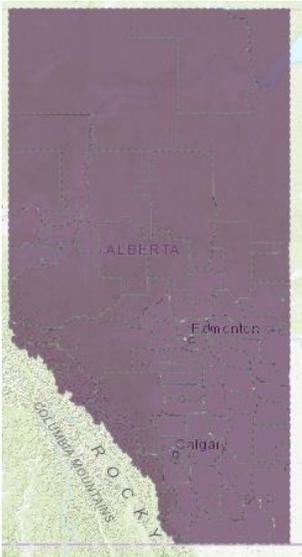


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**RMWB Case Outcomes: 221 Active Cases 974 Resolved Cases 2 Deceased Cases**



Open
  Watch
  Enhanced

Rate per 100,000 population:  
**266.3**



## Cases Over Time

- Fort McMurray 1082 (20 new)
- Rural RMWB 115 (0 new)
- Alberta 86,168 (1571 new)
- Canada 487,964

\*as of Dec 16, compared to Dec 15



## Demographics (Active)

- Fort McMurray 215 (down 4)
- Rural RMWB 6 (no change)
- Alberta 19,865 (down 304)
- Canada 75,159

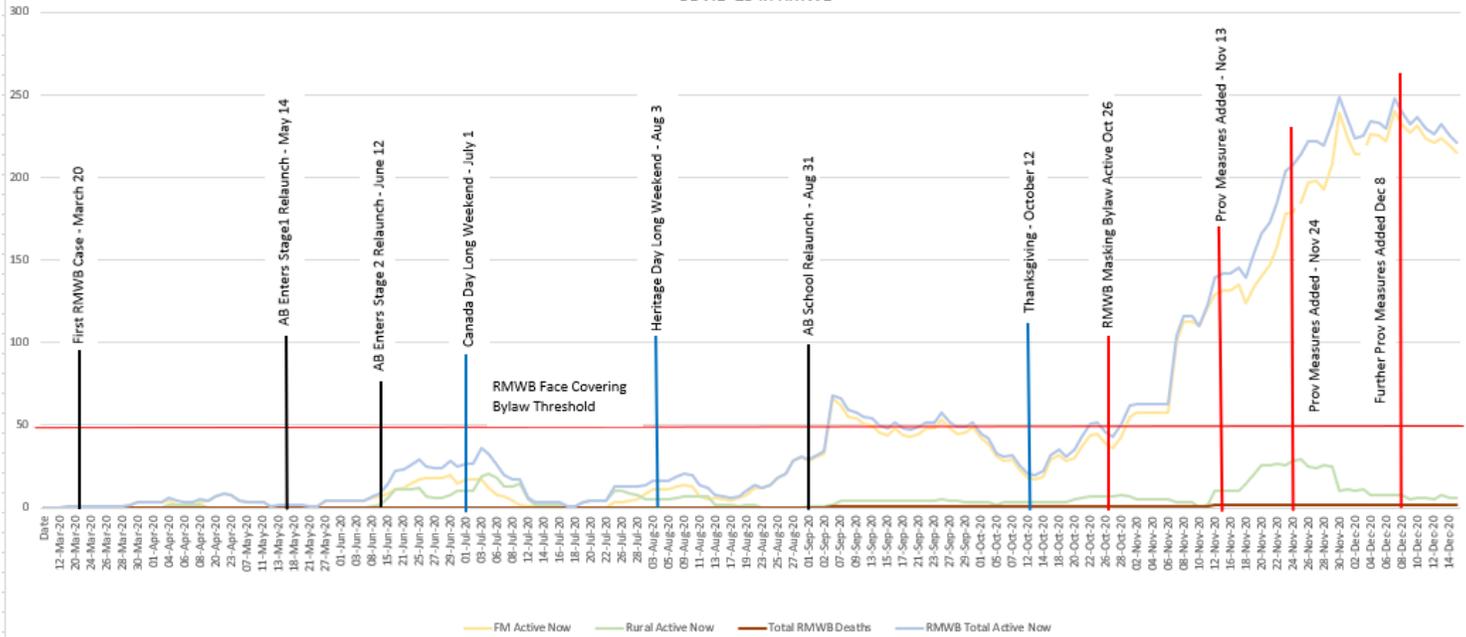
\*\*Active Cases take recoveries into account



