

**ALBERTA BEACH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BEING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AGENDA ADDITIONS
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
4. CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION
5. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
  - a. Regular Council Meeting of March 16, 2021
6. DELEGATIONS
  - a. Allen Lee, Doyle & Company – Presentation of the Draft 2020 Financial Statements (Agenda item 10.b)
  - b. Michelle Jones & Ellen MacCormac, Community Futures Yellowhead East – CFYE Annual Report, Lemonade Day Partnership Opportunity & Business Vitalization Improvement Loan Program
  - c. Scott Hendrickson, Sunsplashed Adventures – Introduction & Proposal
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
8. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
9. OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST
10. FINANCIAL REPORTS
  - a. Financial Report for March 31, 2021
  - b. Audited Financial Statements for December 31, 2020 (Draft)
11. BYLAWS & POLICIES
12. COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS
13. CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS
  - a. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update March 15, 2021 Issue
  - b. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update March 22, 2021 Issue
  - c. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update March 29, 2021 Issue
  - d. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update April 5, 2021 Issue
  - e. Alberta Health Services – Covid-19 Community Update April 12, 2021 Issue
  - f. Alberta Health Emergency Operations – Covid-19 Municipality Update March 24, 2021 Issue
  - g. Alberta Health Emergency Operations – Covid-19 Municipality Update March 30, 2021 Issue
  - h. Alberta Health Emergency Operations – Covid-19 Municipality Update April 7, 2021 Issue
  - i. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Governance during Covid-19 April 9, 2021 Issue
  - j. Alberta Municipal Affairs – ACP Grant – Town of Onoway Partners in Progress Moving Forward Project
  - k. Alberta Municipal Affairs – ACP Grant Application for Alberta Beach & Area Regionalization Study
  - l. Alberta Municipal Affairs – ACP Grant Time Extension for Revenue & Cost Sharing Study
  - m. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA’s Cyber Security Services
  - n. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AMSC Energy News
  - o. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA / AMSC Digest of April 8, 2021
  - p. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – 2021 Public Risk Conference Registration
  - q. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA / AMSC Digest of April 14, 2021
  - r. Allan Thomas, Flying Colors Mural & Design – Community Murals
  - s. Action on Smoking & Health Canada – ASH Municipal Update April 2021
  - t. ATCO Gas Ltd. – ATCO Natural Gas Franchise Revenue Forecast Update
  - u. Gateway Association – Mayor’s Event 2021 – Business Resiliency through Community & Inclusion
  - v. Government of Alberta – Call for Nominations – 2021 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards
  - w. Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus – Notice of Annual Meeting
  - x. Makadiff Sports – Community Sport Participation Restart Grant Program
  - y. Minister Ric McIver, Alberta Municipal Affairs – Supporting Alberta Businesses
  - z. Municipal Government Board – Land & Property Rights Tribunal Fact Sheet
  - aa. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – March 2021 In Stream Newsletter
  - bb. Safe Sidewalks Canada – Introduction to Safe Sidewalks Canada
  - cc. Senator Doug Black – Spring Newsletter
  - dd. TVRSSC – Letter to Lac Ste. Anne County in Response to Press Release
  - ee. WILD Regional Water Service Commission – Notice of Annual Meeting
  - ff. Town of Morinville – Letter to Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding Support for RCMP
14. CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS
  - a. Alberta Public Works Association – National Public Works Week Proclamation
  - b. Alberta Seniors & Housing – Seniors Week Proclamation
15. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Alberta Health Services – Ambulance Station Lease Extension
  - b. Innovative Planning & Development Services – Renewal Contract Proposal
  - c. Development Officer Request for Decision – Encroachment of Garbage & Recycle Bins (4705- 46 Avenue)
  - d. Subdivision and Development Appeal Board – Appointment of Board Members
16. QUESTION PERIOD
17. ADJOURNMENT

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor .....Jim Benedict  
Deputy Mayor .....Angela Duncan  
Councillor .....Bud Love  
Councillor .....Judy Valiquette  
Councillor .....Daryl Weber  
CAO .....Kathy Skwarchuk

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Benedict called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:** None.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

#036-21

MOVED BY Councillor Love that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:**

No closed meeting session was held.

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

#037-21

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 16, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS:**

**MR. TONY OSWALD – DAMAGE TO GAZEBO DUE TO A FALLEN TREE DURING WINDSTORM:**  
Mr. Tony Oswald met with Council to discuss the damages to his gazebo from a fallen tree due to the windstorm on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. He is requesting Council to reconsider reimbursement of the costs to replace the gazebo. Mr. Oswald also addressed concerns he has regarding some trees on village property which he has marked with a ribbon. Mayor Benedict advised that we will request our public works department check the trees, however the tree which came down was not one of the marked trees. Mayor Benedict advised Mr. Oswald that our insurance adjuster has reviewed the matter and has denied the claim as the cause of the fallen tree was due to the severe windstorm and therefore an "Act of God". Further that the municipality is not responsible for the damages to the gazebo and denies reimbursement as per our letter of February 17, 2021.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

No Municipal Planning Commission meeting was held.

**OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:**

The CAO reviewed the Action List, no motions arose.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

#038-21

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Financial Report of December 31, 2020 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BYLAWS & POLICIES:**

#039-21

**BYLAW #282-21 – ALBERTA BEACH AND LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY ICF BYLAW:**  
MOVED BY Councillor Love that Bylaw #282-21, being a bylaw to adopt the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#040-21

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #282-21 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#041-21

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that unanimous consent be given to proceed to third reading of Bylaw #282-21.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#042-21

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Bylaw #282-21 be read a third & final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#043-21

**BYLAW #283-21 – ALBERTA BEACH AND THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT ICF BYLAW:**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Bylaw #283-21, being a bylaw to adopt the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between Alberta Beach and the Summer Village of Sunset Point be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- #044-21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Bylaw #283-21 be read a second time. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #045-21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that unanimous consent be given to proceed to third reading of Bylaw #283-21. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #046-21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #283-21 be read a third & final time. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- BYLAW #284-21 – ALBERTA BEACH AND THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN ICF BYLAW:**
- #047-21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Bylaw #284-21, being a bylaw to adopt the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between Alberta Beach and the Summer Village of Val Quentin be read a first time. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #048-21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Bylaw #284-21 be read a second time. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #049-21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that unanimous consent be given to proceed to third reading of Bylaw #284-21. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #050-21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #284-21 be read a third & final time. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:**

DEPUTY MAYOR DUNCAN:

Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:  
Brownlee Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Seminar of February 18, 2021.  
Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Management Society meeting of February 23, 2021.  
Alberta Beach Ag Society Agliplex Operations Committee meeting of February 25, 2021.  
AUMA Provincial Budget Webinar of February 26, 2021.

COUNCILLOR VALIQUETTE:

Councillor Valiquette reviewed and submitted reports on the following meeting:  
Alberta Beach Library Board meeting of March 9, 2021

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:  
Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance Steering Committee meeting of March 1, 2021.  
Alberta Beach Ag Society meeting of February 25, 2021.  
Beachwave Banker meeting of March 10, 2021.  
East End Bus Committee meeting of March 10, 2021.  
Partners in Progress meeting of March 9, 2021.

COUNCILLOR LOVE:

Councillor Love reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:  
Highway 43 East Waste Commission meeting of February 22, 2021.  
Alberta Beach Museum & Archives – Councillor Love reported the committee has withdrawn from holding meat draws at this time due to Covid-19.

MAYOR BENEDICT:

Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:  
Town Hall meeting with Premier Jason Kenney of February 26, 2021.  
Town of Mayerthorpe Mayor meeting of March 12, 2021.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:

A report on the 2021 Development Permits issued to date was distributed for information.

- #051-21 MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that the Council, committee and staff reports be accepted for information. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**ALBERTA CLIMATE ENGAGEMENT – MUNICIPALITIES AND COMMUNITIES CLIMATE ENGAGEMENT:**

The Alberta Climate Engagement forwarded correspondence regarding municipalities and communities climate engagement to gather input and feedback for the Government of Alberta on climate-related policies and initiatives.

**ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATES:**

Covid-19 Community Updates of February 16, 22, March 1 and 8, 2021 was received from Alberta Health Services.

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**ALBERTA HEALTH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS – COVID-19 MUNICIPALITY UPDATES:**  
Covid-19 Municipality Updates of February 17, 24 and March 3, 2021 was received from Alberta Health Emergency Operations Centre.

**ALBERTA INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL – AISC QUARTERLY UPDATE:**  
Alberta Invasive Species Council Quarterly Update and notice of annual general meeting and conference was received for information.

**ALBERTA INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL – ZEBRA MUSSELS FOUND IN MOSS (MARIMO) BALLS:**  
The Alberta Invasive Species Council forwarded an alert regarding zebra mussels found in moss (marimo) balls being sold at plant and pet stores in Alberta and further advising these are a prohibited species under the *Fisheries (Alberta) Act* as they have the potential to cause damage to our water bodies, recreational equipment and irrigation systems.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE DURING COVID-19:**  
Municipal Governance during Covid-19 of February 19 and March 5, 2021 was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – BUDGET 2021 MESSAGE FROM HON. RIC MCIVER, MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS:**  
A letter was received from Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs to provide information on Budget 2021 and an update on MSI funding which has been extended for two years, the LGFF funding which has been delayed until 2024-25 and the GTF funding.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – ALBERTA BEACH 2020 MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM (MAP) REPORT:**  
A letter was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs to advise that the Alberta Beach 2020 Municipal Accountability Program (MAP) Report has been completed to the satisfaction of the Minister.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – CHANGES TO DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM:**  
A letter was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs to outline and update municipalities on the changes to Disaster Recovery Program which is now being funded on a 90:10 cost-sharing arrangement.

**ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – ALBERTA POLICE INTERIM ADVISORY BOARD QUARTERLY REPORT:**  
The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association forwarded the Alberta Police Interim Advisory Board's first quarterly report for information.

**ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA VILLAGES WEST UPDATE:**  
An AUMA Villages West Update was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

**ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA'S BUDGET REPORT 2021:**  
AUMA's Preliminary Budget Report 2021 was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

**ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA'S SPRING MUNICIPAL LEADERS' CAUCUS:**  
The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association forwarded information on the AUMA's Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus which will be held virtually through zoom on April 14-16, 2021.

**ATHABASCA COUNTY – PROPOSED CHANGES TO ALBERTA ENERGY REGULATOR (AER) DIRECTIVE 067:**  
Athabasca County forwarded a copy of their letter regarding the proposed changes to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) Directive 067.

**CANADA POST – ALBERTA BEACH POST OFFICE UPDATE:**  
Correspondence was received from Canada Post to announce that the Alberta Beach Post Office will be relocating to their permanent location at 4715 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Alberta Beach.

**COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – REGIONAL BUSINESS ITEMS, E-COMMERCE AND GRANTS:**  
Correspondence was received from Community Futures Yellowhead East regarding their regional business items, e-commerce and grant, loans & support programs.

**COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA – CPAA 2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE:**  
Correspondence was received from the Community Planning Association of Alberta regarding their CPAA 2021 Annual Conference being held virtually from May 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**FARM SAFETY CENTRE – UPDATE:**  
The Farm Safety Centre forwarded an update and request for support on their program.

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**GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES – ALBERTA CRITICAL WORKER BENEFIT:**

The Government of Alberta Community & Social Services forwarded information on the announcement of the Alberta Critical Worker Benefit program.

**LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – MEDIA RELEASE REGARDING LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY AND TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE ICF:**

Lac Ste. Anne County forwarded their media release regarding the Lac Ste. Anne County and Town of Mayerthorpe ICF.

**MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT BOARD – SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL PROCEDURE RULES CHANGES:**

The Municipal Government Board forwarded the changes to the MGB Subdivision and Development Appeal Procedure Rules which came into effect March 15, 2021.

**MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS – PRESIDENT’S SUMMIT ON POLICING:**

The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass forwarded their letter to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General regarding the President’s Summit on Policing, to advise their Council does not support the initiative to replace the RCMP with an Alberta Provincial Police force.

**NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – IN STREAM NEWSLETTER:**

The North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance February 2021 In Stream Newsletter was received for information.

**STURGEON RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE – STURGEON RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN:**

The Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance forwarded a copy of the recently released Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan.

**TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE – PRESS RELEASE REGARDING LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY & TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE ICF:**

The Town of Mayerthorpe forwarded their press release regarding the Lac Ste. Anne County & Town of Mayerthorpe ICF.

**WESTLOCK COUNTY – PROPOSED CHANGES TO ALBERTA ENERGY REGULATOR (AER) DIRECTIVE 067:**

Westlock County forwarded a copy of their letter regarding the proposed changes to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) Directive 067.

#052-21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that the correspondence information items be accepted for information.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:**

#053-21 **ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT & PARKS – ALBERTA BEACH BOAT LAUNCH LOC:**  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the correspondence from Alberta Environment & Parks advising that the Alberta Beach Boat Launch LOC conditions does not prohibit the collection of fees for maintenance purposes and therefore does not require an amendment be accepted for information and forwarded to the Ste. Anne Recreational Lake Use Committee (SARLUC).  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#054-21 **AUMA / AMSC – NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION OPPORTUNITY 2022-2026:**  
MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council approve to participate in the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association AMSC Natural Gas Aggregation Procurement Opportunity for 2022-2026.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#055-21 **LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LAND USE BYLAW:**  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Notice of Public Hearing for proposed Lac Ste. Anne County Land Use Bylaw #22-2017-02-21 amendment be accepted for information.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#056-21 **RMA INSURANCE – GENESIS RECIPROCAL INSURANCE EXCHANGE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**  
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve to appoint Duane Gladden, Director of Business Services of the RMA and Genesis Principal Attorney to act as proxy on behalf of Alberta Beach at the Annual General Meeting of Genesis being held on April 8, 2021.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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#057-21

**ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – BEACHWAVE PARK:**  
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the letter from the Alberta Beach & District Agricultural Society regarding their interest in managing Beachwave Park be accepted for information and further that the Beachwave Park Stakeholders Committee be advised that a formal letter of interest has been received to manage the park and therefore request that a stakeholder committee meeting be scheduled with the Mayor and the Ag Society President for further discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS:**

#058-21

**CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES COMMISSION – APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Assessment Review Board members be appointed as follows: ARB Chairperson – Raymond Ralph; ARB Clerk – Richard Barham; and ARB Panelists – Darlene Chartrand, Tina Groszko, Stewart Hennig, Richard Knowles and Raymond Ralph.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**QUESTION PERIOD:**

A brief discussion arose on a development permit proposal submitted to the Development Officer (the Development Officer reported she is working on the application and further the application was not required to be referred to the Municipal Planning Commission), questions also arose on the Alberta Beach Boat Launch LOC (Licence of Occupation) and Council meeting delegations.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

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Mayor – Jim Benedict

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C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk



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February 11, 2021

Dear Alberta Beach Community Partner and Stakeholder:

With the New Year in full swing, it is that time of year, where Community Futures Yellowhead East would like to provide its municipal shareholders with a progress update on the past year, as well as share some exciting highlights on upcoming events and activities that we will be partnering on in your community.

We would like to request 15-20 minutes of time where we can present these items at an upcoming council meeting.- **April 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Council Meeting**

We will be reviewing the following:

- CFYE Annual Report
- Lemonade Day Partnership Opportunity- National Lemonade Day – **Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
- **Onoway/Alberta Beach** Tentative Scheduled Lemonade Training Date – **May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 4:30 – 6:00 pm**
- Business Vitalization Improvement Loan Program.

as well as some valuable information on upcoming projects and opportunities to partner with CFYE on, in an effort to enhance current economic development plans, through a collaborative approach.

If you could please confirm space available on your **:April 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 Alberta Beach** Council Agenda. Once we have confirmed we will provide copies of the materials for presentation and discuss any technical requirements.

We look forward to hearing back from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Michelle Jones, Executive Director  
Community Futures Yellowhead East  
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# 2020/2021 Annual Stakeholder Report







## Who We Are

### MISSION STATEMENT

To help communities thrive economically by supporting an entrepreneurial culture through training, coaching and lending best practices.

### VISION STATEMENT

Community Futures Yellowhead East, the trusted and respected leader, fostering business development. Leading the way to economic prosperity and diversity within our region.

### VALUES

Knowledge, Education, Character, Innovation, Trust, Respect, Confidence, Collaboration, Support



## Message from Board Chair

This past year has been a time of struggle and uncertainty as we continue to face a world-wide pandemic compounded with an already uncertain economic outlook caused by the oil and gas industry crisis. We need to fully understand the impacts as we strive to develop a sustainable recovery plan.

Community Futures Yellowhead East along with our many community and regional partners, have completed a COVID-19 Impact To Businesses Survey, and submitted a SIP grant application for the development of local training hubs that will address business training and employment gaps by creating local training hubs that meet local industry needs.

The board has approved a \$100,000 Interest-Free Loan Program for Youth/Student Entrepreneurs and is finalizing a CFYE Regional Business Resiliency & Diversification Partnership Initiative Fund, that will provide funding partnership opportunities for municipalities and our regional businesses requiring support to remain sustainable. CFYE distributed \$2.2 million in RRRF loans on behalf of the federal government, in addition to our regular loan portfolio and continues to guide our regional businesses and member communities in a recovering but bright future.

On behalf of the CFYE Board of Directors, I am proud to acknowledge the outstanding efforts made by our staff who have gone beyond the call of duty to ensure our member communities find a path to economic stability and future growth.



## Board Composition

Community Futures Yellowhead East is guided by a Council appointed Board of Directors. Our 10 local and regional Councilors and Mayors bring extensive knowledge and experience to the area's economy.

The role of the Board is to establish Community Future Yellowhead East's strategic priorities, monitor and evaluate the performance of the loan fund, and be accountable to key stakeholders - such as local, provincial and federal governments.

CFYE Board Members: Alberta Beach - Daryl Weber, Barrhead - Leslie Penny, County of Barrhead - Marvin Schatz, Fox Creek - Jim Hailes, Lac Ste. Anne County - Nick Gelych, Mayerthorpe - Janet Jabush, Onoway - Judy Tracy, Swan Hills - Carol Webster, Whitecourt - Ray Hilts, Woodlands County - John Burrows



## Our Staff

CFYE was able to increase their staffing numbers to include a one-year term position, to assist the office through the COVID-19 pandemic. The position has been extended through the 2022 year.

