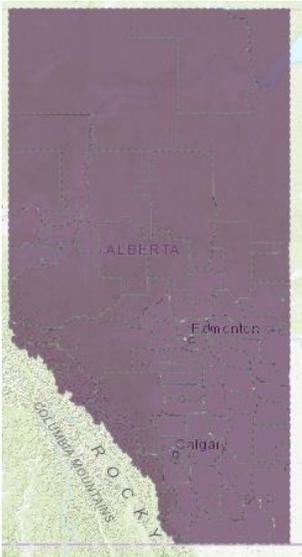


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**RMWB Case Outcomes: 201 Active Cases 1042 Resolved Cases 2 Deceased Cases**



Open
  Watch
  Enhanced

Rate/100,000 pop.: **242.2**

R-Value: **0.90**



## Cases Over Time

- Fort McMurray 1129 (6 new)
- Rural RMWB 116 (0 new)
- Alberta 91,459 (1240 new)
- Canada 513,647

\*as of Dec 20, compared to Dec 19



## Demographics (Active)

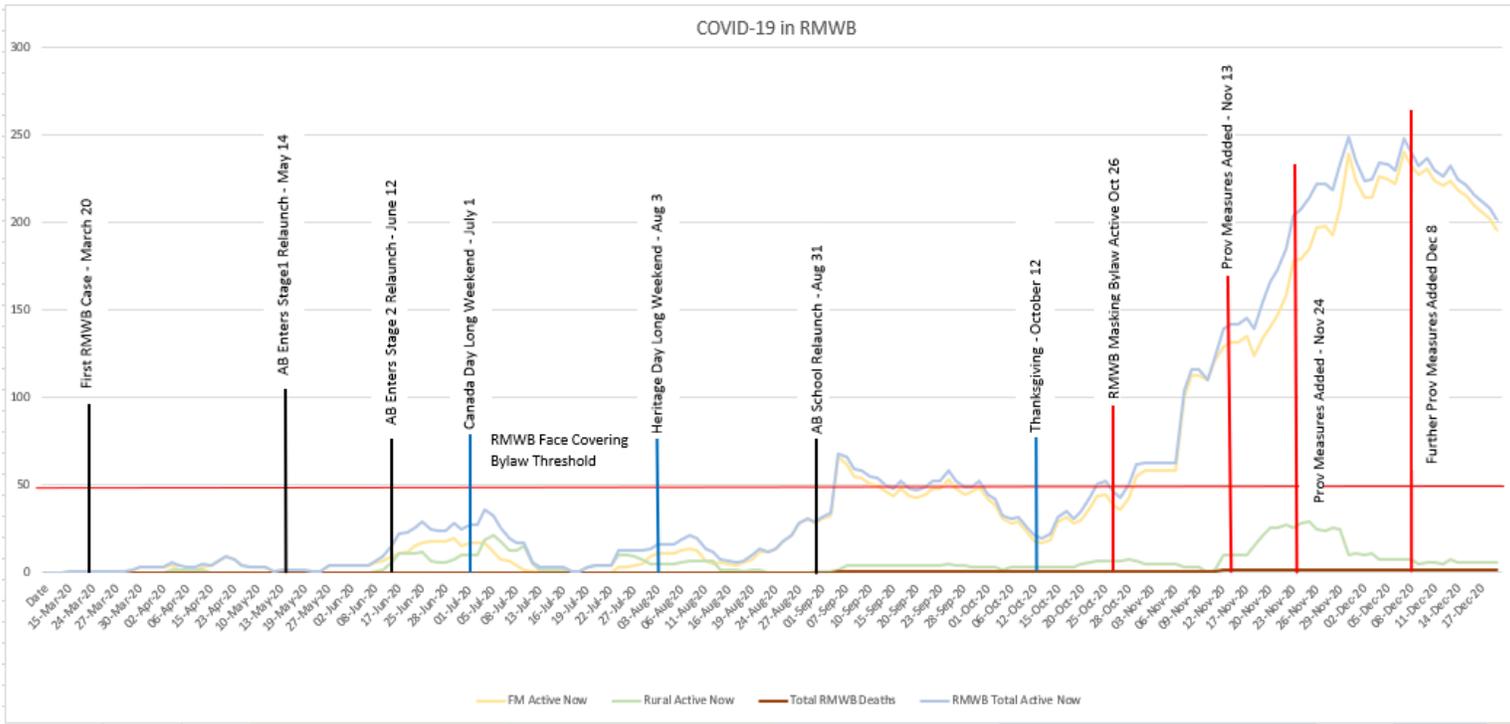
- Fort McMurray 195 (down 7)
- Rural RMWB 6 (no change)
- Alberta 19,165 (down 36)
- Canada 76,493

\*\*Active Cases take recoveries into account



## Outbreaks

- **Industrial:**
  - CNRL Horizon, Albian
  - 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 Christian School



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

## 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.

### 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)

#### 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. **As of Dec. 21, 2020:**

Alberta	0.92
Edmonton	0.89
Calgary	0.97
Rest of AB	0.90

#### Travelled to the UK?

Due to the emergence of a new, highly contagious variant of Covid-19 in the United Kingdom, any persons who have returned from the United Kingdom in the last 14 days are strongly encouraged to immediately get tested for Covid-19.

Anyone who has travelled out of country is still required to isolate for 14 days. People who travelled from the U.K. who are taking part in the border pilot must immediately quarantine, whether or not they've had a negative test result



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## Vaccine Updates

**Approved Vaccines:** [Pfizer BioNTech](#) (Dec. 9, 2020)

**Early Phase 1:** December 2020: Immunizations will be offered to key populations, with a focus on acute care sites with the highest COVID-19 capacity concerns in Edmonton and Calgary:

- Health-care workers in intensive care units
- Respiratory therapists

**Phase 1A:** January 2021: Timeline subject to change depending on vaccine supply. Immunizations will be offered to key populations across the province:

- Respiratory therapists
- Health-care workers in intensive care units
- Staff in long term care and designated supportive living facilities
- Home care workers
- Health-care workers in emergency departments
- All residents of long term care and designated supportive living, regardless of age

**Phase 1B:** February 2021: Timeline subject to change depending on vaccine supply. Immunizations will be offered to key populations:

- Seniors 75 years of age and over, no matter where they live
- First Nations, Métis and persons 65 years of age and over living in a First Nations community or Metis Settlement
- Health-care workers in medical, surgical and COVID-19 units or operating rooms

**Phase 2:** April to Sept 2021 – continue targeting populations at risk. Work to identify sequencing for Phase 2 groups is underway. Decisions will be made in 2021.

**Phase 3:** Anticipated start of roll-out to the general public

