private residence are excluded.

#### Starting at 12:01 a.m., Dec. 13

All **places of worship** will be limited to 15 per cent of fire code occupancy for in-person attendance. Virtual or online services are strongly encouraged. Drive-in services where individuals do not leave their vehicles and adhere to guidance will be permissible and are not subject to capacity restrictions. Mandatory mask mandate, physical distancing and other guidelines remain in place.

**Retail services** must reduce customer capacity to 15 per cent of fire code occupancy, with a minimum of five customers permitted. Curbside pickup, delivery and online services are encouraged. Shopping malls will be limited to 15 per cent of fire code occupancy.

**Restaurants, pubs, bars, lounges and cafes will be closed** to in-person service. Only takeout, curbside pickup and delivery services are permitted. Casinos, bingo halls, gaming entertainment centres, racing entertainment centres, horse tracks, raceways, bowling alleys, pool halls, legions, and private clubs will be closed.

**Recreational facilities** – fitness centres, recreation centres, pools, spas, gyms, studios, day and overnight camps, indoor rinks and arenas – will be closed. Outdoor recreation is permitted, but facilities with indoor spaces except for washrooms will be closed.

**Entertainment businesses and entities** – libraries, science centres, interpretive centres, museums, galleries, amusement parks and water parks – will be closed. Hotels may remain open but must follow restrictions – no spas, pools or in-person dining. Room services only.

**Personal and wellness services**, including hair salons, nail salons, massage, tattoos, and piercing, will be closed.

**Mandatory work from home** measures will be implemented unless the employer determines that work requires a physical presence for operational effectiveness.

#### 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 2m apart when you can, and 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
- Avoid non-essential travel
  - Get the flu shot to keep influenza cases low so health workers can focus on the COVID-19 pandemic



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## Closures – ongoing from Nov. 27

**Entertainment businesses and entities** – community halls and centres, indoor children's play centres and indoor playgrounds, theatres, auditoriums, concert halls, and community theatres, nightclubs, banquet halls and conference centres, indoor and outdoor festivals, concerts with the exception of drive-in events, tradeshow, and sporting events or competitions, remain closed.

## Vaccine Updates

### [alberta.ca News Release - Dec. 9, 2020](#)

The first 3,900 doses of Pfizer vaccine will arrive in Alberta during the week of Dec. 14. The vaccine has now been approved by Health Canada. Immunization of seniors and other target groups is anticipated to start in early 2021.

The initial shipments of the vaccines must be administered on-site at dedicated vaccine sites and cannot be transported to long-term care or other facilities. This is why the first immunizations will focus on health-care workers crucial to supporting vulnerable Albertans and caring for critically ill patients.

Alberta Health Services will begin booking appointments with intensive care unit health-care workers, respiratory therapists, and long-term care workers eligible to be immunized. Eligibility will begin with workers at the highest risk facilities.

In January, we will continue to offer vaccine to eligible groups of health-care workers, including staff at long-term care and designated supportive living facilities in order to protect vulnerable Albertans. Residents of these facilities will begin to receive vaccine as soon as it can be transported from the depots to off-site vaccination locations.

Ultra-cold freezers needed for Pfizer vaccines are now installed at eight locations across Alberta.

In addition to the groups mentioned above, also in Phase 1 of Alberta's vaccine strategy are seniors aged 75 and older, on-reserve First Nations individuals and on-settlement Metis individuals age 65 and older, and health-care workers who are most likely to transmit COVID-19 to those at greatest risk and who are critical for maintaining hospital capacity.

Phase 2 is still expected to begin by April 2021 and will again be targeted to the next groups of prioritized populations. Final decisions regarding eligibility in Phase 2 have not yet been determined. Phase 3 will involve rolling out vaccinations to the general Alberta population, anticipated to start later in 2021.