- Executive Director, Michelle Jones
- Community Economic Development (CED) Coordinator, Ellen MacCormac
- Business Analyst, Matthew Hartney
- Administrative Assistant / Project Coordinator, Charity Vollmann



## CFYE Current Loan Portfolio

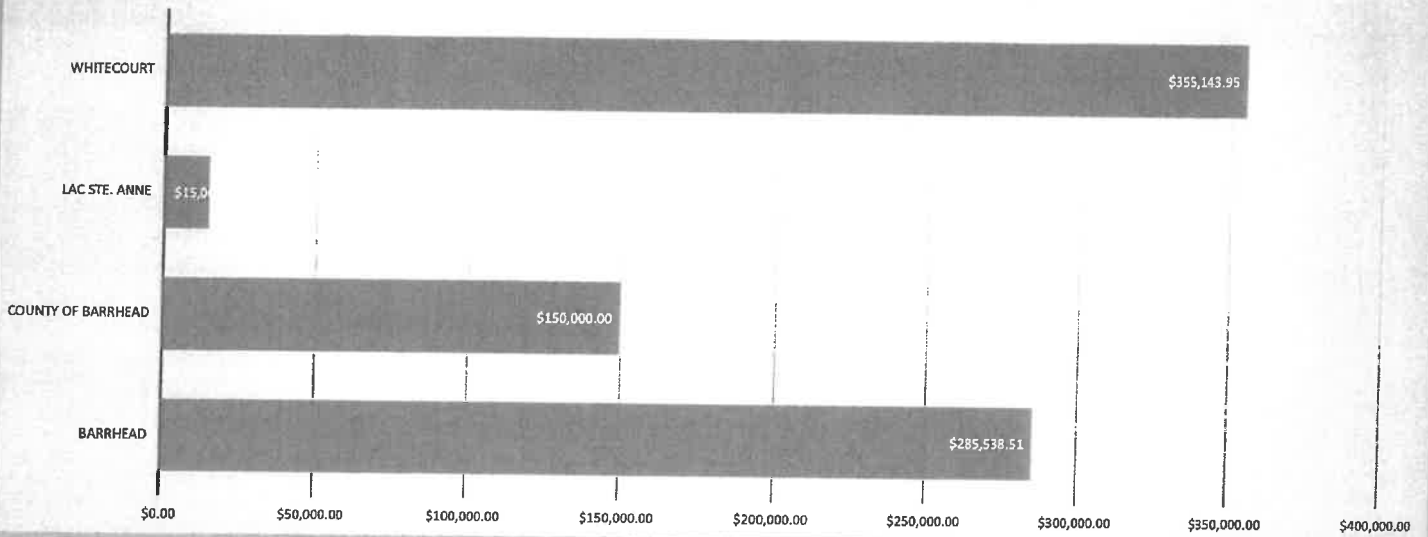
### Funds Currently Available For Lending

- Repayable - \$257,000
- Non-Repayable - \$1,300,000
- Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program - (EDP) \$65,000



# CFYE Loan Portfolio Results

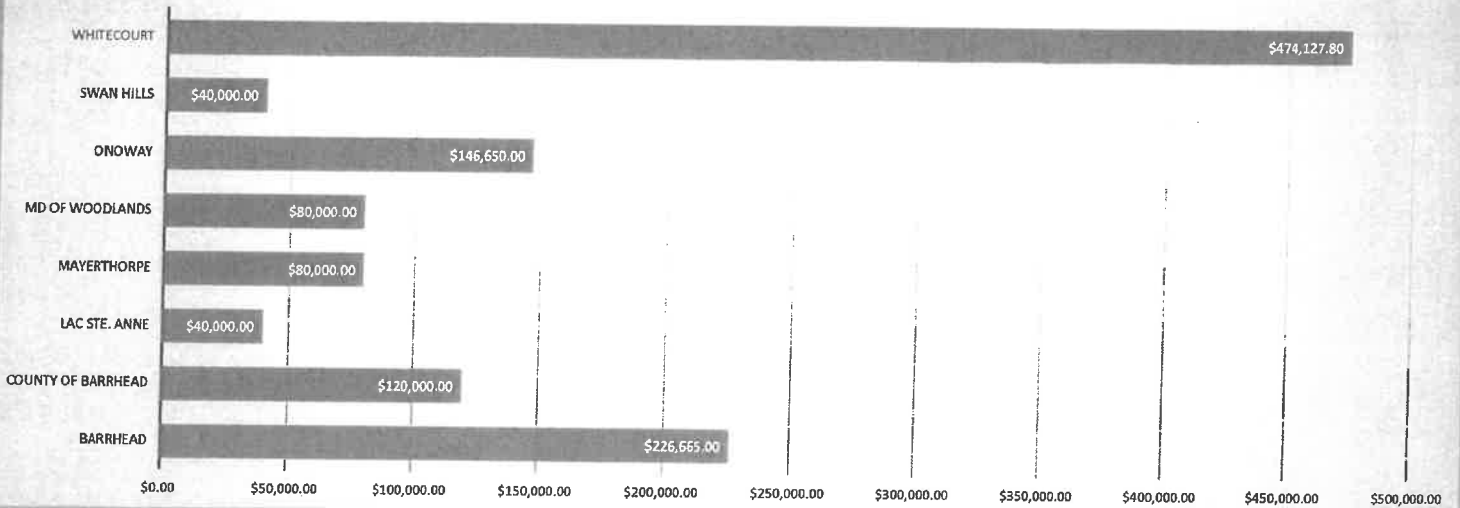
## Term Loan Dollars Invested by Region





# CFYE Regional Relief & Recovery Fund Distribution

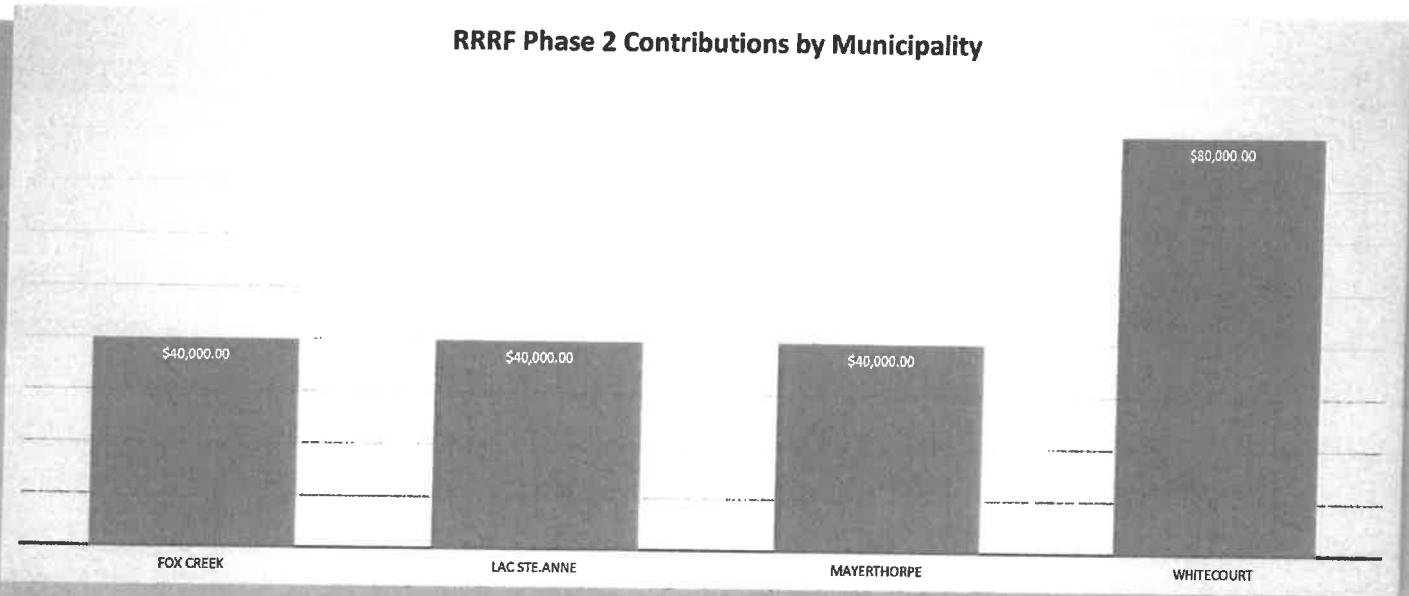
## RRRF Phase 1 Contributions by Municipality





# CFYE Phase II Regional Relief & Recovery Fund

**RRRF Phase 2 Contributions by Municipality**

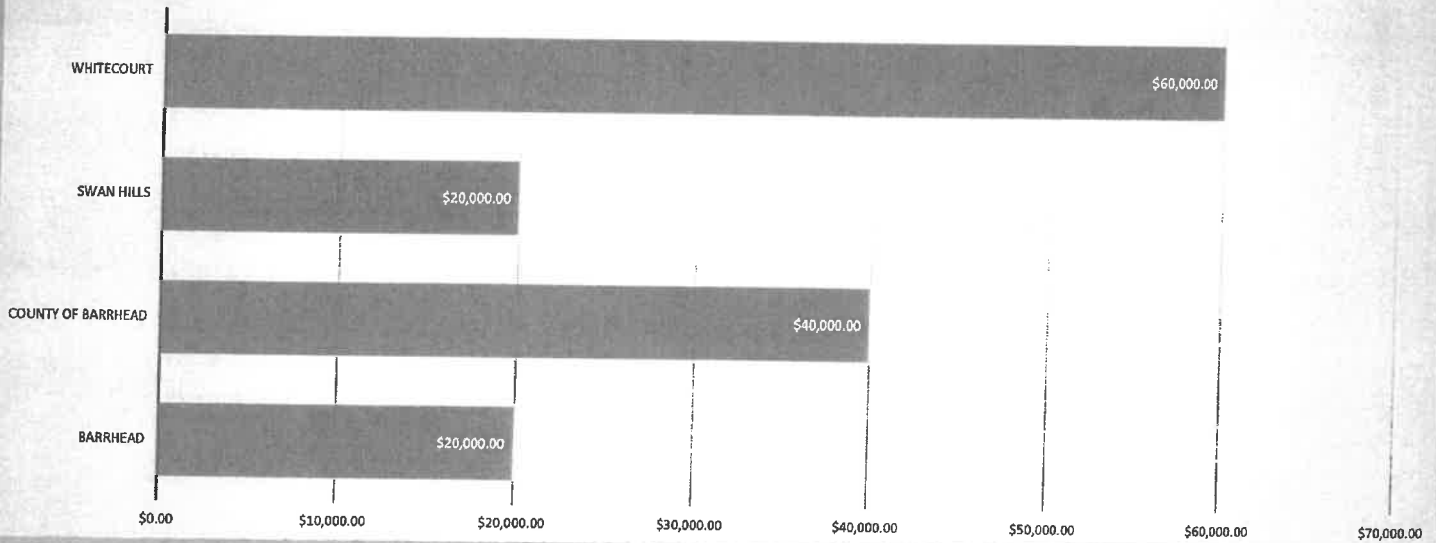






# CFYE Regional Relief & Recovery Top-Up Loans

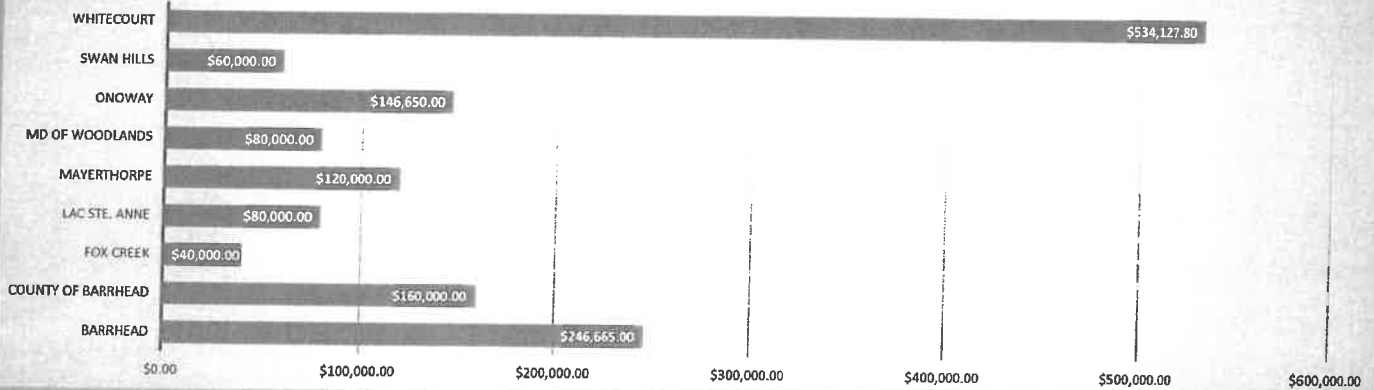
**RRRF Expansion Contributions by Municipality**





## CFYE RRRF Loans By Municipality

**Total RRRF Loan Contributions by Municipality**

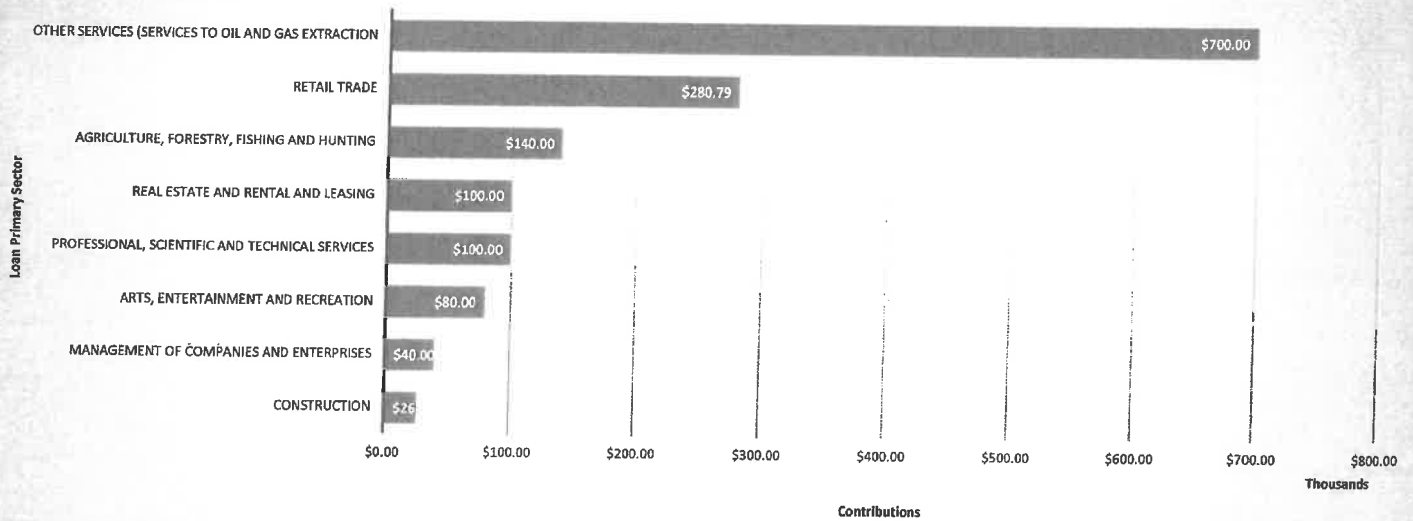


RRRF Loan Criteria was provided by Western Diversification. Extensive effort went into sharing this information throughout the entire CFYE region, in an effort to encourage all eligible SMEs to apply. Approvals were based on the applications received and the ability to meet the defined criteria.



# CFYE RRRF Loan Investment By Industry Sector

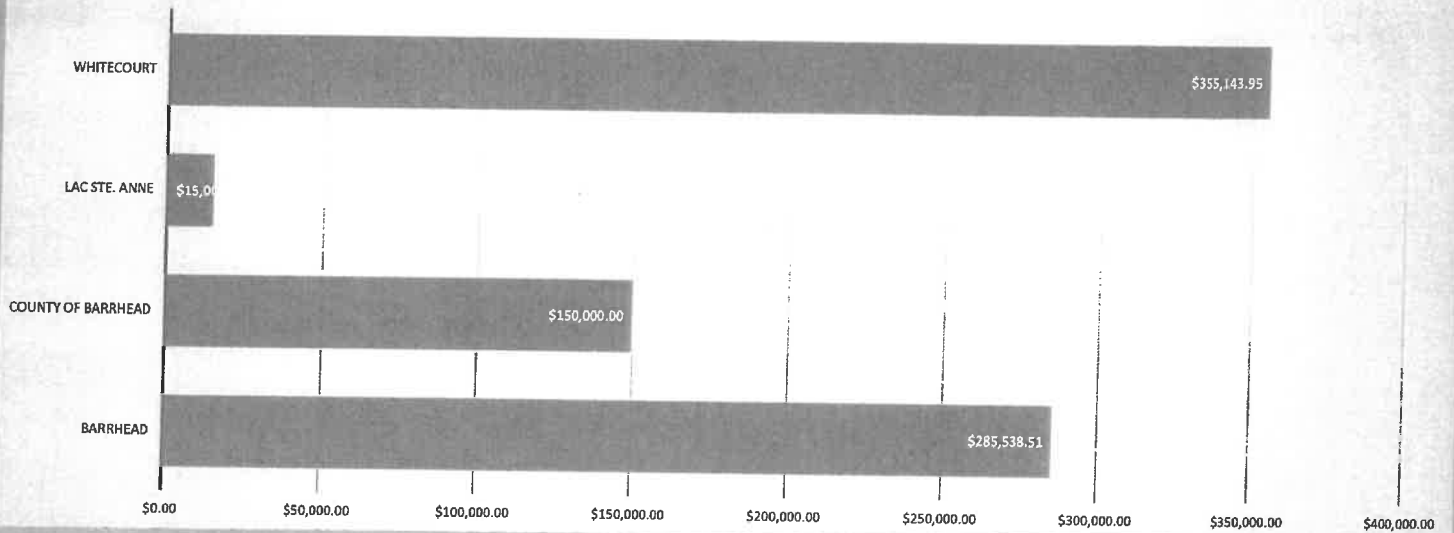
**Total RRRF Loans by Industry Sector**





## Current Loan Portfolio

**Term Loan Dollars Invested by Region**





## 2020, A Year In Review

- Yearly Minimum Performance Standards are set by Western Diversification (WD)
- Yearly Goals and Objectives are set by CFYE Board of Directors
- Yearly Performance Goals are set by CFYE Management and Staff as to how the goals and objectives outlined by WD and the Board will be met



## 2020 Strategic Goals Identified

### **2020: Top 3 Strategic Goals Approved for WD**

- Solid Policy & Procedures development
- Increase Awareness to CFYE services including strategic alignment with municipal economic development committees
- Loans - increase the number, type, quality, and maintain current loan portfolio



## 2020 Strategic Goals & Outcomes

### **WD Minimum Performance Standard Requirements**

- 4 new Community Based Programs
  - Rural Opportunities Fund (ROF) project Workshops & Business Survey
  - Whitecourt Task Force project
  - Shopify Workshops
  - Lunch n' Learns
  - COVID-19 Accountant Resource Workshops



## 2020 Strategic Goals & Outcomes

### **WD Minimum Performance Standard Requirements**

- 2 Strategic Planning sessions
  - Woodlands County (*complete*)
  - Onoway Chamber of Commerce (*in progress*)
  - Town of Swan Hills (*in progress*)
- MPI: 100 Business Training sessions - 652.15
- MPI: 300 Business Advisory services - 432.7





## 2020 Strategic Goals & Outcomes

### **WD Minimum Performance Standard Requirement - 8 Loans Minimum \$400,000**

- 2 Classic Loans at 7% interest
- 2 loan clients consolidated Loans
- 36+ RRRF Loans - Phase I,II,III
- 2 Loans in Arrears or Declared Bankruptcy
- 1 Loan Paid in Full or Early Pay Out



## 2021/22 Minimum Performance Standards

### **2021: Top 3 Strategic Goals Identified For WD**

- COVID-19 Business Recovery Support
- Increased and Maintained Loan Portfolio
- Strategic Planning Facilitation



## 2021/22 CFYE Operational Plans

### **STRATEGIC GOAL #1 - COVID-19 Business Recovery Support**

Identify, develop and implement through partnerships - tools and resources for SME's, with specific attention to COVID-19 business, economic resilience and recovery of the CFYE region, with WD priority pillars aligning where possible.

#### **CFYE COVID-19 Business Recovery Operational Plans**

- Phase II Whitecourt Task Force Projects
- CFYE Regional Programming
- New Loan Product Awareness



## 2021-22 CFYE Operational Plans

### **STRATEGIC GOAL #2 - Loan Portfolio Development & Maintenance**

MPI: 8 new loans, administration and maintenance of RRRF loans, administer Youth Loan program, increased efforts to attract loans that fall within WD priority sectors.

