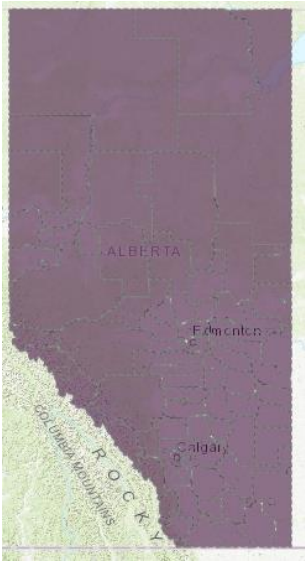


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RMWB Case Outcomes: 212 Active Cases 1076 Resolved Cases 2 Deceased Cases



Open
 Watch
 Enhanced

Rate/100,000 pop.: **255.5**
 R-Value: **0.90**



Cases Over Time

- Fort McMurray 1173 (19 new)
- Rural RMWB 117 (1 new)
- Alberta 93,781 (1301 new)
- Canada 522,810

*as of Dec 22, compared to Dec 21



Demographics (Active)

- Fort McMurray 205 (up 1)
- Rural RMWB 7 (up 1)
- Alberta 17,821 (down 510)
- Canada 75,092

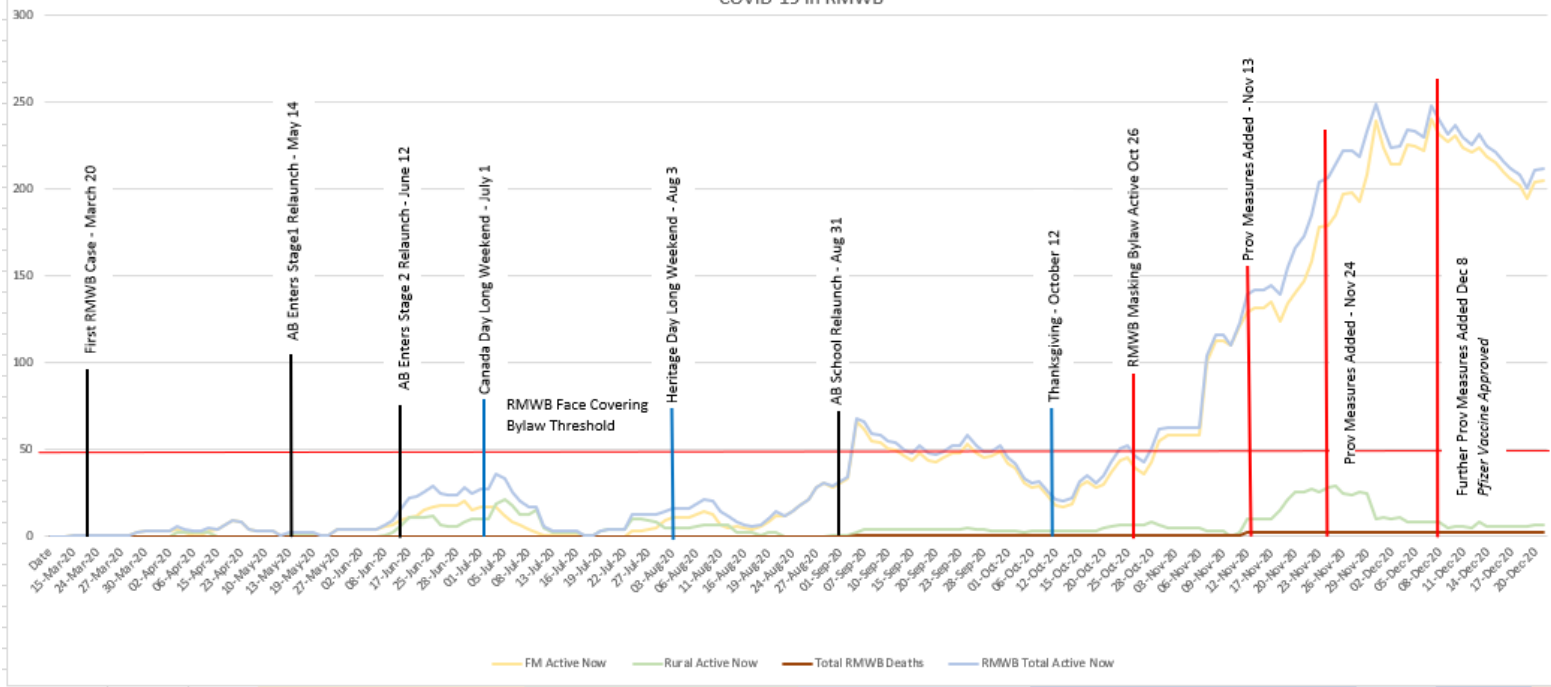
**Active Cases take recoveries into account



Outbreaks

- **Industrial:**
 - CNRL Horizon, Albian
 - Syncrude Mildred Lake, Aurora
 - Imperial Kearn 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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Helpful Links:

Municipal Response:

rmwb.ca/covid19
WBCentral.biz

Provincial Response:

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

Indigenous

Resources:

[Athabasca Tribal Council](#)
[First Nation Telehealth Network](#)
[Northeastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association](#) (NAABA)

Other Resources:

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.

New Exemptions Announced December 22, 2020

Individuals who live alone may gather with one household for a single event between Dec. 23 and Dec 28. During this time, a household can only host a single event and it can only include up to 2 people who live alone and their minor children. This is an exemption to CMOH Order 42-2020, which allows an individual living alone to have up to 2 close contacts in other households. Click [here](#) for more information.

Massage Therapists are now allowed to provide services to those with prescriptions from a physician, or a referral by a member of another health regulatory body for the patient to receive massage therapy services. All Covid-19 protocols must be adhered to. Click [here](#) for more information.

Travelled to the UK?

Due to the emergence of a 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 – Updated December 23, 2020

Approved Vaccines: [Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine](#) (Dec. 23, 2020)
[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

Holiday Update Schedule

Dec.24-27 – No online statistics, high level Twitter updates through Dr. Hinshaw’s channel

Dec. 28-30 – Full updates – RMWB Covid-19 Update being circulated Dec. 29.

Dec. 31-Jan.3 – No online statistics, high level Twitter updates available.

Jan 4 – Full updates resume. RMWB Covid-19 Update to be circulated.

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.