## Outbreaks

- **Industrial:**
  - CNRL Horizon, Albion
  - Syncrude Mildred Lake, Aurora
  - Imperial Kearl Lake
  - Suncor Fort Hills, Base Plant, Firebag, MacKay River
- **Schools - Watch 5+**
  - Father Patrick Mercredi
  - Holy Trinity High School
  - Ecole Dickinsfield
- **Schools - Open (2-4)**
  - Fort McMurray Islamic School
  - Fort McMurray Christian School

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**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](#)  
[Printable Posters and Fact Sheets](#)  
[Vaccination Information](#)  
[Current Domestic Travel Recommendations:](#)  
All out-of-town travel is discouraged at this time.

**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)

## Province Wide Restrictions

- Entertainment businesses and entities remain closed.
- All indoor and outdoor social gatherings – public and private – are prohibited.
- Individuals who live alone will be allowed up to two close contacts.
- Festivals, parades, events, concerts, exhibitions, competitions, sport and performance remain prohibited.
- The mandatory indoor public masking requirement will be extended provincewide.
- All places of worship will be limited to 15 per cent of fire code occupancy for in-person attendance.
- Retail services must reduce customer capacity to 15 per cent of fire code occupancy, with a minimum of five customers permitted.
- Restaurants, pubs, bars, lounges and cafes will be closed to in-person service.
- Recreational facilities will be closed.
- Outdoor recreation is permitted.
- Entertainment businesses and entities will be closed.
- Hotels may remain open but must follow restrictions.
- Personal and wellness services will be closed.
- Mandatory work from home measures will be implemented unless the employer determines that work requires a physical presence for operational effectiveness.

**AHS Access Update  
December 14, 2020**

Effective today access for designated support persons in AHS acute setting will be limited to just one designated support person for each patient in:

**Ambulatory care, Emergency departments, Urgent care, Maternity/postpartum, and other inpatient areas.**

Access will be limited to up to two designated support persons for each patient in **critical care, pediatrics, and the NICU.**

**R-Values**

The GoA has started reporting **R-Values** (reproduction number), describing whether cases are increasing, decreasing, or staying the same. For example, if the R-Value is 1, then an infected person will infect 1 other person on average. Below means decreasing, above means increasing. This will be updated on Mondays.

Alberta	0.98
Edmonton	1.00
Calgary	0.92
Rest of AB	1.01

**Rapid Testing Program**

The [Rapid Testing](#) pilot has been used at the Calgary Drop-In Centre and the Edmonton Isolation Centre to identify positive cases quickly. The tests have been used in the homeless communities where spread is most difficult to contain. The tests are most accurate on those experiencing symptoms. The program is being expanded across the province and through 25 rural hospitals.



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## Vaccine Updates

Alberta will begin receiving vaccine doses as COVID-19 vaccines are [approved by Health Canada](#). Vaccines will be distributed through a phased immunization program. Exact amounts and timelines are still being finalized.

- Initial shipment (Dec 2020) – limited number of critical health workers
- Phase 1 (Jan to April 2021) – vaccinate about 435,000 people most at risk, including:
  - front-line health care workers
  - residents and staff in long-term care and designated supported living facilities
  - on-reserve First Nations individuals over age 65
  - seniors aged 75 and older
- Phase 2 (April to Sept 2021) – continue targeting priority populations
- Phase 3 (Fall 2021) – anticipated start of roll-out to the general public

## School Updates – Mandatory Restriction – Starting November 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
- School buildings remain open during shifts to at-home learning
- Diploma exams are optional for rest of the school year. Students and their families can choose whether to write an exam or receive an exemption for the January, April, June and August 2021 exams

### Grades K-6 students

- This includes [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.
- Learn more about [child care during COVID-19](#) around the **winter break**

### Supporting students with disabilities and in outreach programs

All students with disabilities who require support and services in any grade whose needs cannot be met through at-home learning and students in [outreach programs](#) can continue to receive supports and services in-person at school, regardless of the shifts to at-home learning before and after the winter break.

### 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.