#### **CFYE Loan Portfolio Development & Maintenance Operational Plans**

- Youth Loan Program
- Female Incubator Loans
- Current Intake Clients
- Mobile/Satellite Office
- Succession Planning
- Virtual Training



## 2021/22 CFYE Operational Plans

### **STRATEGIC GOAL #3 - Strategic Planning Facilitation Sessions**

Increase Strategic Planning offerings, regional economic development partnerships

#### **CFYE Strategic Planning Operational Plans**

- Development of branded Strategic Planning materials
- Obtain Testimonials from past stakeholders (Woodlands County, Town of Swan Hills)
- Strategic Planning Sessions - GOAL of 2



## 2021/22 CFYE Project Partnership Opportunities

### **Lemonade Day Northern Alberta**

#### June 19, 2021 - Partnership Requirements

- Request municipality sponsors Local Entrepreneur Of The Year contest, valued at \$500
- Request municipality distributes promotional materials provided
- Request municipality provides available space for Training Session, free of charge
- Request municipality provides minimum of 3 Volunteers on the day of the event to Judge and Award CONTEST 1 'Best Tasting Lemonade', and Judge for CONTESTS 2 and 3
- Request municipality assigns 1 Council member to assist CFYE with a media opportunity to Award CONTEST 2 'Best Stand' and CONTEST 3 'Local Entrepreneur Of The Year'



## 2021/22 CFYE Project Partnership Opportunities

### **Youth & Student Entrepreneur Interest-Free Loans**

#### Program Highlights

- Student Entrepreneur Loan, \$1000 - \$5000 for ages 15-24, provides start-up capital for a student-run business combined with advice and mentorship to get the business up and running. Full and part-time students
- Youth Entrepreneur Loan, up to \$15000 for ages 16-29, for start-up capital, expansion or modernization



## 2021/22 CFYE Project Partnership Opportunities

### **CFYE Regional Business Resiliency & Diversification Initiative Partnership Fund**

#### Program highlights

- Matching grant partnership fund - \$70,000 fund created, municipalities can apply to partner on support programs for local SMEs
- Leverage other partners in providing innovative solutions and opportunities for resilience, and SMEs within the region looking to diversify or remain resilient throughout the recovery phase





Conclusion

THANK YOU

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH US AT ANY TIME AT  
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**From:** Charity Vollmann <cvollmann@albertacf.com>  
**Sent:** April 9, 2021 4:15 PM  
**To:** Charity Vollmann  
**Subject:** Re: NORTHERN ALBERTA LEMONADE DAY- JUNE 19, 2021- SPONSOR A PARTICIPANT OR LEMONADE DAY CONTEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY  
**Attachments:** Sponsorship Packet 2021 (1).pdf

My apologies, I forgot to include the sponsorship package. It is attached above as well.

Best regards,

Charity Vollmann  
Administrative Assistant and Projects Coordinator

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**From:** Charity Vollmann <cvollmann@albertacf.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 9, 2021 4:12 PM  
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**Subject:** NORTHERN ALBERTA LEMONADE DAY- JUNE 19, 2021- SPONSOR A PARTICIPANT OR LEMONADE DAY CONTEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Dear community partners,

It's that time of year again, and Community Futures Yellowhead East needs your help to continue providing this valuable opportunity that teaches kids the skills they need to be successful in life. With your sponsorship, we are able to continue providing this opportunity free of charge to local youth.

Please find attached, above and below, the details about Lemonade Day and the benefits of becoming a local sponsor.



**Sponsors will receive the following for their sponsorship:**

- **Sponsor's logo will be going on the Lemonade Day Northern Alberta website**
- **Sponsors will get shout-outs on the Lemonade Day Northern Alberta Facebook page**
- **Sponsors will get shout-outs on Community Futures Yellowhead East's social platforms: Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram**
- **Sponsor recognition during their local training Sessions**
- **The reward of knowing you may have just helped to inspire the next best Local Entrepreneur!**

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have and THANK YOU for considering this opportunity.

Warm regards,

Charity Vollmann  
Administrative Assistant and Projects Coordinator



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**SPONSORSHIP  
PACKET**

*😊 Lemonade Day!*

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# OUR MISSION...

To help today's youth become  
the business leading, social  
advocated, community  
volunteers and forward-  
thinking citizens of  
tomorrow.

# Lemonade Day!

NORTHERN ALBERTA



## What is Lemonade Day?

Lemonade Day is an event that teaches kids the skills they need to be successful in life. Kids learn to set goals, develop a business plan, establish a budget, seek investors, provide customer service, save for the future, and give back to the community. Lemonade Day Northern Alberta is the perfect opportunity for our community to get engaged, demonstrate enthusiasm and show kids they care - as well as train the next generation of entrepreneurs through a free, fun, engaging, and empowering activity.

## When is it?

Lemonade Day Northern Alberta will take place on Saturday, June 19, 2021\*.

*\*CFYE is following guidance and guidelines implemented by Canada Public Health and Alberta Health. Adjustments will be made to the program as required. The safety of our kids, parents, staff and communities is our top priority.*

## Who can participate?

Youth of all ages, pre-K through high school, can register to set up an official Lemonade Day stand. Registration will commence on March 1, 2021 and will close June 1, 2021. In addition, community support from schools, youth organizations, and local businesses is essential to the success of Lemonade Day Northern Alberta.

## How does it work?

Once a child is registered they receive a backpack with an informational workbook that outlines the steps needed to start a business: setting a goal, creating a business plan, forming a budget, finding an investor, saving money, and donating a portion back to their community.



## Resources For Success



**CHILD WORKBOOKS** These fun and informative workbooks include easy to follow lessons to help you create, build, and run a successful business AND for Mentors to help make their child's Lemonade Day a huge success!



**TRAINING SESSION** Join us for the Kids + Mentor Training Sessions and get one-on-one help from a local entrepreneur.



**YOUTUBE** Lookup "Lemonade Day" on YouTube where there is a collection of great videos for training and ideas.



## Mark Your Calendar



- MARCH 1** ● Registration opens  
**JUNE 1** ● Last day to register

<b>Fox Creek</b> May 10	<b>Mayerthorpe</b> May 12	<b>Onoway</b> May 18
<b>Swan Hills</b> May 19	<b>Whitecourt</b> May 25	<b>Barrhead</b> May 26
<b>Fort Assiniboine</b> June 1		

## How Can I Get Involved?

Everyone is welcome to be involved with Lemonade Day Northern Alberta. The organizing committee is looking for sponsors, mentors, and volunteers to make Lemonade Day Northern Alberta a success! Lemonade Day entrepreneurs, the kids in our community, will be looking for investors, a place to set up their stands, and customers to support their first business! Lemonade Day Northern Alberta is a not-for-profit organization with all funds collected through local donations and sponsorship used directly to support Lemonade Day Northern Alberta.

## What Does A Participant Do?

- Fill out the online registration form before June 1st (no registration fees)
- Pick up a Lemonade Day backpack at your Training Session (free, more details at: [lemonadeday.org/Northern-Alberta](http://lemonadeday.org/Northern-Alberta))
- Ask your mentor to download the Lemonade Day App onto their phone
- Ask your mentor to "like" Lemonade Day Northern Alberta on Facebook
- Complete the entrepreneur workbook with your mentor (included in your Lemonade Day backpack)
- Choose a location, get permission and tell Lemonade Day Northern Alberta where you'll be setting up (see "Brand your stand" [lemonadeday.org/Northern-Alberta](http://lemonadeday.org/Northern-Alberta))
- Build your lemonade stand
- Buy supplies for Lemonade Day
- Enter lemonade recipe for the Best Tasting Lemonade Contest (optional)
- Sell lots of lemonade on Saturday June 19, 2021\*
- Repay investors
- Complete the Business Results and Accounting Worksheet from your workbook
- Save a little, spend a little and share a little back to your favorite charity
- Enter to win Area and National Lemonade Day contests

## Parent / Mentor Commitment

- Pick up the Lemonade Day backpack with your entrepreneur and sign registration / waiver form
- Work with your child to go through the Lemonade Entrepreneur Workbook
- Attend the Training Session with your entrepreneur
- Support your entrepreneur on Lemonade Day

**CONTEST SPONSORSHIP**

**\$500** LOCAL  
**ENTREPRENEUR**  
**OF THE YEAR**  
**CONTEST**  
**SPONSOR**

- Recognition as presenting sponsor of Local Entrepreneur of the Year through event signage, marketing materials, social media promotion and awards in area
- Logo on website

**\$250** LOCAL  
**BEST TASTING**  
**LEMONADE**  
**CONTEST**  
**SPONSOR**

- Recognition as presenting sponsor of Local Best Tasting Lemonade Contest through event signage, marketing materials, social media promotion and awards in area
- Logo on website

**\$250** LOCAL  
**BEST STAND**  
**CONTEST**  
**SPONSOR**

- Recognition as presenting sponsor of Local Best Stand Contest through all event signage, all event marketing, social media promotions and awards in area
- Logo on website



**PARTICIPANT SPONSORSHIP**

**\$50**

**SPONSOR A  
PARTICIPANT**

- Give a youth the chance to participate in our program!
- There are no registration fees for a participant to attend and we want to keep it that way!
- The continuation of our program into the future, depends on donations like this.

The success of Lemonade Day  
relies on members of the  
community coming together  
for a common purpose -  
to train the next generation of  
entrepreneurs, civic leaders  
and engaged citizens.

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT**





**Proposal for the Village of Alberta Beach**



Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal from Sunsplashed Adventures to open a rental center on the main beach at Alberta Beach.

Sunsplashed Adventures [www.sunsplashed.com](http://www.sunsplashed.com) is a franchised outdoor adventure sports company specializing in power assisted equipment. We have assembled a suite of products that are not often found in other rental locations, of which some are proprietary (patented). There are currently product test locations operating in Hawaii, Turks and Caicos, Roatan and Costa Rica. Several additional US locations were to open in 2020, but have been delayed due to COVID related restrictions. A full Sunsplashed Adventure Center is located in Boulder City NV where customers from the Las Vegas Strip will be able to come and enjoy activities on Lake Mead as well as on the trails surrounding the lake. Although we are an Alberta based company, we currently don't have any Canadian locations, but are looking to add a corporate location this summer.

We have a variety of water and land based equipment that is chosen for each location based on the suitability of the area. Most of our locations have power assist paddle boards, kayaks, mountain and cruiser style e-bikes along with conventional style kayaks and paddle boards. Depending on the suitability of the location other options are available such as powered snorkel boards, One Wheel, powered surf boards, hydrofoils, water trampolines and various other inflatables.

Each Sunsplashed Adventures location is housed in an off grid modular structure. Our proprietary buildings are powered by solar panels and outfitted with battery banks to allow all of our equipment to recharge overnight and be ready for the following days' rentals. We do not require any utility tie ins at our locations and can be easily relocated at the end of the season, or at any other time should an urgent need arise.

One of our partner companies is Alberta Cycle/Ecko Marine. Along with the new management and ownership at Ecko Marine, we are committed to making Alberta Beach a premiere recreational destination in the Edmonton area with conventional powersports activities and by adding a focus on new, emerging activities such as e

bikes and scooters and other assisted products to appeal to a demographic not able to participate in existing activities in the area. Many of the users of our electric assisted equipment are seniors or other people with reduced mobility who would not otherwise have the confidence to participate in the activities they are now able to enjoy.

Our affiliation with Ecko Marine will allow us to minimize our footprint on the lakefront and still meet the needs of our clients. With the ability to shuttle equipment between the lakefront location and Ecko Marine we will take up the least amount of space possible but still offer the best experience to the beach users.

Since Sunsplashed Adventures is a franchise, we have the ability to market our locations, and our partner locations in ways that other rental locations cannot. Another sister company to Sunsplashed Adventures is Loknow [www.loknow.com](http://www.loknow.com) which allows us the ability to focus our marketing efforts on specific demographics and use location based information to target our audience and bring them to us. We have captured data that allows us to know where our likely customers are and what else they are doing to be very precise in our marketing efforts. This will be of benefit to not only Sunsplashed and Ecko, but the community of Alberta Beach as a whole.

Our founders, Scott Hendrickson and Kirk Duffee, have both run large and small companies in the past as well as having a track record of successful new business openings. This is not an operation that will flounder or reflect negatively on your municipality.

Our Proposal to Village of Alberta Beach:

- Sunsplashed Adventures will sign a contract, based on mutually agreeable terms, for a location to place our 8x20 solar powered modular structure on the main beach.
- We will promote our location as "Sunsplashed Adventures Alberta Beach" in all social media and marketing efforts.
- We will use our marketing and social media channels to promote local events, to the extent they happen this year.

We look forward to discussing this proposal further. I can be reached by phone at 403-861-7800 or by email at [scott@sunsplashed.com](mailto:scott@sunsplashed.com).

Regards,

Scott Hendrickson

PRODUCTS & RENTALS

# ReImagine Adventure!

Sunsplashed Adventures' Powered Recreational Equipment offers a completely unique adventure experience for everyone to enjoy. Fun, safe, and environmentally-friendly, this is an experience you can't miss out on!

# HARNESSING THE POWER OF THE SUN

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All of our recreational equipment is electric and powered by the sun. We use solar panels to recharge our batteries, which in turn charge each piece of equipment. This clean technology and reduced carbon footprint profile make them a safe option for both riders and the environment.

FULLY  
POWERED  
SNORKEL  
BOARDS

**Reimagine the  
power of**

## snorkeling!

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Sunsplashed Adventures' Powered Snorkel Boards offer a completely unique ocean experience for everyone to enjoy. It's just like snorkeling, but with less hassle and more fun! All of our patented Powered Snorkel Boards are powered completely by the sun. The 10-foot-long boards closely resemble paddleboards, but they're specially designed to allow for comfortable viewing from a custom window that looks into the water. Fun, safe, and environmentally-friendly, this is an experience you can't miss out on!

POWER  
ASSISTED  
KAYAKS

**Reimagine  
excitement!**

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Your next kayaking adventure awaits, but it's better than ever! Explore tropical hideaways, get up close to wildlife on the banks of a secluded lake, or relax on the water under a sizzling sunset. With power-assisted kayaks from Sunsplashed Adventures, you don't need to cut the excitement short or go home with aching arms. Enjoy a light workout, then flip on your cruising mode so you can sit back and fully experience the intoxicating sights, sounds, and smells that surround you.

POWER-  
ASSISTED  
PADDLEBOARDS

**Reimagine  
cruising!**

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Imagine cruising directly over brightly coloured flora and fauna on the seafloor with a complete bird's eye view (and

all without getting wet!) The entire family can enjoy this completely unique experience on virtually any calm body of water. Plus, you can extend the adventure with a little boost from Sunsplashed Adventures' Power Assisted Paddleboards. Enjoy the gentle dip of your paddle in the water, or use the power assist technology to explore a wider variety of landscapes in less time as you cruise from location to location.

## ELECTRIC SURFBOARDS

Reimagine the  
ride!

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Whether you're new to surfing or you've hit the waves on every coastline imaginable, there's a brand-new surfing experience to be found among the swell of the waves. Electric surfboards from Sunsplashed Adventures help you catch

more waves than ever before. They can also give you a boost when the wind and waves just won't cooperate, so you don't have to miss out on your chance to build your skills. Plus, our boards are environmentally friendly and fully surfer-dude approved.

POWER-  
ASSISTED  
BIKES

**Reimagine  
exploration!**

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Enjoying the full experience of a new city or countryside isn't the same when you're hopping on and off a bus or riding in the back of a taxi. Bicycles offer you a more authentic experience and allow you to get around, while also making time for those random stops that turn into the best memories. Luckily, you no longer have to spend all

of your energy on a day of biking. Sunsplashed Adventures' electric bicycle gives you a boost of power and speed so you can skip the big hills, stay cool and comfortable, and still have the energy for exploring the next day. Power-assisted e-bikes are also perfect for anyone in your party who is elderly or physically restricted but still wants to be included in the excitement.

**An Investment in the Life You've Always Wanted.  
Contact us today to get started.**

**Contact Us**

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ALBERTA BEACH  
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
BEING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AGENDA ADDITIONS
3. AGENDA ADOPTION
4. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Request for Decision – Development Permit Application #21DP14-01  
Lot 5A, Block 13. Plan 3321BQ (4712 - 52 Street)  
Application to allow for a 1.52 m (5 ft.) high fence and gate beyond the dwelling within the front yard.
5. ADJOURNMENT

**CAO REPORT – ACTION LIST**

**MARCH 2021**

**COUNCIL:**

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS – TO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING FOR ATTACHMENT TO THE MINUTES.

**ALBERTA BEACH BOAT LAUNCH – LOC (LICENCE OF OCCUPATION):**

July 21/20 A letter was received from Minister Nixon of AEP regarding the A.B. boat launch confirming AEP does not have a grant program & Alberta Beach as the disposition holder is responsible for the maintenance & operations, further regarding the collection of fees a written request to amend the LOC must be submitted for their consideration.  
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict to forward a written request to Alberta Environment and Parks to request the Alberta Beach Boat Launch LOC be amended to allow for charging user fees.  
Sept.15/20 Letter was sent to AEP to request amendment to LOC.  
Feb.16/21 CAO reported Request to amend LOC sent to AEP Aug.20-20/Follow-up email sent to AEP Dec.3-20/Phone message to AEP Feb.5-21/ Phone message to AEP Feb.9-21/Follow-up email sent to AEP Feb.9/21. No response received.  
Mar.16/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the correspondence from Alberta Environment & Parks advising that the Alberta Beach Boat Launch LOC conditions does not prohibit the collection of fees for maintenance purposes and therefore does not require an amendment be accepted for information and forwarded to the Ste. Anne Recreational Lake Use Committee (SARLUC).

**BOAT LAUNCH & MAIN BEACH PARKS MAINTENANCE POLICY:**

Oct.15/19 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council develop a Boat Launch and Main Beach Parks Maintenance Policy to define a parks maintenance program for the boat launch park and main beach park and further that the policy include any requirements for regulatory authorizations and approvals. (2 maintenance policies)

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – LOT 3, BLOCK 9, PLAN 3321BQ:**

Aug.14/18 Development Agreement Deposit has been received. (D.O. was advised)  
Sept.18/18 Sidewalks/ramp was completed/admin will invoice or deduct from deposit.(Invoice was deducted from deposit)  
June 18/19 Development Agreement has been forwarded to D.O. (Development is ongoing)  
Dec. 15/20 Development Officer is following up on the development.  
Feb.16/21 Development Officer provided an update on outstanding items scheduled for completion by Aug. 2021.

**BYLAW #257-18 UNTIDY & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES BYLAW:**

June 18/19 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council direct the Development Authority to revise Bylaw #257-18 strictly for unsightly premises and further develop a Bylaw strictly for property maintenance.  
July16/19 D.O. has drafted bylaws & forwarded to patrol for comments. (Patrol forwarded to admin for comments)  
Sept.17/19 CPO requested Bylaw 257-18 remain as is and additional bylaw be created to deal with grass & weeds only.  
Nov.19/19 D.O. has submitted a draft bylaw for CPO to review. CPO is requesting further changes.  
Sept.15/20 Bylaw sent to Patriot Law for review. (Patriot Law will be drafting bylaw)

**AFRRCS (ALBERTA FIRST RESPONDERS RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM) AGREEMENT:**

Apr.21/20 Town of Mayerthorpe has terminated the Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System (AFRRCS) third party agreements as the agreements for the use of the radios must be directly with the province.  
Apr.21/20 Alberta Beach has submitted a request to the Province for an agreement on the AFRRCS radios.  
Sept.15/20 MOVED BY Councillor Love that the AFRRCS (Alberta First Responders Radio Communications System) Access Agreement be approved.  
Oct.20/20 Agreement was signed & returned and Patrol has completed application process for their use. AFRRCS mtg with Emergency Mgmt group scheduled for Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. (meeting was held – waiting for further information)  
Jan.19/21 Meeting is scheduled with AFRRCS for Jan.27<sup>th</sup>. Meeting was rescheduled to Feb.25<sup>th</sup> due to covid restrictions.  
Mar.16/21 Meeting was re-scheduled to March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**ABADASA – BALL DIAMOND FENCING:**

Oct.20/20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council agree in principle with the cost share proposal from ABADASA (Alberta Beach & District Amateur Ball Association) to increase the height of the ball diamond outfield fences and further that the CAO contact ABADASA for further discussion.  
Nov.17/20 ABADASA sent letter to LSAC to request their participation on the fence upgrade project.  
Jan.19/21 ABADASA forwarded a letter received from Lac Ste. Anne County advising on their approval of \$14,000.00 to the Alberta Beach ball diamond fence upgrade.

