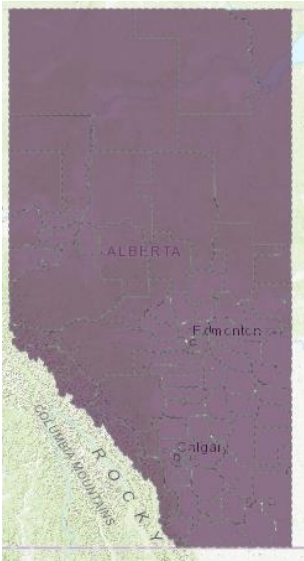


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RMWB Case Outcomes: 230 Active Cases 1191 Resolved Cases 3 Deceased Cases



Open
 Watch
 Enhanced

Rate/100,000 pop.: **277.2**

R-Value: **0.90**



Cases Over Time

- Fort McMurray 1303 (59 new)
- Rural RMWB 121 (2 new)
- Alberta 99,141 (872 new)
- Canada 562,428

*as of Dec 28, compared to Dec 27



Demographics (Active)

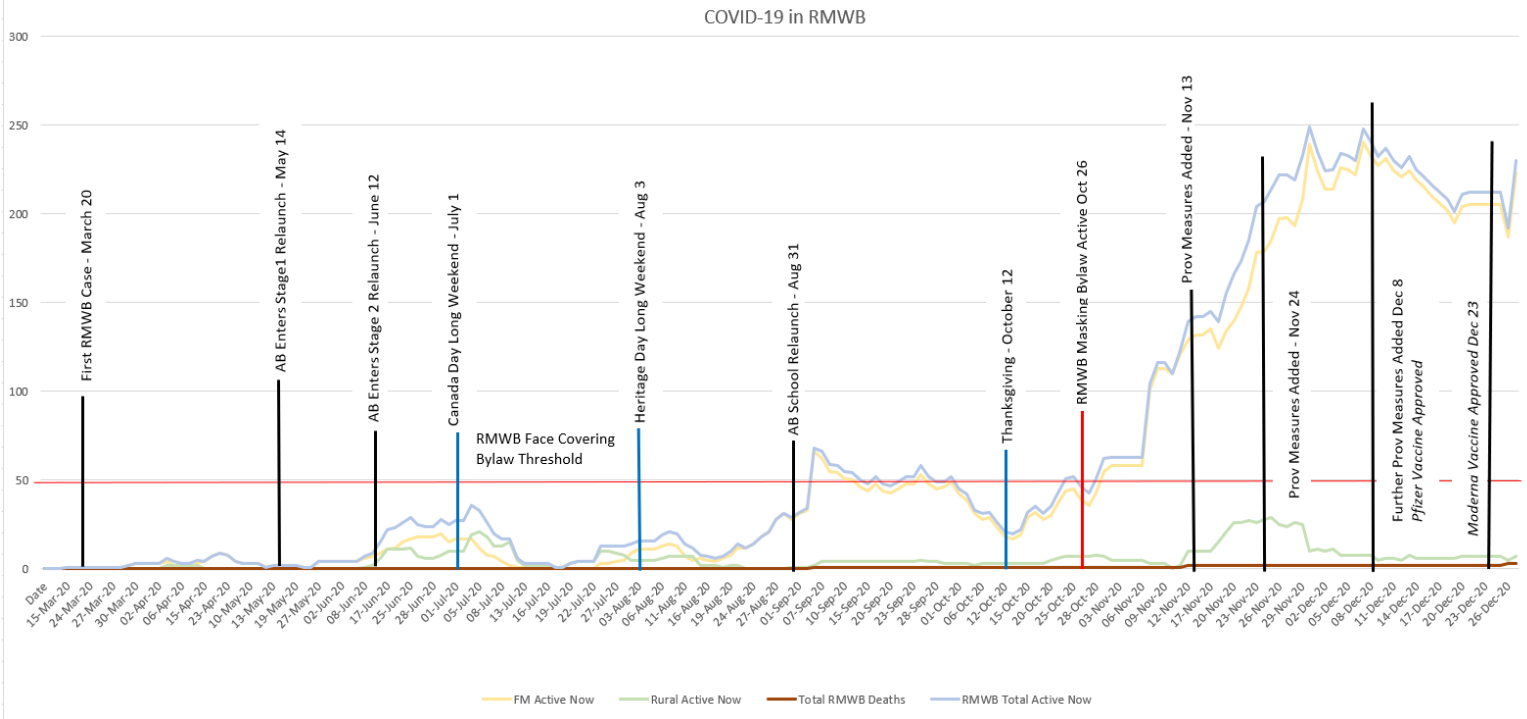
- Fort McMurray 223 (up 36)
- Rural RMWB 7 (up 2)
- Alberta 14,785 (down 702)
- Canada 73,090

**Active Cases take recoveries into account



Outbreaks

- **Industrial:**
 - CNRL Horizon, Albian
 - Syncrude Mildred Lake
 - 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

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

Alberta Updates

Light updates were provided by Dr. Hinshaw via Twitter over the last 5 days. Data has now been updated but local statistics are not broken down for this period.

Dec 23	1007 new cases
Dec 24	1,191 new cases
Dec 25	914 new cases
Dec 26	459 new cases
Dec 27	917 new cases
Total:	4488 new (5 days)

Dr. Hinshaw reported that lower case numbers could be due to lower testing numbers as people were less likely to get tested over the holidays.

RMWB Updates

Since December 22, the RMWB has seen **134 new cases** (including Dec 28), 4 are rural, and 130 in Fort McMurray.

Active cases have increased from 212 to 230 (RMWB), 205 to 223 (Fort McMurray), and 110 to 114 (Rural)

Holiday Update Schedule

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. Next RMWB Covid-19 Update to be circulated.

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 provincially.
- 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.



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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.

Healthcare workers identified for immunization in Phase 1 were selected as the first to receive the vaccine as a way to support acute care capacity and to protect populations at highest risk of severe outcomes. This includes those who provide care to residents in LTC and DSL, as well as home care staff, to help ensure their higher-risk clients can remain in their homes and prevent hospital admissions.

Vaccination Progress:

As of December 27: 7,000 doses of vaccine have been administered in Alberta. No adverse events following immunization have been reported to AHS.

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.