**ACP (ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP) PROGRAM GRANT – REGIONALIZATION STUDY:**

Oct.20/20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approve to partner with Lac Ste. Anne County in an Alberta Community Partnership Program (ACP) application for an Alberta Beach and Area Regionalization Study; that Alberta Beach be the managing partner; that Lac Ste. Anne County be advised that Alberta Beach Council has approved to partner in an application; and further that letters be sent to the Summer Villages of Sunset Point and Val Quentin to invite their participation. (LSA County agreed to partner in ACP Application Sept'20)

Nov.17/20 Letters were sent to LSAC, SVSP & SVVQ. ACP Applications opened Nov.17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Dec.15/20 SVSP CAO has advised they will not be participating as they are working on an ACP application to look into regionalization of summer villages.

Jan.19/21 A letter was received from the S.V. of Val Quentin advising that they will not be participating with Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County in the ACP Grant application for an Alberta Beach and area Regionalization Study.

Jan.19/21 Admin has submitted the ACP grant application for the Alberta Beach & Area Regionalization Study.

**MUNICIPAL STIMULUS PROGRAM – ALBERTA BEACH STORM OUTFALL PROJECT:**

Jan.19/21 Bolson Engineering reported that 3 tenders were received for the Alberta Beach Storm Outfall Project as follows: Rockhill Contracting \$101,430.00; Roadbridge Services \$167,755.35; and TCL Construction \$352,800.00.

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approve to award the Alberta Beach Storm Outfall Project to the low bidder, Rockhill Contracting in the amount of \$101,430.00 including gst to be funded through the Municipal Stimulus Program.

Feb.16/21 Project started today. Admin is posting information on project & road closures or detours.

Mar.16/21 Project nearing completion, installing catch basins.

**SWITCH/ALBERTA BEACH WIFI DISTRIBUTION AGR. & SWITCH EQUIPMENT LOCATION AGREEMENT:**

Feb.16/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Alberta Beach provide Switch Incorporated written notice of termination of the Switch/Alberta Beach Wifi Distribution Agreement and further provide written notice of non-renewal of the Switch Incorporated Equipment Location Agreement by providing 60 days notice rather than the required 30 days notice.

**BYLAW #282-21 – ALBERTA BEACH AND LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY ICF BYLAW:**

Mar.16/21 Bylaw #282-21, being a bylaw to adopt the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne County received third & final reading.

**BYLAW #283-21 – ALBERTA BEACH AND THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT ICF BYLAW:**

Mar.16/21 Bylaw #283-21, being a bylaw to adopt the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between Alberta Beach and the Summer Village of Sunset Point received third & final reading.

**BYLAW #284-21 – ALBERTA BEACH AND THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN ICF BYLAW:**

Mar.16/21 Bylaw #284-21, being a bylaw to adopt the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between Alberta Beach and the Summer Village of Val Quentin received third & final reading.

**AUMA / AMSC – NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION OPPORTUNITY 2022-2026:**

Mar.16/21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council approve to participate in the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association AMSC Natural Gas Aggregation Procurement Opportunity for 2022-2026.

**RMA INSURANCE – GENESIS RECIPROCAL INSURANCE EXCHANGE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

Mar.16/21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve to appoint Duane Gladden, Director of Business Services of the RMA and Genesis Principal Attorney to act as proxy on behalf of Alberta Beach at the Annual General Meeting of Genesis being held on April 8, 2021.

**ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – BEACHWAVE PARK:**

Mar.16/21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the letter from the Alberta Beach & District Agricultural Society regarding their interest in managing Beachwave Park be accepted for information and further that the Beachwave Park Stakeholders Committee be advised that a formal letter of interest has been received to manage the park and therefore request that a stakeholder committee meeting be scheduled with the Mayor and the Ag Society President for further discussion.

**CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES COMMISSION – APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mar.16/21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Assessment Review Board members be appointed as follows: ARB Chairperson – Raymond Ralph; ARB Clerk – Richard Barham; and ARB Panelists – Darlene Chartrand, Tina Groszko, Stewart Hennig, Richard Knowles and Raymond Ralph.

**CAO Report – Request for Council Motion**

Further to previous discussions administration would like to apply for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) for a \$50,000.00 grant. The funding would enable Alberta Beach to complete an inspection of municipal infrastructure as well as a 10 year capital plan update.

Attached is an outline of what we anticipate the project to include. Also attached is information on the FCM Municipal Asset Management Grants. Bolson Engineering will assist in the completion of the grant application and if we are successful will provide the engineering to complete the project.

The funding provided by FCM is 90% with the municipality providing a matching 10%.

Estimated Budget:

FCM – MAMP Grant	\$50,000.00
Alberta Beach	<u>\$ 5,600.00</u>
Total Project	\$55,600.00

**The following is the required Council Resolution for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP):**

**Motion:**

Be it resolved that Council directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Municipal Asset Management Program for a Infrastructure Assessment – Asset Evaluation & Planning Project.

Be therefore resolved that Alberta Beach commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:

- Activity 1 Inspection of Municipal Infrastructure
- Activity 2 Update 10 Year Capital Plan

Be it further resolved that Alberta Beach commits \$5,600.00 from its budget toward the costs of this initiative.



**Alberta Beach Infrastructure Assessment – Asset Evaluation & Planning Project**  
**FCM - Municipal Assessment Management Program (MAMP)**

**Project to include:**

**Road Management Plan:**

A complete Road Infrastructure Management Report which includes a listing of all roads within the municipality;

The length & width and travelled area of roads;

The condition & material of all roads;

All associated maps & drawings;

Updated surveys as required; and

A 10 year Rehabilitation Management Plan which will include all the above as well as future plan & budget for rehabilitation.

The grant would also allow us to do some core samples to determine the substructure of various roads. These reports would be input into an asset management software program (Muni-sight).

**Storm Water Management Plan:**

A complete Storm Water Management Plan would include an updated listing of all storm drainage Infrastructure within the municipality;

Update of underground storm water infrastructure, culvert inventory and drainage ditches;

Addition of drainage drawings to indentify design solutions for areas without drainage infrastructure;

Final maps & drawings of all drainage requirements, culverts, ditches & underground storm piping systems;

Updated surveys as required;

Rehabilitation Management & Maintenance Plan; and

A 10 year Rehabilitation Management Plan which will include all the above and future plan & budget for rehabilitation.

These reports would be input into an asset management software program (Muni-sight).



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MUNICIPAL ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

## Asset management grants for municipalities

Municipalities deliver essential services and infrastructure that support Canadians' quality of life. From the roads and bridges that keep people and goods moving, to the treatment plants that make our water safe to drink, local governments are building better lives for residents.

We are offering grants to help your municipality strengthen its asset management practices. This will help you make the most of every

infrastructure dollar. It will help you secure the future of your transportation systems, drinking water and wastewater systems, buildings and other key infrastructure. It will equip you to continue providing your community with reliable services and a high quality of life.

FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) funding will be especially helpful if you are a small or medium-sized community.

Watch this brief video to learn more about this our funding and determine whether your municipality qualifies, then read our application guide below for details on how to apply.

Are you ready to apply for asset management funding?



Transcript

## Who do we fund?

### Canadian municipal governments

Apply on your own or team up with another municipality to qualify for an increased percentage of funding support. You can apply if you've previously received MAMP funding, but read the **application guide** for details on second-time applicants. Quebec applicants must submit their application to Quebec's **Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation** first.

**municipal partners** (applying in association with a municipal government):

- A municipally owned corporation
- A regional, provincial or territorial organization delivering municipal services
- An Indigenous community with an infrastructure-related, shared service agreement with a municipal government
- A not-for-profit organization that focuses on municipal services

## Which projects do we fund?

We fund a broad spectrum of asset management-related activities:

- Asset management assessments
- Development of asset management plans, policies and strategies
- Asset-related data collection and reporting
- Asset management training and organizational development
- Knowledge transfer around asset management

Don't see your project listed here? Contact us to discuss the possibilities.

## Deadline to apply

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We accept applications year-round. There is no deadline to submit an application, however grants are subject to fund availability. **This call for applications will close when the funding has been allocated.**

Projects must be completed within 12 months of receiving your funding approval notice.

## How much funding is available?

- 80% of total eligible project costs, to a maximum of \$50,000 for individual applications
- 90% of total eligible project costs, to a maximum of \$50,000 for applicants:
  - With 1,000 citizens or less
  - Who are an Indigenous community with a shared service agreement

- Who are one of two or more applicants applying to complete a collaborative project

## What's the application process?

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1. **Download and read the application guide.**
2. **Then download and read the Asset Management Readiness Scale (PDF), and complete the Asset Management Readiness scale self-assessment tool (excel file).** Your project should help your municipality improve in at least one of the five competencies described in this document.
3. **Next, if you require assistance, contact an FCM advisor.** They can answer any questions you may have about your application:  
  
1-877-997-9926 | 613-907-6208 | [programs@fcm.ca](mailto:programs@fcm.ca)
4. **Finally, download and complete your application form and submit, including the following documents (*please open these links using Internet Explorer*) :**
  - Asset Management Readiness Scale self-assessment (using this template)
  - A Workplan and Budget (using this template)
  - A resolution from your council, band council or board of directors (see a sample resolution)
  - A letter of support from your partner municipality if you're a non-municipal applicant (see a sample letter of support)
  - Evidence of your commitment to cooperate with each partner, if you're a municipality that's applying for a collaborative project with other municipalities (see a sample letter of commitment).

***Important note about the application form:*** Please use Internet Explorer when you click to open the Application form. You will need to download the form to your computer (even if the file appears blank when you open it online). Once the PDF form is downloaded, please open it using Adobe Reader. When you are ready to submit your application form, you may receive an error message, to successfully submit the form you must

*select "trust this document one time only" and click the "Submit" button in the your application form.*

## What comes next?

**Are you looking for inspiration for projects or resources that can help you to develop your asset management approach? Check out these resources.**



**Tips for working**

**Tool: Starting the**

## with an asset management consultant

Is your municipality thinking of hiring an asset management consultant? Discover tips that help you avoid challenges, get the most value and articulate what you need to make your project a success.

LEARN MORE

## asset management conversation in your municipality

Share our ready-to-use, customizable presentation with your municipal council to raise awareness of asset management and its value to your community.

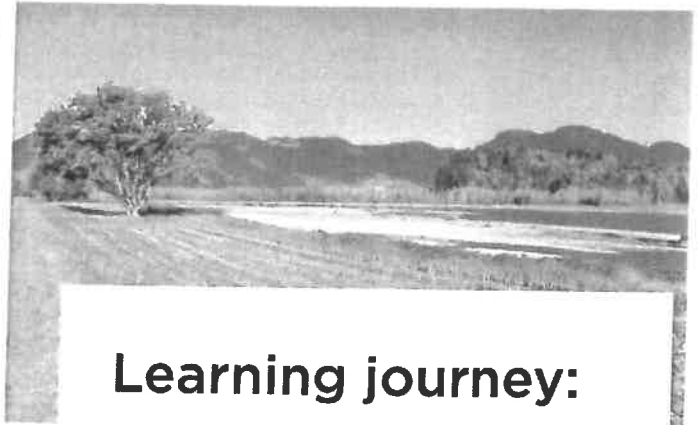
DOWNLOAD THE TOOL



### Guide: Getting started with asset management in your municipality

Download the guide now and see how this tool can help your municipality get started on building asset management practices.

READ THE GUIDE



### Learning journey: Climate resilience and asset management

Discover how your community can combine its climate action and asset management approaches, with our learning journey. Watch a video and read our easy-to-understand factsheets and guide.

TAKE THE JOURNEY



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# **Financial Report**

## **March 31, 2021**

BALANCE SHEET	Beg:000000000	End:31Mar2021	Type: A	C U	Name
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>CASH ON HAND:</b>					
CASH REGISTER FLOAT	100.00		1		A111
CASH ON HAND - PETTY CASH	100.00		1		A112
BANK	420,342.63		1		A121
INVESTED CASH - TERM DEPOSIT	0.00		1		A122
BANK T-BILL SAVINGS #25	969,429.34		1		A125
BANK CUSTOM PLAN #26 (1.3M)	0.00		1		A126
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>		<b>1,389,971.97</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>TOTC</b>
<b>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:</b>					
TAXES & GRANTS-IN-LIEU REC	3,362.94		1		A210
<b>RECEIVABLE FROM OTHER GOVTS:</b>					
GST COLLECTED\PAID OUT-A230	5,353.95		1		A230
ITC	221.49		1		A231
GST SHARED SERVICES - A232	0.00		1		A232
CONDITIONAL PROV GRANTS	0.00		1		A248
RECEIVABLE OTHER LOCAL GOVT:	0.00		1		A250
ADMIN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	14,955.93		1		A270
ADMIN RECEIVABLE - AFDA	4,162.73		1		A275
TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	0.00		1		A271
ALL OTHER RECEIVABLES	220,000.00		1		A290
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b>		<b>239,731.58</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>TAR</b>
<b>PREPAID EXPENSES</b>					
REQUISITION UNDER\OVER LEVY	11,856.62		1		A413
SUPPLIES INVENTORY	11,095.40		1		A164
TAX SALE SURPLUS (BANK ACCT.)	0.00		1		A474
LAND HELD FOR RESALE	0.00		1		A570
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>					
ENGINEERING STRUCTURES	5,446,541.91		1		A610
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-ENG.STRUC	2,984,953.39		1		A615
BUILDINGS	2,759,249.63		1		A620
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-BUILDINGS	820,029.12		1		A625
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	867,528.11		1		A630
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-MACH&EQ	612,878.35		1		A635
LAND	1,349,990.57		1		A640
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-LAND	0.00		1		A645
VEHICLES	321,795.29		1		A650
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-VEHICLES	289,228.53		1		A655
LAND IMPROVEMENTS	630,437.98		1		A660
ACCUM.AMORTIZATION-LAND IMPR	477,846.29		1		A665
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>6,190,607.81</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>TFA</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>					
		<b>7,869,382.61</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>TA</b>
<b>SHORT TERM LOANS</b>					
	0.00		1		L121
<b>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>					
FEDERAL - G.S.T.	0.00		1		L230
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FEDERAL - REC GEN	2,325.00		1		L231
PAYROLL - ACCRUED HOLIDAY PA	2,824.73		1		L235
PAYROLL - AMEBSWITH	0.00		1		AMEBSWITH
PAYROLL - R.R.S.P.	0.00		1		RRSPACC
PAYROLL - UNION	0.00		1		UNION
PAYROLL - EMPL RECEIVABLES	0.00		1		EMPLREC
PAYROLL - AHC PREMIUM	0.00		1		AHCWITH
PAYROLL - CANADA SAV BOND	0.00		1		CANSAV
PAYROLL - ADVANCES	0.00		1		ADV
PAYABLE TO OTHER LOC GOVT	0.00		1		L270
TRADE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	26,647.95		1		L270TP
KIDS IN ACTION	0.00		1		KIDSIA
BIKES FOR KIDS	0.00		1		B4KIDS
VILLAGE MAP\BROCHURE	0.00		1		MAPAP
COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM	0.00		1		CIBLOOM
ALL OTHER PAYABLES	7,400.00		1		L290
DEPOSITS	18,791.50		1		L291
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		57,989.18	2		TAP
TAX SALE SURPLUS TRUST	0.00		1		L410
DEFERRED REVENUE	187,409.15		1		L411
DEFERRED REVENUE	0.00		1		L412
DEFERRED REVENUE	25,837.65		1		L413
RESERVES FOR OPERATING		0.00	2		L700
TAX RATE STABILIZATION		187,907.39	2		L701
ADMIN & P.W. INCOME-STAFF		0.00	2		L702
ADMIN & P.W. INCOME-VILLAGE		0.00	2		L703
INSURANCE PROCEEDS- HAYLAND		44,536.80	2		L704
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS		0.00	2		L705
STREET IMPROVEMENTS		0.00	2		L706
CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS		0.00	2		L707
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- 100 YR		2,018.98	2		L708
SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS		0.00	2		L709
SCHOOL PROJECTS		0.00	2		L710
DRAINAGE & WATER STUDY		0.00	2		L711
PROVINCIAL POLICE FUND		23,695.00	2		L712
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN		0.00	2		L713
TOTAL OPERATING RESERVES			258,158.17	3	L790
RESERVES FOR CAPITAL					
GENERAL CAPITAL		810,985.22	2		L750
ADMINISTRATIVE EQUIPMENT		6,803.01	2		L761
LAGOON RECONSTRUCTION		10,205.00	2		L762
PARK RESERVE SALE PROCEEDS		0.00	2		L763
PARKS AND RECREATION DEV		34,494.45	2		L764
PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT		40,959.73	2		L765
CAMPGROUND DEVELOPMENT		0.00	2		L766
FIREHALL		0.00	2		L767
MSI GRANT RESERVES		0.00	2		L799
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING		28,622.92	2		L768
PATROL EQUIPMENT		25,164.00	2		L770
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AMIP GRANT RESERVES		0.00		2	L771
EAST END BUS		0.00		2	L772
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES			957,234.33	3	L760
TOTAL EQUITY IN FIXED ASSETS		6,190,607.81		2	L800
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - 31\12\94	2,160,080.83			1	L900
ADJUSTED SURPLUS (PRIOR PERIOD	551,829.92			1	L902
SURPLUS FROM 1\1\95	1,442,721.12			1	L901
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	0.00			1	L905
CURRENT FUNDS USED FOR TCA	0.00			1	L910
CURRENT AMORTIZATON EXPENSE	1,225,399.57			1	L915
NET BOOK VALUE OF TCA DISPOSAL	235,936.38			1	L920
CONTRIBUTED TCA	0.00			1	L925
TOTAL SURPLUS		192,146.32		2	ACCUMSURP
TOTAL LIABILITIES			7,869,382.61	3	TL
PROOF			0.00	3	PROOF

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Description Beg:000000000 End:31Mar2021 Type: A |C|U| Name

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME STATEMENT		(1)	(2)
Period 1: -	--- Begin	01Jan2020	01Jan2021
	End	31Dec2020	31Mar2021
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Period 2: -	End	000000000	000000000
	--- Type		
Ratios:	% of Account		
Graphs:	# of Columns,Scale	0 0	0 0

Description	INTERIM BUDGET	JAN-MAR 2021
REVENUE		
RESIDENTIAL TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	828,890.11	0.00
RESIDENTIAL TAXES (SCHOOL)	441,687.15	0.00
COMMERCIAL TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	95,794.42	0.00
COMMERCIAL TAXES (SCHOOL)	38,313.49	0.00
FARM TAXES (MUNICIPAL)	78.38	0.00
FARM TAXES (SCHOOL)	41.77	0.00
POWER & PIPELINE (MUNICIPAL)	16,598.87	0.00
POWER & PIPELINE (SCHOOL)	6,638.81	0.00
DIP \ MACH & EQUIP (MUNICIPAL)	1,670.68	0.00
DIP \ MACH & EQUIP (SCHOOL)	80.23	0.00
DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL (DI)	138.51	0.00
MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX	709,770.00	0.00
LIBRARY LEVY	0.00	0.00
MISC. OTHER LEVY	0.00	0.00
TOTAL TAXES	2,139,702.42	0.00
PENALTIES & COSTS ON TAXES	26,000.00	27,539.93
FRANCHISE - ATCO GAS	28,000.00	6,429.31
FRANCHISE - FORTIS	30,000.00	9,879.90
INVESTMENT INCOME	20,000.00	2,416.73
PROVINCIAL GRANTS		
RESTRUCTURING GRANT	0.00	0.00
CONDITIONAL FGTF	0.00	0.00
CONDITIONAL MUNICIPAL GRANTS	0.00	0.00
CONDITIONAL MSI GRANT	22,446.00	326,626.00
FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
OTHER	0.00	31.28
ADMIN		
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE	4,800.00	4,800.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	494.19	205.17
TAX CERTIFICATES	100.00	780.00
PHOTOCOPIES\FAXES\POSTAGE	500.00	0.00
PENALTIES\COSTS - N.S.F. FEES	300.00	0.00
HAWKER PEDDLER LICENSES	0.00	0.00
RENTAL AND LEASE	21,800.00	6,775.00
PROV\FED CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
PATROL		
SALES TO OTHER LOCAL GOV'T	21,655.00	0.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	0.00	0.00
Description	INTERIM BUDGET	JAN-MAR 2021

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

Description	INTERIM BUDGET	JAN-MAR 2021
FINES	4,000.00	679.18
SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	0.00	0.00
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
GRANTS FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	0.00	0.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT - DONATIONS	0.00	0.00
FEES DUE TO COUNTY FROM UNPAID	0.00	0.00
RENTAL & LEASE	24,000.00	8,000.00
UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT	3,800.00	0.00
PROVINCIAL CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
GRANTS FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	6,800.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	0.00	0.00
DISASTER SERVICES	0.00	0.00
AMBULANCE GRANT	0.00	0.00
AMBULANCE STATION RENTAL	10,200.00	3,400.00
ANIMAL LICENSES	500.00	300.00
BY-LAW FINES	500.00	0.00
COMMON SERVICES		
PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES	0.00	0.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	1,000.00	0.00
RENTAL AND LEASE	42,000.00	19,440.00
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	0.00	54,800.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00
ROADS		
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
SALE OF TCA	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00
STORM SEWER & DRAINAGE		
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
GRANTS FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00	0.00
SEWER		
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CHGS	0.00	0.00
SEWER REVITALIZATION	245,700.00	0.00
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
SOLID WASTE		
CONTRACT WITH OTHER MUNICIPAL	0.00	0.00
SALE OF GOODS & SERVICES	0.00	0.00
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	0.00	0.00
Description	INTERIM BUDGET	JAN-MAR 2021

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

Description	INTERIM BUDGET	JAN-MAR 2021
MUNICIPAL PLANNING	0.00	1,200.00
DEVELOPMENT PERMITS	2,000.00	800.00
COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATES	500.00	200.00
SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS	0.00	0.00
ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENTS	0.00	0.00
PROV CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES\DEF.REV	137,028.00	0.00
SALE OF PUBLIC LAND	0.00	0.00
PIER & MARINA	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER RESERVE\DEF.REV.	51,085.00	0.00
PARKS		
FEDERAL\PROVINCIAL GRANT(ICAP)	0.00	0.00
CONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
UNCONDITIONAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
GRANT FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00	0.00
PARKING LOT REVENUE	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00
RECREATION FACILITIES		
SALE OF SERVICE - FEES\CHARGES	0.00	0.00
REGIONAL RECREATION	24,058.00	6,012.00
GRANT FROM LOCAL AGENCIES	0.00	0.00
CONDITIONAL PROVINCIAL GRANT	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE\DEF.REV.	2,000.00	0.00
CAMPGROUND		
USER FEES (SEASONAL)	175,000.00	0.00
WEEKEND SITES	0.00	0.00
CAMPGRD CABIN RENTAL	3,200.00	0.00
SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES	800.00	0.00
WINTER STORAGE	21,000.00	0.00
DEBIT MACHINE ADJUSTMENTS	0.00	0.00
RENTAL & LEASE	5,600.00	1,600.00
M.R.T.A. GRANT	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00
CULTURE		
LIBRARIAN WAGE REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	0.00
GAIN ON SALE OF FIXED ASSET	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	3,076,568.61	481,914.50
CAPITAL:		
CAPITAL PURCHASES-ADMIN	6,460.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PATROL	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PUBLIC WORKS	0.00	0.00
Description	INTERIM BUDGET	JAN-MAR 2021

Analysis: INCOME STATEMENT

Description	INTERIM BUDGET	JAN-MAR 2021
CAPITAL PURCHASES-RECREATION	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PARKS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-CAMPGROUND	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	6,460.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS:		
CAPITAL PROJECT-ROADS	644,000.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-SHOP	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-DRAINAGE	14,600.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-WALK PATHS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-47 ST UPGRADE	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT-ADMIN BLDG	150,000.00	0.00
TOTAL	808,600.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE	815,060.00	0.00
REQUISITIONS:		
SCHOOL FOUNDATION	0.00	0.00
ASFF	475,928.20	115,816.93
OVER\UNDER LEVY UTILIZED	10,833.30	0.00
DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL	138.51	0.00
TOTAL REQUISITIONS	486,900.01	115,816.93
BUSINESS INCOME PROFIT	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	3,404,728.60	366,097.57
Description	INTERIM BUDGET	JAN-MAR 2021



Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

EXPENSE STATEMENT		(1)	(2)
Period 1: -	--- Begin	01Jan2020	01Jan2021
	End	31Dec2020	31Mar2021
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End	--- Type	000000000	000000000
	End	000000000	000000000
Ratios: % of Account			
Graphs: # of Columns,Scale		0 0	0 0

Description	INTERIM BUDGET	JAN-MAR 2021
<b>COUNCIL</b>		
COUNCIL HONORARIUMS - MAYOR	9,550.00	2,387.55
COUNCIL HONORARIUMS	33,579.00	8,394.75
MEETING FEES	14,000.00	2,850.00
HONOURARIUM DEDUCTIONS	1,700.00	0.00
COUNCIL TRAVEL	2,000.00	58.00
CONFERENCES\CONVENTIONS	2,000.00	0.00
INTERNET & PHONE EXPENSE	6,000.00	0.00
COUNCIL PROMOTIONAL	9,000.00	0.00
MISC. SUPPLIES	1,000.00	64.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78,829.00</b>	<b>13,755.25</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
ADMINISTRATOR	111,700.00	27,721.98
SALARIES	172,780.00	43,415.13
PAYROLL TO\FROM BUS INC	0.00	0.00
SHARED SERVICES SALARIES	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	49,800.00	14,979.35
SCP PAYROLL	0.00	0.00
FROM\TO RESERVE	0.00	0.00
TRAINING	1,000.00	0.00
TRAVEL	200.00	52.20
FREIGHT, POSTAGE, DELIVERY	3,200.00	0.00
TELEPHONE\INTERNET\SATELLIT	4,000.00	776.44
ADVERTISING	1,500.00	21.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS\MEMBERSHIPS	2,700.00	2,263.44
PRINTING	1,500.00	0.00
LEGAL	3,000.00	0.00
AUDITOR	11,200.00	0.00
SERVICE CONTR-PHOTO,FAX,POS	5,000.00	588.56
SERVICE CONTR - ALARM	500.00	395.80
PURCHASED EQUIPMENT REPAIR	7,000.00	1,245.96
CONTRACT - JANITOR	6,000.00	1,500.00
INSURANCE	50,000.00	0.00
W.C.B.	9,700.00	2,509.27
STATIONERY & SUPPLIES	4,500.00	1,424.52
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	750.00	578.91
MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	3,000.00	151.41
VILLAGE PROMOTION	3,000.00	0.00
100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	5,300.00	1,484.99
DEBT REPAYMENT	0.00	0.00
SHORT TERM BORROWING FEES	0.00	0.00
Description	INTERIM BUDGET	JAN-MAR 2021

Analysis: EXPENSE STATEMENT

Description	INTERIM BUDGET	JAN-MAR 2021
BANK CHARGES	850.00	341.40
TAX REBATES & CANCELLATIONS	0.00	0.00
OTHER & BLDG REPAIRS	8,500.00	1,100.11
BAD DEBT EXPENSE	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	466,680.00	100,550.47
ELECTION \ CENSUS		
SALARIES & WAGES	0.00	0.00
ADVERTISING	0.00	0.00
GOODS & SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00
ASSESSMENT SERVICES		
ASSESSMENT SERVICES	24,870.00	5,560.00
TOTAL	24,870.00	5,560.00
PATROL		
ADMINISTRATION	0.00	0.00
SALARIES & WAGES	48,825.00	18,342.00
PROVINCIAL POLICE FUNDING	45,215.00	0.00
CITIZENS ON PATROL	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	9,000.00	3,875.84
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	500.00	0.00
MILEAGE & SUBSISTENCE	0.00	0.00
FREIGHT, POSTAGE, DELIVERY	0.00	0.00
TELEPHONE	5,500.00	2,578.63
ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	350.00	0.00
AUX PRG\CRIME PREVENTION	0.00	0.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	2,000.00	930.00
VEHICLE REPAIR	5,000.00	580.16
JANITOR EXPENSES	0.00	0.00
LICENSES & PERMITS	0.00	0.00
STATIONERY & OFFICE SUPPLIES	300.00	135.69
MISC. SUPPLIES	2,500.00	0.00
UNIFORMS & ACCOTREMENTS	2,000.00	0.00
FUEL & OIL	3,500.00	542.29
UTILITIES	3,600.00	990.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	128,290.00	27,974.61
BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT		
BYLAW\ANIMAL CONTROL	0.00	0.00
PARKING ENFORCEMENT	0.00	0.00
POUND FEES	500.00	0.00
GENERAL GOODS AND SERVICES	500.00	0.00
SIGNS	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	1,000.00	0.00
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<b>FIREFIGHTING</b>		
FIRE DEPARTMENT HONORAIUMS	0.00	0.00
TELEPHONE	150.00	0.00
FIRE CONTRACT	86,421.00	23,164.75
JANITOR EXPENSES	0.00	0.00
GOODS AND SUPPLIES	700.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS	2,000.00	0.00
BUILDING REPAIR	2,000.00	2,461.81
UTILITIES	7,500.00	790.65
CAPITAL	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98,771.00</b>	<b>26,417.21</b>
<b>DISASTER SERVICES</b>		
GENERAL GOODS AND SERVICES	8,500.00	1,784.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
<b>AMBULANCE SERVICES</b>		
AMBULANCE CONTRACT	0.00	0.00
BUILDING REPAIRS	4,300.00	0.00
UTILITIES	4,200.00	1,208.36
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	<b>1,208.36</b>
<b>COMMON SERVICES</b>		
PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER	0.00	0.00
PUBLIC WORKS WAGES	195,000.00	53,528.38
EXTRA PERSON	0.00	0.00
STEP & SCP PAYROLL	24,500.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS - MGR	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	40,000.00	8,471.50
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS - STEP	1,300.00	0.00
FROM\TO RESERVE	0.00	0.00
SHARED SERVICES SALARIES	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL TO BUSINESS INCOME	0.00	0.00
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	1,000.00	0.00
MILEAGE & SUBSISTENCE	200.00	0.00
POSTAGE, FREIGHT & DELIVERY	0.00	0.00
TELEPHONE	2,700.00	475.16
PURCHASED SERVICES	4,300.00	360.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	30,000.00	4,940.57
VEHICLE REPAIR	15,000.00	1,834.71
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	3,000.00	0.00
GENERAL GOODS	9,500.00	2,751.86
SIGNS	2,000.00	0.00
NON BUDGETED ITEMS	0.00	0.00
SAFETY SUPPLIES	2,500.00	101.94
FUEL & OIL	18,000.00	2,676.68
UTILITES - SHOP	14,000.00	3,982.57
BOAT LAUNCH MTCE	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
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CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	363,000.00	79,123.37
ROADS AND STREETS		
GRAVEL\SAND\ETC.	18,000.00	0.00
CRACK FILLING\LINE PAINTING	15,000.00	0.00
UTILITIES - STREET LIGHTS	92,000.00	16,228.58
ROAD PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
ROAD PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
STREET LIGHT PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	125,000.00	16,228.58
STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE		
GENERAL SUPPLY-CULVERTS	20,000.00	0.00
DRAINAGE PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
DRAINAGE STUDY	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	20,000.00	0.00
WATER SYSTEM		
WATER COMM. OPERATING	18,260.90	18,174.22
WATER COMM. DEBENTURE	40,923.00	20,461.54
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	59,183.90	38,635.76
SANITARY SEWER		
TVRSSC MAINTENANCE AGREE	242,980.00	60,539.00
TVRSSC SEWER REVITALIZATION	245,700.00	0.00
TVRSSC DEB. - LAGOON	85,826.00	42,913.00
TVRSSC UPGRADE	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	574,506.00	103,452.00
GARBAGE COLLECTION		
GARBAGE WAGES	50,000.00	0.00
GARBAGE CONTRACT	0.00	0.00
REGIONAL LAND FILL	20,000.00	2,350.00
RECYCLING	7,000.00	1,123.66
ANNUAL WASTE ROUND-UP	0.00	0.00
FUEL & OIL	6,000.00	0.00
TRUCK REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	5,000.00	478.36
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	88,000.00	3,952.02
COMPOST FACILITY		
PURCHASED SERVICE - CLEANUP	3,000.00	5,580.00
GENERAL SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	3,000.00	5,580.00
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<b>MUNICIPAL PLANNING</b>		
CONTRACT - DEVELOPMENT OFF MUNICIPAL PLANNING	21,600.00	5,400.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	500.00	0.00
	500.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,600.00</b>	<b>5,400.00</b>
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>		
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	500.00	0.00
TELEPHONE AND UTILITIES	0.00	0.00
REVENUE & COST SHARE STUDY	137,028.00	0.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	500.00	384.01
	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138,028.00</b>	<b>384.01</b>
LAC STE. ANNE FOUNDATION	38,134.99	19,017.53
PIER\BOAT LAUNCH	51,085.00	0.00
PIER TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
<b>RECREATION &amp; FACILITIES</b>		
REGIONAL RECREATION	30,073.00	30,073.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	10,000.00	11.60
EAST END BUS	11,210.71	0.00
LSA PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	5,000.00	1,122.56
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0.00	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,283.71</b>	<b>31,207.16</b>
<b>PARKS</b>		
CONTRACT SERVICES	10,000.00	0.00
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	5,000.00	1,115.76
UTILITIES	4,700.00	881.77
PARKING LOT EXPENSES	3,388.00	3,425.28
PARK PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
PARK PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
CONTRIBUTED ASSETS	0.00	0.00
TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,088.00</b>	<b>5,422.81</b>
<b>CAMPGROUND:</b>		
ADVERTISING & SIGNS	0.00	0.00
POSTAGE, FREIGHT, DELIVERY	0.00	0.00
TELEPHONE & SATELLITE	1,800.00	448.50
PRINTING	200.00	0.00
CAMPGROUND MANAGER CONTRACT	45,850.00	0.00
CAMPGROUND SUMMER HELP	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	0.00	0.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	300.00	0.00
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GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	2,500.00	227.99
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	300.00	0.00
WASTE DISPOSAL	2,300.00	0.00
FUEL & OIL	700.00	0.00
REPAIR MATERIALS	4,000.00	0.00
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	6,000.00	0.00
UTILITIES	24,000.00	3,577.81
IMPROVEMENTS	2,000.00	0.00
DEBIT\VISA BANK FEES	400.00	120.00
CAMPGROUND PROJECTS	0.00	0.00
CAMPGROUND PROJECTS TO RESERVE\DEF.REV.	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	90,350.00	4,374.30
CULTURE		
SALARIES & WAGES	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	0.00	0.00
REIMBURSE LIBR WAGE	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	0.00	0.00
GRANT TO LIBRARY	10,500.00	0.00
YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY	4,469.00	2,270.14
TOTAL	14,969.00	2,270.14
LOSS ON SALE OF FIXED ASSET	0.00	0.00
AMORTIZATION OF TCA	65,000.00	0.00
CAPITAL:		
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CAPITAL PURCHASES-ADMIN	6,460.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PATROL	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PUBLIC WORKS	42,000.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-RECREATION	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-PARKS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PURCHASES-CAMPGROUND	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	48,460.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS:		
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CAPITAL PROJECTS-ROADS	644,000.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-SHOP	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-DRAINAGE	14,600.00	101,300.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-WALKING PATHS	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-FIREHALL LOT	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-ADMIN BLDG	150,000.00	10,213.75
TOTAL	808,600.00	111,513.75
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	857,060.00	111,513.75
BUSINESS INCOME EXPENSES	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	3,404,728.60	603,811.33
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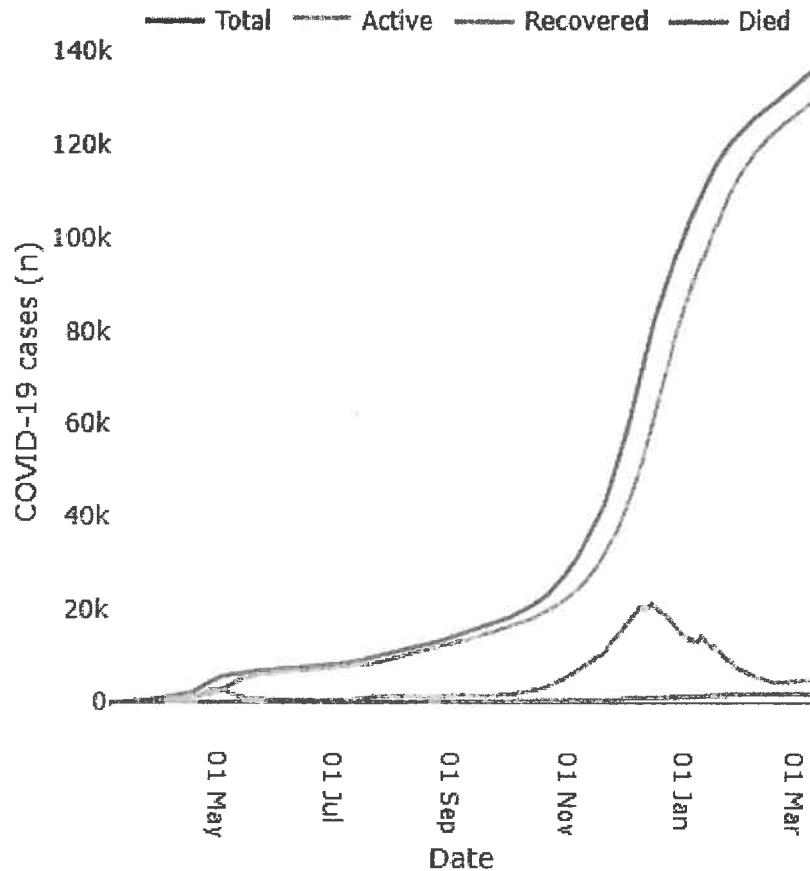
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## COVID-19 Status

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### Cases in Alberta

The province's COVID-19 numbers remained relatively stable. As of March 10, there were 4,488 active cases of COVID-19 in the province, 125 fewer than the previous week (representing a 2.7 per cent decrease) despite a spike in cases in the South Zone.



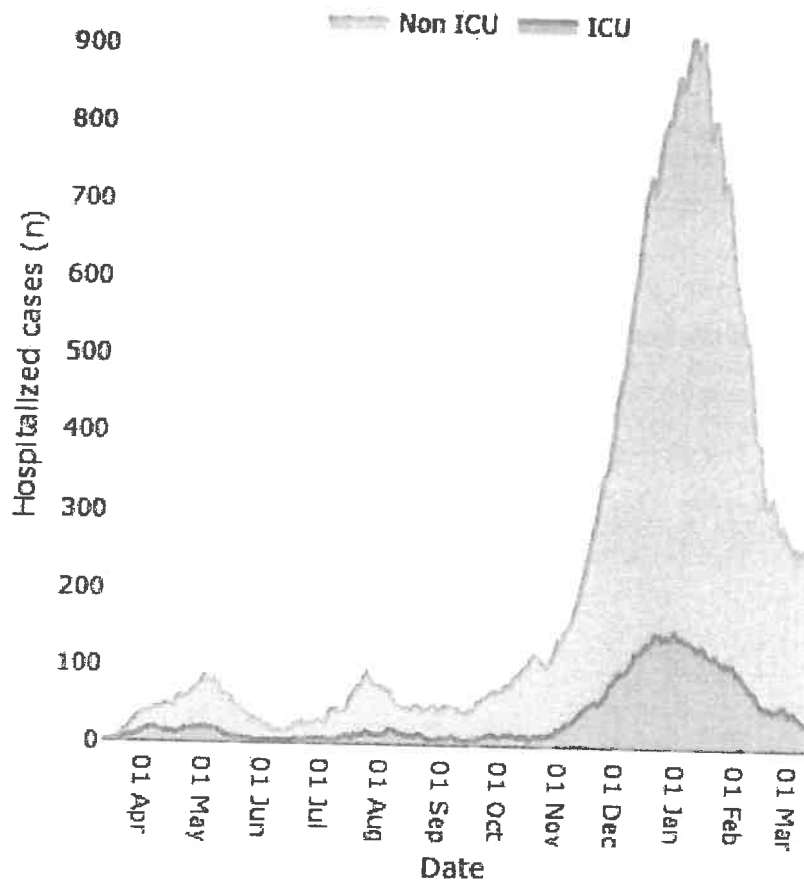
The table below shows the number of active cases for each zone for each of the last two weeks.

	Active Cases (as of March 10)	Active Cases (as of March 3)	Per cent Change
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>1,654</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>+0.6%</b>
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>+6.0%</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>-19.4%</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>+34.4%</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>-20.9%</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-16.7%</b>

The average number of daily new cases also remained stable, with an average of 340 daily new cases for the seven-day period ending March 10, compared to 337 cases the previous week (Feb. 25 to March 3). The Calgary Zone had the largest number of new cases this week with 837, representing slightly more than a third of all new cases in the province. Over the same period, there were 1,181 new cases among individuals aged 20 to 49 years, representing half of all new cases.

#### ***Hospitalizations and ICU admissions***

After nine weeks of declining hospitalizations, the total number of individuals being treated for COVID-19 in Alberta's hospitals climbed slightly. On March 10, there were 259 individuals in hospitals across the province compared to 256 on March 3, a 1.2 per cent increase. There were 38 individuals in ICUs on March 10 compared to 45 on March 3, a 15.6 per cent decrease.



The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of March 10 is as follows:

	Hospitalizations	ICUs
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>

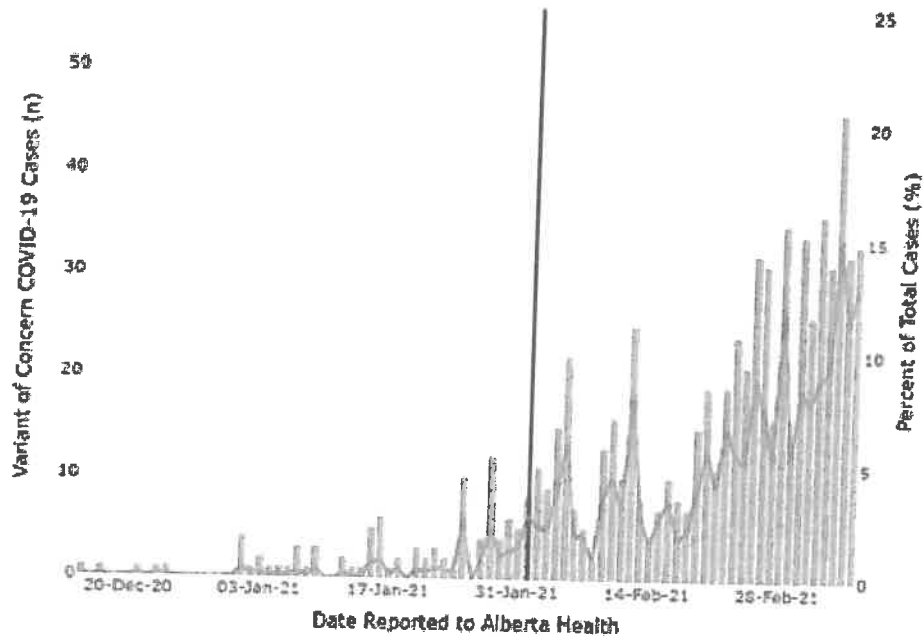
**Other notable COVID-19-related information:**

- As of March 10, a total of 137,137 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 6,127 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.5 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 130,716 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- As of March 10, 1,933 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 22 new deaths between March 4 and March 10. We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.
- From March 4 to March 10, 58,305 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 8,329 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 3.73 per cent to 4.60 per cent. As of March 10, a total of 3.5 million tests have been conducted and more than 1.84 million individuals have been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The province wide R value from March 1 to March 7 was 0.95.
- For the winter school term, as of March 10, AHS has confirmed 1,886 individuals with COVID-19 were present at schools while infectious or acquired the disease in the school setting. A total of 644 out of 2,415 schools in the province have reported an individual has attended their school while infectious or had in-school transmission.

**Updates on variants of concerns**

Alberta Health has reported 775 cases of COVID-19 variants of concern (VOC) as of March 10: 760 are B.1.1.7 variant (U.K. variant) and 15 are B.1.351 variant (South African variant). This represents a 34.6 per cent increase from one week earlier on March 3 when there were 576 VOC cases. VOCs have been detected in all zones, with the South Zone reporting its first cases this week.

The figure below shows new VOC cases by bar (grey bars) and the percentage of VOC cases identified compared to other cases of COVID-19 (blue line); between March 2 and March 8, the percentage of VOC cases ranged from 7.8 per cent to 15.2 per cent.



*(Note: People are identified as COVID-19 cases prior to VOC identification. As such, VOC reporting is delayed compared to date the case was reported to Alberta Health.)*

### **COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers**

We continue to update the testing data for healthcare workers. These statistics provide the total number of AHS, Covenant Health and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) employees and physicians tested, including a breakdown of the number of positive tests and those who have been confirmed to have been exposed in the workplace.

As of March 10:

- 77,967 employees (AHS, APL and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 4,769 (or 6.1 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 2,123 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 519 (or 24.4 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 2,646 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 5,015 physicians (AHS, APL and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 201 (or 4.0 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 80 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 11 (or 13.8 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 121 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

## **COVID-19 Immunizations**

### **COVID-19 Immunization Update**

#### ***By the Numbers***

As of 10 a.m. March 12, more than 313,300 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered by AHS, including:

- 97,300+ doses to Albertans 75 years of age and older.
- 85,400+ doses to healthcare workers other than LTC/DSL.
- 57,300+ doses to long-term care (LTC) and designated supportive living (DSL) residents.

- 54,000+ doses to LTC/DSL staff.
- 13,300+ doses in other congregate living environments.
- 4,500+ doses Covishield/AstraZeneca
- 1,200+ doses for others (including non-healthcare essential service workers and spouses of Albertans 75+)

Percentage of eligible individuals identified in Phase 1, have received at least one dose:

- Healthcare workers: 98 per cent.
- LTC/DSL staff: 81 per cent.
- LTC/DSL residents: 79 per cent.
- Albertans 75 years of age and older: 48 per cent.

In total, about 90,000 Albertans have received both Dose 1 and Dose 2, and more than 133,200 have received Dose 1 only.

#### ***Covishield/AstraZeneca Rollout***

As of 1 p.m. March 14, more than 53,000 eligible Albertans have been booked to receive COVID-19 immunization with the Covishield/AstraZeneca vaccine.

Eligible Albertans, including healthcare workers, can choose to receive the Covishield/AstraZeneca vaccine now or wait until their sequenced phase to receive one of the mRNA vaccines (Pfizer or Moderna), which we anticipate will be sometime in May.

In general, Alberta Health is recommending Covishield/AstraZeneca vaccine for Albertans, 18 to 64 without a contraindication, such as a severe reaction to a vaccine ingredient.

#### ***Rollout of Phase 2A***

Phase 2A of the COVID-19 vaccine program begins today, March 15. Phase 2A includes Albertans between the ages of 65 and 74, and First Nations, Inuit and Métis people ages 50 and older. More than 437,000 Albertans will be offered the vaccine in this upcoming phase.

To reduce wait times, avoid overwhelming the AHS booking tool, and vaccinate people as quickly as possible, AHS will be offering appointment bookings by age group. Immunizations will also be offered to the entire Phase 2A cohort through pharmacies across the province. Participating pharmacies are listed on the [Alberta Blue Cross website](#).

Starting today (March 15) at 8 a.m., all Albertans born in 1947 will be eligible to book an appointment. These individuals can book through both the AHS online booking tool or through Health Link at 811 if they need help booking an appointment.

First Nations, Métis and Inuit people born in 1962 will also be eligible to book an appointment. Those living on reserve and on Métis Settlements who are aged 50 and older will have access to immunization within their communities. For both cohorts, more appointments will open by year of birth, adding one additional year at a time, as vaccine is available.

We recommend all healthcare workers who become eligible in Phase 2A due to age, or other eligibility criteria, get their vaccine as soon as possible.

Once someone becomes eligible, they remain eligible.

The faster individuals get vaccinated, the more quickly our communities will have protection against continued spread of the virus, and reduce the chances of hospitalization. Widespread vaccination will help all Albertans return to a more normal way of life, sooner.

We encourage everyone to review [current evidence](#) in order to make the best and most informed decision about your health, the health of your loved ones and the greater community. The Alberta Health Services and [Alberta Health](#) websites will continue to provide information to Albertans on the next eligible cohort as we expand one year at a time to include more Albertans.

Also watch for more information on the AHS Twitter account, [@AHS\\_media](#), and our website, where the

latest information on the next eligible cohort will be released each afternoon in advance of the 8 a.m. launch the following day.

### **Second-Dose Spacing Clarification**

As part of ongoing efforts to reduce community transmission of COVID-19, Alberta is offering second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine approximately 16 weeks after the first dose.

This aligns with the approach recommended by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) and will allow as many Albertans as possible to receive at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine in the coming weeks.

All Albertans who have received a first dose or who booked a first-dose appointment prior to March 10 will have their second doses provided according to the previous timeline (within 42 days).

Current evidence suggests high vaccine effectiveness against symptomatic disease and hospitalization for several weeks after the first dose, including among older populations. Evidence also shows longer spacing between doses does not reduce protection or duration of immunity for multi-dose products.

While the vast majority of long-term care (LTC), designated supportive living (DSL) and licensed supportive living facility residents will have received one or both doses of COVID-19 vaccine prior to this change, residents of seniors congregate care receiving their first dose on or after March 10 will be offered their second doses at the 16-week interval in alignment with the new recommendations.

- The previous distinction in vaccine spacing recommendations for the LTC/DSL population is no longer recommended.
- Data from studies in healthcare workers, LTC residents, elderly populations and the general public show vaccine effectiveness is approximately 80 per cent after a single vaccine dose with sustained high levels of protection.
- Real-world vaccine effectiveness is typically lower than what you would see in clinical trials, which report 92 per cent protection from symptomatic disease two weeks after a single dose.

It remains important to have both doses of COVID-19 vaccine to ensure long-lasting protection. Immunization recommendations, including spacing, will continue to be assessed based on the most up-to-date information available.

### **Why is AHS' online booking tool not available to First Nations, Métis and Inuit people?**

Due to technical constraints, AHS' online booking tool cannot yet be configured to include a cohort of one birth year without allowing every Albertan born in that year access. This means if it was opened up to 1972 and 1973 birth years to allow First Nations, Metis and Inuit people to book an appointment for the AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine through the online AHS booking tool, we could not exclude non-Indigenous Albertans (who are not yet eligible).

We felt that it was important to offer immunization appointments to those eligible First Nations, Métis, & Inuit people born in 1972-73 as soon as possible, so rather than wait for a fix to the online tool, we worked with Health Link to provide them with an opportunity to book immediately. We realize this isn't ideal and we are working on a solution.

## **Things You Need to Know**

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### **Verna's Weekly Video Message - Looking Back on a Year of COVID-19**

Friday, March 6 marked the one-year anniversary of Alberta's first confirmed case of COVID-19. It's astounding to consider where we started and where we are now.

Alberta has been a leader in the COVID-19 response from Day 1 and we couldn't have done any of this without the support of our staff and physicians, who have responded to the challenge with a level of commitment and teamwork that continues to inspire.

Throughout the pandemic, AHS has brought additional equipment online, expanded testing capacity, created new supply chains and processes, trained more staff to bolster care capacity, and devised innovative solutions to meet the new demands on our healthcare system. This is just the tip of the iceberg

of what's been accomplished, all thanks to your hard work and dedication.

Joining me (Verna) to share their thoughts on what's been an eventful year are:

- Dr. Laura McDougall, Senior Medical Officer of Health.
- Nancy Guebert, Emergency Coordination Centre Director.

Laura and Nancy discuss how things have evolved since the pandemic started, the biggest challenges we faced, and what they are most proud of about our pandemic response.

Visit [ahs.ca/covidoneyear](https://ahs.ca/covidoneyear) to view some of your exceptional work in response to COVID-19.



### **Influenza Immunization Update**

As of March 6, 1.56 million doses of influenza vaccine have been administered in Alberta. Immunizations are up by more than 147,000 doses compared to the same time last year.

For the 18th week in row, there are no reported cases of seasonal influenza in Alberta. Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) has tested 102,555 respiratory swabs for influenza from Aug. 23, 2020, to March 6, 2021. [Click here](#) for more information on influenza immunization clinics.

### **Devon General Hospital extends emergency department hours**

Effective today, March 15, the Devon General Hospital (DGH) emergency department (ED) will further extend service as part of its phased reopening, accepting patients from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

The DGH ED reopened with limited phase one hours on Aug 18, 2020. It had been temporarily closed on April 20, 2020 as part of Alberta Health Services' COVID-19 response. The closure was implemented to help protect long-term-care residents at the hospital, who are at heightened risk for severe illness if exposed to COVID-19.

To help protect these residents, a temporary barrier remains in place to allow ED patients to access services separate from inpatient areas of the hospital. As well, staff are designated to one area of the hospital and do not transition between the ED and inpatient units.

AHS will continue to monitor patient volumes and acuity regularly to determine when the hospital's ED can resume 24-hour service. Until then, local residents seeking after-hours emergency care are advised to visit the Leduc Community Hospital or the Westview Health Centre in Stony Plain.

### **New COVID-19 immunization site at Calgary Genesis Centre opens**

Genesis Centre offers another option for eligible residents of northeast Calgary to receive their COVID-19 immunization, closer to home. The new immunization site at Genesis is one of two AHS-run sites, and eight [participating pharmacies](#), providing COVID-19 vaccine to Calgarians in the northeast quadrant of the city. The site has 10 vaccination stations and has the ability to roll out approximately 60 vaccines per hour.

Genesis is one of 24 AHS immunization sites in the Calgary Zone. Currently, AHS has a total of 116 immunization sites across the province. With available vaccine supply, AHS is committed to immunizing 10,000 people across the province on average, per day. That amount will increase pending more vaccine supply.

### **Large-scale vaccination site to open in downtown Calgary**

A large-scale, easily accessible COVID-19 vaccination site will open at the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre on April 5 through a partnership between Alberta Health Services, the City of Calgary and the convention centre. The convention centre's central location, as well as access to transit and parking, makes it an ideal site for a large-scale vaccination centre. The City of Calgary is providing free parking for those getting vaccinations at this location.

The addition of the TELUS Convention Centre will bring the total number of AHS immunization sites in the AHS Calgary Zone to 25. Once operational, the convention centre site will host approximately 100 vaccination stations with capacity to expand to 120 stations depending on vaccine availability. At 10 vaccination stations working to full capacity for eight hours, 500 Albertans could be vaccinated by appointment each day at this site.

The convention centre location will operate between eight and 16 hours, seven days a week, for those eligible and with pre-booked vaccination appointments. Hours of operation will be based on vaccine supply. Albertans can check their eligibility and book their appointment using AHS' online booking tool, available at [www.ahs.ca/covidvaccine](http://www.ahs.ca/covidvaccine), or by calling Health Link at 811. Booking for this facility is expected to open later this month. As with all AHS COVID-19 vaccination sites, there are no drop-in appointments.

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### **Mobile mammography service to visit Athabasca**

Athabasca residents are invited to book appointments for a mobile mammography trailer that will be stationed at Athabasca Community Health Services on April 10, 12, 13 and 14. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1-800-667-0604.

### **Free online nutrition classes for parents & caregivers**

North Zone residents are invited to register for [free online nutrition classes](#) for parents and caregivers of infants and young children. Classes are being offered via Zoom. Led by North Zone Registered Dietitians, participants will have the opportunity to learn more about feeding infants and young children. [Registrations](#) are open for classes in March and April.

### **Screen Test mobile mammography to visit Boyle**

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at the Boyle Health Care Centre (5004 Lakeview Road) on April 5-9. Appointments can be made for mammography services, cervical and colorectal cancer screening by calling [Screen Test](#) at 1-800-667-0604.

### **Virtual Nursing Mentorship Network launches at AHS**

COVID-19 has led us to reimagine the way we do many things at AHS, including how we offer opportunities for growth, collaboration and mentorship.

A virtual Nursing Mentorship Network has launched at AHS, offering nurses at any stage in their careers a safe space to connect, collaborate and join discussions about mentorship. Since launching in mid-February, more than 300 nurses have already joined the network, including 115 mentors. Learn more at [Together4Health](#).



## National Day of Observance

Flags at AHS sites were lowered to half-mast from sunrise to sunset on March 11 to acknowledge the National Day of Observance for COVID-19. The Government of Canada has designated March 11 as a National Day of Observance to commemorate those who lost their lives and the significant impacts we have all felt because of COVID-19. More than 1,900 Albertans and 22,000 Canadians have died from COVID-19. We remember all those who have lost their lives and we extend our deepest condolences to the loved ones of these individuals.

## Join the Conversation

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### COVID-19 Community Conversations

The one-year anniversary of the first COVID-19 case in Alberta is approaching.

We know that Albertans have felt the impact of COVID-19, and we want to thank you for doing your part in helping to protect frontline healthcare workers and the healthcare system as we continue the fight against COVID-19.

AHS is hosting a series of Community Conversations about the status of COVID-19 in Alberta and the AHS response. For more information or to register for a Community Conversations in your zone visit [Together4Health](#).



### **Central Zone - March 17**

Alberta Health Services invites you a virtual COVID-19 Community Conversation for the Central Zone. Following an update on the status of COVID-19 in Alberta and the central region, and AHS' response - including vaccine safety - Dr. Ifeoma Achebe will respond to your questions.

This virtual event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17 from **12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.** [Click here to register](#). And please submit any questions you may have when you register, or email them to us at [Community.Engagement@ahs.ca](mailto:Community.Engagement@ahs.ca).

### **Participants Sought for Vaccine Safety Survey**

The Canadian National Vaccine Safety (CANVAS) Network is seeking participants to participate in a web-based survey to track any potential adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccines. To assess events that are related to the vaccines, the network is looking for both persons who have been immunized as well as persons who have not been immunized to be in a control group.

Investigators across Canada, including here in Alberta, are working to monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines in large numbers of people in real time.

Participants can join the monitoring program in multiple ways, including through the CANVAS website, through the online booking tool, or where they are immunized. Participants will be asked to complete online surveys eight days after they receive the first COVID-19 vaccine, another eight days after the second dose – if they receive a two-dose vaccine – and then a final survey six months after that.

Unimmunized control participants will complete the same survey either one or three times. The CANVAS Network conducts active safety surveillance for pandemic vaccines (e.g., H1N1 influenza vaccine in 2009), seasonal influenza vaccines (2010-2020) and other new vaccines (e.g., meningococcal B vaccine in Quebec in 2014) to inform Canadians about their safety.

Please visit [canvas-covid.ca](https://canvas-covid.ca) to learn more.

## Be Well - Be Kind

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### Foundation Good News

Through donor support, our philanthropic partners fund enhancements to healthcare delivery including equipment, programs, renovations, research and education across the province and in your community. [Learn more here.](#)

### ***University Hospital Foundation's Heart Month raises more than \$500,000 for the Maz***

This February, donors to the University Hospital Foundation (UHF) raised \$511,735, a new Heart Month record, in support of the University of Alberta Hospital's Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute (Maz).

More than 1,500 people donated to UHF for Heart Month through a variety of fundraising initiatives, including the UHF's signature Heart Month event – 630 CHED Heart Pledge Day for the University Hospital Foundation presented by Durabuilt Windows & Doors on February 24, and the Maz Move-A-Thon put on by staff at the Maz



This year, funds raised will go to the Maz Innovation Fund to support the advancement of clinical programs, quality improvement, equipment and research, helping to ensure that the Maz remains one of the world's leading complex cardiac care centres, and continues to provide the best cardiac care to patients. For more information, visit [here](#).

### ***7G partners with AHS and the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation to support healthcare heroes***

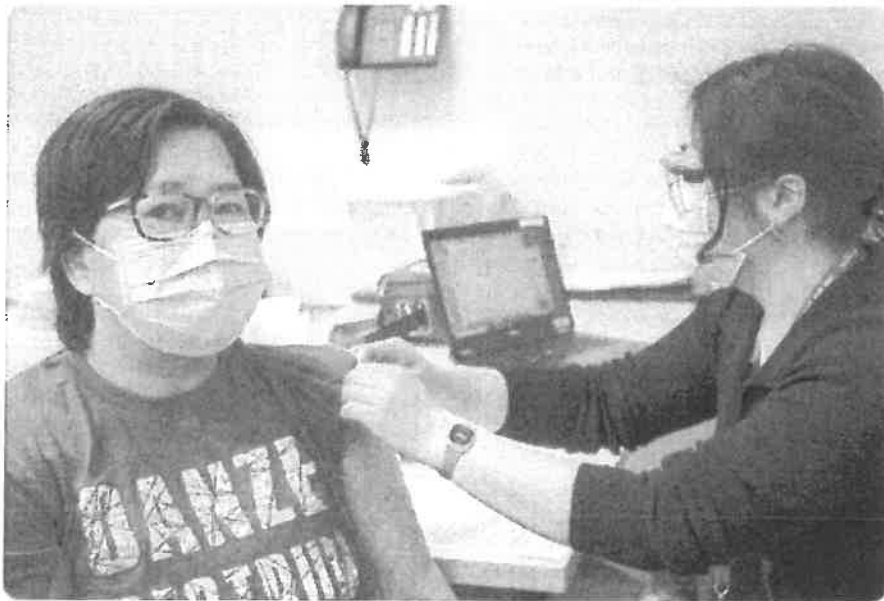
To support healthcare workers in their critical work during COVID-19, Seven Generations Energy has partnered with the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation and Alberta Health Services to donate \$50,000 for new equipment at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Grande Prairie. Read the full story [here](#).

### **Photo of the Week**

We wish to highlight a photo every week that illustrates the efforts, compassion and achievements being realized as we respond to the pandemic and support Albertans who come to us for care.



Monique Prud'homme, 63, celebrates after becoming one of the first Albertans to receive the Covishield/AstraZeneca vaccine in Calgary on March 11.



Normita Bonifacio, 63, was first in line to receive the Covishield/AstraZeneca vaccine in Edmonton on March 11.

To see all our AHS photos, visit our [Instagram Gallery](#) on the AHS website.

### **Sharing the Love**

#### ***Gratitude from Albertans***

Thank you to all of the Albertans who have taken the time to recognize the work of healthcare providers and physicians. Messages of gratitude keep pouring in from across the province and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to share a few recent messages of thanks with you — and you can see others on our [Sharing the Love](#) webpage:

*Being born in 1957 and anticipating a scrum-like event such as I experienced when trying to obtain Elton John concert tickets, last night I set my alarm clock and coffeemaker to ensure I was ready to beat the crowd to an appointment time for a COVID-19 vaccination. Ready to vacillate between my iPad and my*

phone, I sat down at the breakfast table determined to get through. Much to my amazement, and by only having to press "enter" once, I had my appointment all fixed up within 15 minutes. What a wonderful process! Please, please, please pass along my sincere appreciation to (whoever) developed the AHS program! And, while you're at it, could you please pass along our gratitude for the wonderful work AHS has been doing, and continues to do, on behalf our province in this pandemic fight. It's nice to know they have our backs.

— Dorcas Kilduff

I had my COVID-19 vaccination this week and my experience was fantastic. From arrival to (immunization), it was 15 minutes. The site is so well-organized, as I'm sure all (immunization) sites are, and so well-staffed. Parking was readily available and there were no lineups. Thank you to the AHS teams. Just think: one year ago, this all started and the world has come together, focused on solutions. And here I am, one year later, with my first immunization. That's an amazing team effort worldwide and here in Alberta. Thank you for all you have done to keep Albertans safe. I am so thankful for the healthcare you provide and for this first step in being protected from COVID-19. It's a day to celebrate!

— Vicki K

### Wrapping Up

Laura and I (Verna) often talk about Alberta Health Services in terms of being a learning organization. Sometimes we're asked: what does that mean exactly? This week provided an excellent example.

At 8 a.m. on Wednesday, all Albertans born in 1957, as well as First Nations, Métis and Inuit people born in 1972, were invited to book an appointment to receive the Covishield/AstraZeneca vaccine. The process went smoothly and, by the end of the day, more than 12,000 people had booked their first doses through Health Link and the online booking tool.

A secret to this success? We took what we learned from last month's launch of the 75-and-over bookings and applied those learnings to this week's launch. We bring this up for two reasons. First, we want to thank everyone involved in booking immunization appointments for these individuals, as well as those involved in administering the actual vaccinations. We know how much work went on behind the scenes to make this happen and ensure the process unfolded as planned. As you may have read in the preceding item, Albertans are recognizing and appreciating the fruits of your efforts.

That brings us to a second takeaway. Although we always strive for excellence, sometimes our endeavours will initially fall short of that standard. And that's OK. We're human. We do our best. We strive for perfection — and when our efforts fall short, we always look at that as an opportunity to refine and improve. Because that's what learning organizations do. And because that's who we are. Thank you for everything you do, each and every day.

As always, with enduring gratitude and appreciation,



**Dr. Verna Yiu**  
AHS President & CEO

**Dr. Laura McDougall**  
Senior Medical Officer of Health

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# Headlines

• HEALTH NEWS YOU CAN USE •

Welcome to **Together4Health Headlines**, a weekly newsletter designed to keep you informed of decisions being made to protect and support Albertans, key public health information, and opportunities for you to connect with AHS.

AHS is committed to ensuring our partners and stakeholders, like you, receive the information you need to help protect yourself, your families, colleagues and staff. If you know of someone else who would benefit from receiving this information directly from AHS, please invite them to subscribe by [clicking here](#). You can unsubscribe from this e-newsletter by clicking the "Unsubscribe" button at the bottom.

As AHS reflects on a year of responding to COVID-19 we are looking at how we have responded; determining what we want to keep doing, and what we can do better. That includes this publication, which launched in April, and our Community Conversations.

AHS has hosted more than 215 virtual [Community Conversations](#) and other events since March, 2020, engaging thousands of Albertans on COVID-19, mental health, local community concerns, and a wide variety of programs and services.

Did you attend an AHS event in the last year? If so, [please fill out a short survey](#) by April 9. We want to ensure that our events continue to provide valuable opportunities for Albertans to learn from AHS experts, and for AHS to hear your priorities, experiences and advice.

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## COVID-19 Status

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### Cases in Alberta

The average number of daily new cases increased the week of March 11 to March 17 for Alberta as a whole, with 436 cases for the seven-day period ending on March 17, compared to 338 cases the previous week (March 3 to 10).

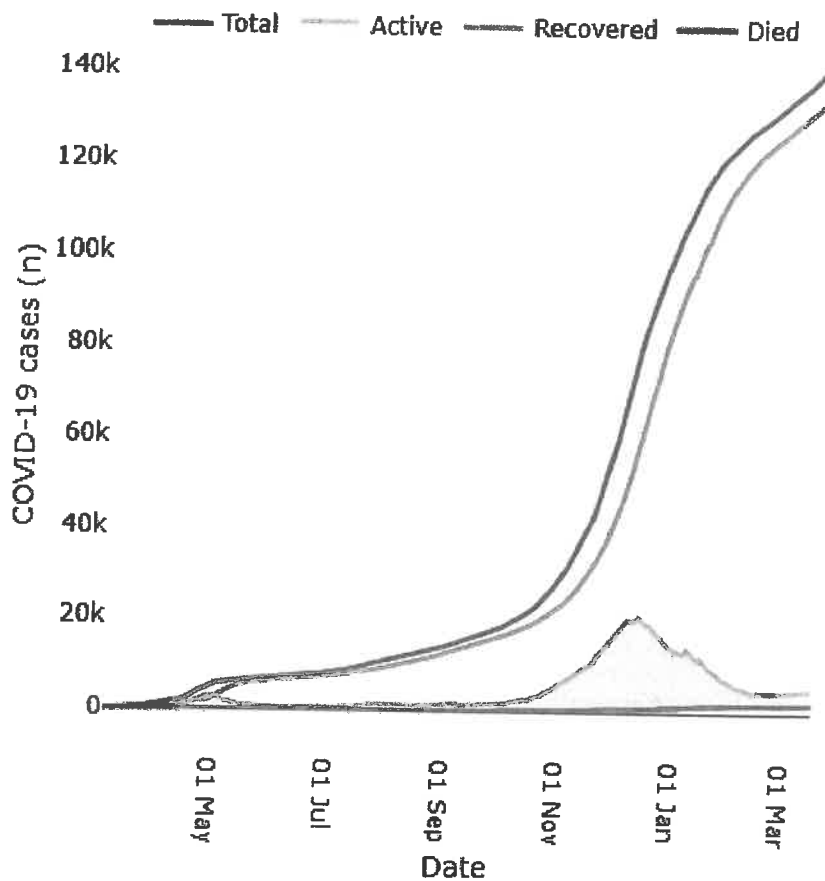
From March 11 to 17, there were 1,552 cases among individuals aged 20 to 49 years, which is about 51 per cent of new cases during that time period. However, cases continue to occur in every age group. For instance, this week, 637 new cases were reported among school aged children (5 to 19 years) and 355 new cases were reported among older adults (aged 60 years and older).

As of March 17, there were 5,084 active cases, which is 596 more active cases than the previous week. With the exception of the North Zone, all zones saw increases in their active case counts this week. The South Zone had a particularly large spike in active cases this week, up 47.7 per cent from the previous period. The Calgary Zone had the largest number of new cases this week at 1,231, which is 40.4 per cent of all new cases in the province, with an average of 176 new cases per day.

The full breakdown of the number of active cases by zone comparing Mar. 17 to the week previous is below:

	Active Cases (as of Mar. 17)	Active Cases (as of Mar. 10)	Per cent Change
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>1,972</b>	<b>1,654</b>	<b>+19.2%</b>
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>+7.3%</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>-7.7%</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>+47.7%</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>+10.2%</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>+80.0%</b>

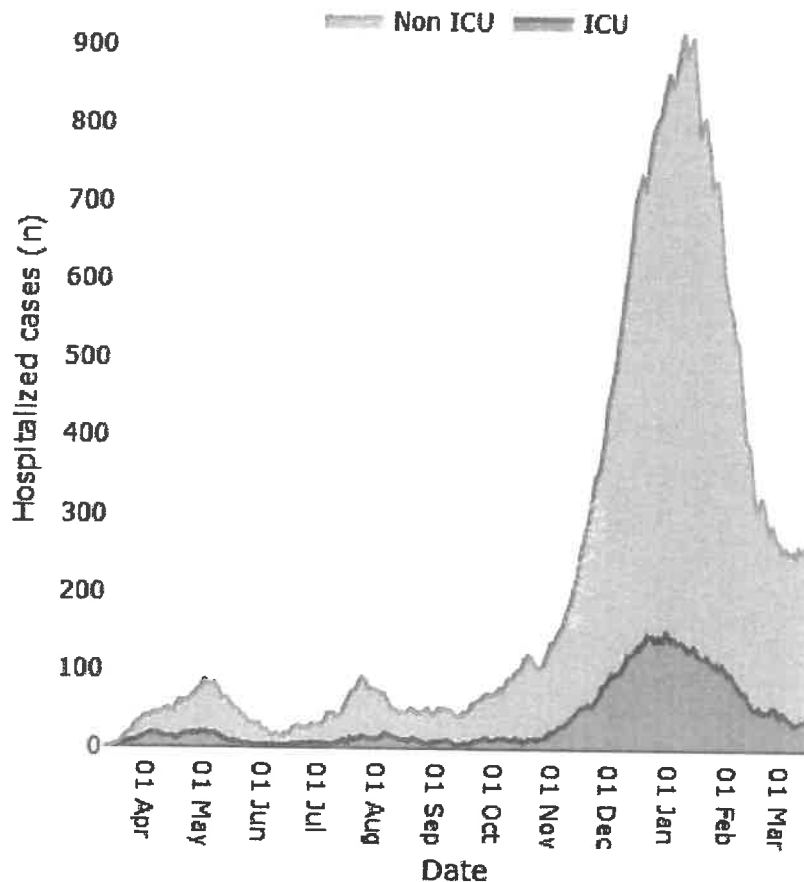
The total number of individuals being treated for COVID-19 in Alberta's hospitals was relatively stable again this week, though the number of individuals in intensive care units (ICUs) increased slightly. On March 17, there were 264 individuals in hospitals across the province, compared to 260 hospitalizations on March 10. There were 43 individuals in ICUs on March 17 compared to 37 in ICUs on March 10, a 16.2 per cent increase.



**Hospitalizations and ICU admissions**

The breakdown of hospitalizations by Zone as of March 17 is as follows:

- 90 hospitalizations with 15 of those in ICUs in the Calgary Zone
- 87 hospitalizations with 11 of those in ICUs in the Edmonton Zone
- 30 hospitalizations with 6 of those in ICUs in the Central Zone
- 30 hospitalizations with 4 of those in ICUs in the North Zone
- 27 hospitalizations with 7 of those in ICUs in the South Zone



**Other notable COVID-19-related information:**

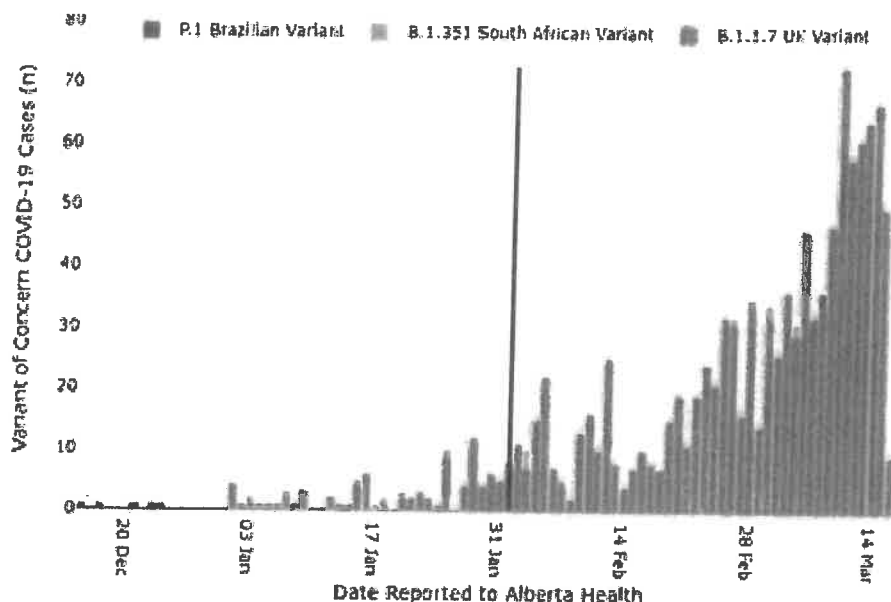
- As of Mar. 17, a total of 140,127 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 6,272 individuals have ever been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.5 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 133,086 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- As of Mar. 17, 1,957 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 24 deaths over the past seven days (Mar. 11 to Mar. 17). We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.
- From Mar. 11 to Mar. 17, 61,557 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 8,794 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 4.57 per cent to 5.95 per cent. As of Mar. 17, a total of 3,564,100 tests have been conducted and 1,863,885 individuals have ever been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The province-wide R value from Mar. 8 to Mar. 14 was 1.07, whereas R value the previous week was 0.95.
- For the winter school term, as of Mar. 17, AHS has confirmed 2,183 individuals with COVID-19 were present at schools while infectious, or acquired the disease in the school setting. A total of 691 out of 2,415 schools in the province have reported that an individual has attended their school while infectious, or had in-school transmission.

**Updates on variants of concerns**

Alberta Health has now reported 1,188 cases of COVID-19 variants of concern (VOC): 1,169 are B.1.1.7 variant (U.K. variant), 17 are B.1.351 variant (South African variant) and two are P.1 (Brazilian variant). The Brazilian variant was identified for the first time in Alberta this week. As of Mar. 17, there were 599 (11.8 per cent of total) active VOC cases.



The figure below shows new VOC cases by bar (grey bars) and the percentage of VOC cases identified compared to other cases of COVID-19 (blue line). Between March 9 and March 15, the percentage of VOC cases ranged from 12.0 to 17.8 per cent.



*(Note: People are identified as COVID-19 cases prior to VOC identification. As such, VOC reporting is delayed compared to date the case was reported. Changes in case counts can occur due to the nature of the screening and sequencing process.)*

### COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers

We continue to update the testing data for healthcare workers. These statistics provide the total number of AHS, Covenant Health and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) employees and physicians tested, including a breakdown of the number of positive tests and those who have been confirmed to have been exposed in the workplace.

As of March 17:

- 78,264 employees (AHS, APL, and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 4,826 (or 6.17 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 2,469 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 557 (or 22.6 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 2,357 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 5,015 physicians (AHS, APL, and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 201 (or 4.01 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 104 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 11 (or 10.6 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 97 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

## COVID-19 Immunizations

### COVID-19 Immunization Update

#### By the Numbers

As of 10 a.m. March 19, more than 381,000 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered by AHS, including:

- 122,500+ doses to Albertans 75 years of age and older living in the community
- 86,700+ doses to healthcare workers (excluding LTC/DSL)
- 57,800+ doses to long-term care (LTC) and designated supportive living (DSL) residents
- 54,700+ doses to LTC/DSL staff
- 42,100+ doses Covishield/AstraZeneca
- 13,600+ doses in other congregate living environments
- 3,600+ doses for others

Percentage of eligible individuals identified in Phase 1, who have received at least one dose:

- Healthcare workers: 100 per cent
- LTC/DSL staff: 82 per cent
- LTC/DSL residents: 79 per cent

In total, more than 199,500 Albertans have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and more than 90,800 have received both Dose 1 and Dose 2.

***Update on Rollout of Phase 2A***

Phase 2A of the COVID-19 immunization program began March 15.

Albertans eligible to book through the AHS online immunization booking tool or through Health Link 811 include Albertans born in 1956 or earlier and First Nations, Métis and Inuit people born in 1971 or earlier. Immunizations are also being offered to these same Phase 2A groups through participating pharmacies across the province.

We encourage all Albertans to get their vaccine as soon as they are eligible.

***Phase 2B and 2C, Expected to Begin in April***

We expect to begin Phase 2B and 2C in April, once vaccinations in Phase 2A are complete.

**Please note**, appointment bookings are not yet available for either of these groups.

Exact timing will depend on vaccine supply and will be announced closer to the start of each phase.

We are very hopeful that vaccine supply will increase in the next month or two and we can move quickly into these next phases. We continue to target the month of June to complete first doses for all Albertans who wish to have the vaccine. We thank you for your enthusiasm to get immunized and for your patience as we continue the rollout.

***Phase 2B eligibility***

In Phase 2B, vaccine will be available to Albertans with underlying conditions as they are most at risk of severe outcomes. You can refer to this list for a detailed clinical breakdown of these conditions and who is eligible.

Underlying conditions included in Phase 2B were chosen by Alberta Health as they are associated with a higher risk of death or hospitalization for those under the age of 64. Alberta will operate on the honour system, and a doctor's note or other proof of an underlying condition will **not** be required.

***Phase 2C eligibility***

The following groups will be eligible to receive the vaccine in Phase 2C:

- Healthcare workers working in patient care facilities or providing direct patient care in the community, in order to limit spread to high-risk individuals, including: physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists and all other regulated health care professionals and their office or support staff. This includes:
  - AHS, Covenant, Alberta Precision Labs and DynaLife staff who work in patient care facilities or provide services directly to clients in the community
  - Healthcare workers on First Nation reserves
  - Students undertaking their placement practicums in clinical areas

- Residents and support staff at eligible congregate living and work settings at risk for large outbreaks, including: correctional facilities, homeless shelters, group homes including disability, mental health and other types of licensed supportive living.
- Caregivers of Albertans who are most at risk of severe outcomes.

### **Community Physicians to Administer Vaccine Soon**

On March 16, the Government of Alberta announced, in partnership with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA), that community physicians will soon begin administering COVID-19 vaccines. This announcement follows the release of an Expression of Interest (EOI) from AMA, requesting community physicians and their partners express interest in participating in the Alberta effort to deliver COVID-19 vaccinations. This EOI resulted in over 500 responses from Alberta physicians.

The Government of Alberta will post more details on [alberta.ca](http://alberta.ca) about this opportunity in the coming days.

## **Things You Need to Know**

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### **Verna's Weekly Video Message - An Update on Capital Projects**

Every year, AHS sends Alberta Health and Alberta Infrastructure our Capital Submission list, which identifies our top priority major capital projects. The submission provides advice to government to help inform funding decisions, and these projects help us build a high-quality, stable health system which supports the well-being of Albertans.

The government's 2021 budget provides \$2.2 billion for health infrastructure projects, including continued investment to complete ongoing projects such as the Calgary Cancer Centre, the Gene Zwozdesky Centre at Norwood and the new Edmonton hospital. It also provides funding for new projects, both urban and rural.

Joining me (Verna) to tell us more about some of these projects are:

- Michael Suddes, Executive Director, Foothills Medical Centre
- Mauro Chies, Vice President, Cancer Care Alberta & Clinical Support Services, and
- Dean Olmstead, Acting Chief Program Officer, Capital Management.

Michael, Mauro and Dean discuss how we decide which capital projects to move forward and highlight some of the new urban and rural capital projects.



### **New Study confirms rare fungal infection now calls Alberta home**

A [new study](#) led by Alberta Precision Laboratories researchers, in partnership with the University of Alberta, has confirmed that histoplasmosis – a rare fungal infection transmitted through bat and bird droppings – is now found in Alberta. The study extends the known range of the disease much further northwest from its traditional home in the central United States and parts of southern Ontario and Quebec. Dr. Dingle said that the researchers used epidemiologic data and genetic analysis to determine that 15 out of the 45 confirmed cases of histoplasmosis in Alberta between 2011 and 2018 were locally-acquired. The cases were primarily found in rural areas in central Alberta including Sundre, Stettler and county, Stony Plain and Spruce Grove.

Previously, the geographic range of the fungus was not thought to expand further northwest than Minnesota, some 2,000 km away. Dr. Dingle explained that the number of cases of histoplasmosis remains stable, with a handful of new cases diagnosed each year. The fungus can be present in contaminated dust particles, and when inhaled, patients experience respiratory infections with flu-like symptoms, including cough, fever, chills and headache. Cases are typically related to individuals who have come in contact with bat or bird droppings in old homes, churches, construction sites and parks.

### **Online prenatal class offers support to new parents in Central Zone**

Central Zone residents who are pregnant or trying to become pregnant to a free online prenatal class called *Growing Your Baby: What to Eat During Pregnancy* on March 23, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. During the 90-minute class led by registered dietitians, participants will learn about meal and snack ideas, nutrients they need in pregnancy, safe foods to eat during pregnancy and more. AHS dietitians will be available to answer questions, provide resources and handouts.

Participants can register on the [Central Zone Eventbrite Page](#). You will receive an email with a Zoom link two days before the workshop and a reminder email two hours before the workshop.

### **Mobile mammography service to visit Okotoks, Evansburg and Peace River**

Women ages 50 to 74 - the group most at risk of developing breast cancer - will have local access to mammography services this month when Alberta Health Services' Screen Test program visits Okotoks, Evansburg and Peace River.

A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast and has proven to be the most effective way to detect breast cancer. Early detection allows for a greater number of options for treatment and a better chance of survival. Due to COVID-19, Screen Test is taking a number of precautions to ensure the safety of our clients and staff. Details will be shared when you call to book your appointment.

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at:

- Okotoks Recreation Centre (99 Okotoks Drive), March 30, 31 and April 1.
- Evansburg Baptist Church (4804 48 Avenue), March 30, 31 and April 1, 2021.
- Peace River Community Health Centre (10101 68 Street, behind the hospital in the staff parking/service entrance area), April 15-17 and April 19-20.

Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1-800-667-0604.

Screen Test is improving access to cancer screening for hundreds of women in Alberta communities where mammography is not readily available. Visit <https://screeningforlife.ca/breast/screen-test-mobile-clinics/> for more information and a complete listing of Screen Test mobile sites.

### **Influenza Immunization Update**

As of Mar. 13, 2021, 1,565,155 doses of influenza vaccine have been administered in Alberta. Immunizations are up by more than 150,000 compared to the same time last year.

For the 19th week in row, there are no reported cases of seasonal influenza in Alberta. Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) have tested 105,443 respiratory swabs for influenza from Aug. 23, 2020 to Mar. 13, 2021. We continue to make exceptional progress this season. Let's continue to protect each other from this vaccine-preventable illness and reduce the strain on our healthcare system.

[Click here](#) for more information on the influenza immunization clinics.

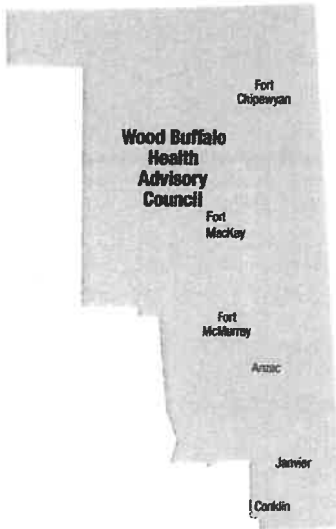
## Join the Conversation

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### Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council Community Conversation on Evaluating Online Information

The Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council (HAC) is hosting a virtual Community Conversation on evaluating online information. Join the conversation to learn how to effectively evaluate information online. Find trusted health sources online and to learn about connecting with AHS on its social media channels. Links and resources with credible information will be provided to make informed decisions.

To register for this event, visit our [Eventbrite link](#).



### Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council Mental Health Community Conversation

The Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council (HAC) is hosting a second virtual Community Conversation on Mental Health Services in the Wood Buffalo region. This event will bring community service agencies together with residents to learn more about the new Mental Health Directory being developed by Leadership Wood Buffalo. We hope that, through this conversation, we will continue to bring attention to both the AHS and community services available to residents, and how AHS and community service providers can work together to meet the needs of Wood Buffalo residents.

To register for this event, visit our [Eventbrite link](#).

### Muslim Albertans invited to learn more about COVID-19

Muslim Albertans are invited to learn more about COVID-19 and the roll out of vaccines in Alberta following evening prayers on **Saturday March 27, at 10 pm**. This event is being hosted by MAC Islamic Center- Rahma Mosque in West Edmonton, in partnership with 19 To Zero. To learn more or to register email [community@19tozero.ca](mailto:community@19tozero.ca).

### Participants Sough for Vaccine Safety Survey

The Canadian National Vaccine Safety (CANVAS) Network is seeking participants to participate in a web-based survey to track any potential adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccines. To assess events that are related to the vaccines, the network is looking for both persons who have been immunized as well as persons who have not been immunized to be in a control group.

Investigators across Canada, including here in Alberta, are working to monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines in large numbers of people in real time.

Participants can join the monitoring program in multiple ways, including through the CANVAS website, through the online booking tool, or where they are immunized. Participants will be asked to complete online surveys eight days after they receive the first COVID-19 vaccine, another eight days after the

second dose – if they receive a two-dose vaccine – and then a final survey six months after that.

Unimmunized control participants will complete the same survey either one or three times. The CANVAS Network conducts active safety surveillance for pandemic vaccines (e.g., H1N1 influenza vaccine in 2009), seasonal influenza vaccines (2010-2020) and other new vaccines (e.g., meningococcal B vaccine in Quebec in 2014) to inform Canadians about their safety.

Please visit [canvas-covid.ca](http://canvas-covid.ca) to learn more.

## Meet our Advisory Council Members



**Introducing Janice Willier of the Greater Edmonton Health Advisory Council (HAC).**

In all aspects of her life, Janice seeks opportunities to make things better for Indigenous Peoples. As a member of the HAC, she finds hope in the collaborative nature of the role.

To learn more about Janice and other Advisory Council members, visit the Meet our Members webpage on [ahs.ca/advisorycouncils](http://ahs.ca/advisorycouncils).

### **Meet B Adair, member of the Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Expression Provincial Advisory Council (SOGIE PAC).**

As an openly gay and transgender man, B brings moving lived-experience to discussions about healthcare. He shares a bit about his personal journey to bring awareness to some of the unique challenges many LGBTQ2S+ people encounter.

To learn more about B and other Advisory Council members, visit the Meet our Members webpage at [ahs.ca/advisorycouncils](http://ahs.ca/advisorycouncils).



## Be Well - Be Kind

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### **Foundation Good News**

Through donor support, our philanthropic partners fund enhancements to healthcare delivery including equipment, programs, renovations, research and education across the province and in your community. [Learn more here.](#)

### **Oiler Foundation hosts #HockeyFightsCancer draw for cancer care in Alberta**

On Friday, March 12, the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation (EOCF) hosted a special night of its online 50/50 draw in support of cancer care in Alberta.

Held during the Oilers' #HockeyFightsCancer game, the 50/50 jackpot totaled \$1,339,825 with a prize of \$669,912.50. The funds raised from the draw will go to the Alberta Cancer Foundation and the Cure Cancer Foundation, to support renovations to the Cross Cancer Institute pharmacy. In addition to the 50/50, the colour lavender was displayed throughout the night to represent all cancers. This included lavender jerseys that players wore during the pre-game warmup, which will be auctioned off at a later date.

Prior to the #HockeyFightsCancer 50/50, the EOCF also held a draw on Wednesday, March 10 to honour the late Walter Gretzky. All proceeds from that draw will support Northern Alberta Food Banks.



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### Photo of the Week

We wish to highlight a photo every week that illustrates the efforts, compassion and achievements being realized as we respond to the pandemic and support Albertans who come to us for care.



"I don't want to die yet. I'd like to live to be 100," says Louise Smyth, 97. She received her first COVID-19 vaccine in Calgary this month. A world traveller and avid quilter, Smyth has been to England, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, New Zealand and Australia. From a family of 10 girls, she has spent the last year working on several quilts and FaceTiming with friends and family, who have dropped off her groceries for her all year. She lost a family member a few years ago to H1N1, and she has some words for people who aren't wearing masks or practicing safe distancing. "They're playing around with death...I'm protecting you. Why aren't you protecting me?" She misses hugs.

To see all our AHS photos, visit our [Instagram Gallery](#) on the AHS website.

## Sharing the Love

### *Gratitude from Albertans*

Thank you to all of the Albertans who have taken the time to recognize the work of healthcare providers and physicians. Messages of gratitude keep pouring in from across the province and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to share a few recent messages of thanks with you — and you can see others on our [Sharing the Love](#) webpage:

*As a front line worker, I just wanted you to know how much you are appreciated. You put yourself out there selflessly. You work so hard to make sure others are comforted. Now it is our turn to comfort you. Please know you are watched and admired day in and day out by people like me. I could never do what you do... You have been given a very special gift. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

- Anonymous

*Thank you so much for all your hard work and support during this difficult time. Your kindness and strength are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your sacrifices...you are a light in the face of this adversity.*

- Anonymous

*We just want you to know that we say thank you for giving your strength to so many. I am thankful for your commitment to caring for our community. Your dedication and skills are making a difference. Sending warm thoughts and our thanks to all of you who are working through these challenging times.*

- Members of the Edmonton Glenora Rotary Club

*Thank you all Carewest Front Line staff throughout Calgary for bringing your heart to work each and every shift! You've helped our residents adjust to many new protocols that could certainly cause fear, uncertainty, and doubt. However, your care and thoughtfulness have made these adjustments much easier. Families trust that we are taking the best of care of their loved ones throughout this COVID journey. Thank you.*

- Jody Ireland, Education

## Wrapping Up: Another Extraordinary Week for Vaccine Rollout

Last week began with Phase 2A of vaccine rollout, in which more than 437,000 Albertans are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. With more than 86,000 appointments booked since Monday morning, we swiftly moved through all 10 eligible birth years for all Albertans and the 15 eligible birth years for First Nations, Métis and Inuit people this week, to get as many Albertans immunized, as quickly as possible.

We want to express how grateful we are for the incredible commitment, dedication and effort all teams involved in the vaccine rollout have displayed. We know the road to get here hasn't been easy: it's required a massive and masterfully coordinated effort across the organization, but as more vaccine is available and administered, there is great hope for the weeks and months to come.

We thank Albertans for their patience, and ask you to continue to practice kindness. At this point in the pandemic, between COVID-19 restrictions and people anxiously awaiting their turn to get the vaccine, we know emotions are running high. We must continue to work together.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



**Dr. Verna Yiu**  
AHS President & CEO

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Senior Medical Officer of Health

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# Together4Health Headlines

• HEALTH NEWS YOU CAN USE •

Welcome to **Together4Health Headlines**, a weekly newsletter designed to keep you informed of decisions being made to protect and support Albertans, key public health information, and opportunities for you to connect with AHS.

AHS is committed to ensuring our partners and stakeholders, like you, receive the information you need to help protect yourself, your families, colleagues and staff. If you know of someone else who would benefit from receiving this information directly from AHS, please invite them to subscribe by [clicking here](#). You can unsubscribe from this e-newsletter by clicking the "Unsubscribe" button at the bottom.

As AHS reflects on a year of responding to COVID-19 we are looking at how we have responded; determining what we want to keep doing, and what we can do better. That includes this publication, which launched in April, and our Community Conversations.

AHS has hosted more than 215 virtual [Community Conversations](#) and other events since March, 2020, engaging thousands of Albertans on COVID-19, mental health, local community concerns, and a wide variety of programs and services.

Did you attend an AHS event in the last year? If so, [please fill out a short survey](#) by April 9. We want to ensure that our events continue to provide valuable opportunities for Albertans to learn from AHS experts, and for AHS to hear your priorities, experiences and advice.

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## COVID-19 Status

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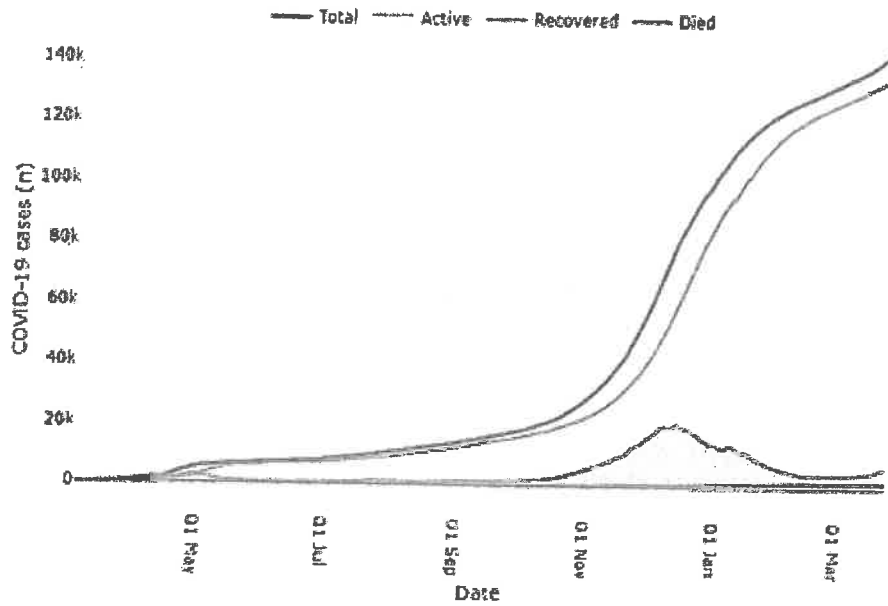
### Cases in Alberta

This past week Alberta experienced a sharp spike in COVID-19 cases across the province, including a 57.2 per cent week-to-week increase in active cases in the Calgary Zone.

As of March 24, there were 6,835 active cases in the province, 1,751 more than the previous week, a 34.4 per cent increase. For the 11th consecutive week, the Calgary Zone had the most active cases, with 3,099, although active cases were up in the other four zones, as you can see in the table below.

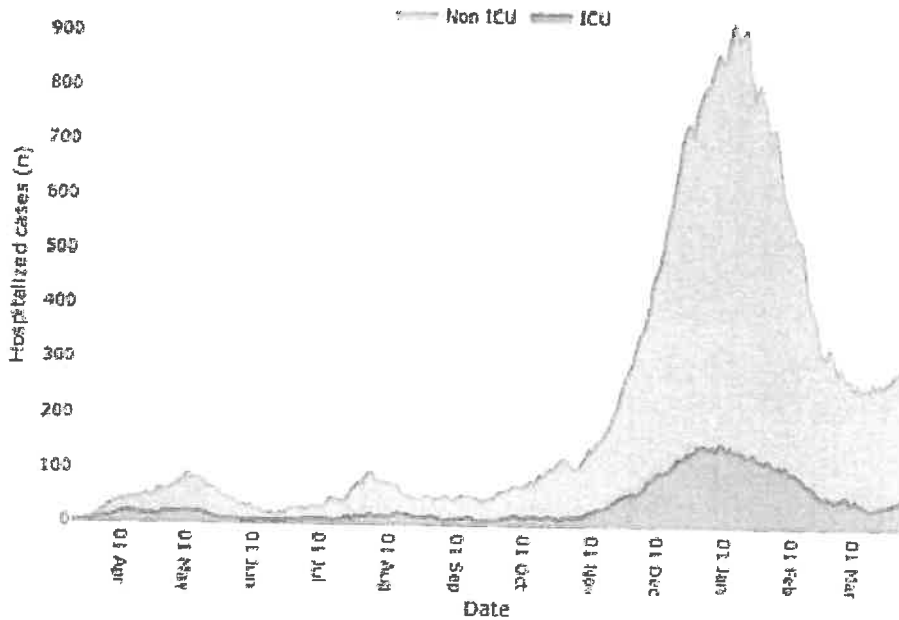
	Active Cases (as of March 24)	Active Cases (as of March 17)	Per cent Change
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>3,099</b>	<b>1,972</b>	<b>+57.2%</b>
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>1,512</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>+22.8%</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>+6.4%</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>+22.1%</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>+28.6%</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>+177.8%</b>

For the seven-day period ending March 24, the number of average new COVID-19 cases rose to 597, compared to 434 the previous week, a 37.5 per cent increase. While all zones reported increases in their average new cases this week, the Calgary Zone had a particularly large spike, reporting 1,970 new cases (an average of 281 per day) this week compared to 1,223 new cases (an average of 175 per day) the previous week, a 61 per cent increase. Provincewide, individuals ages 20 to 49 represented about half of all new cases.



**Hospitalizations and ICU admissions**

Hospitalizations and ICU admissions also climbed this week, the latter significantly. On March 24, there were 55 individuals in ICU with COVID-19, compared to 40 on March 17, a 37.5 per cent increase. A total of 239 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds on March 24 compared to 235 individuals in non-ICU hospital beds on March 17, a 1.7 per cent increase.



The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of March 24 is as follows:

	Hospitalizations	ICUs
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>

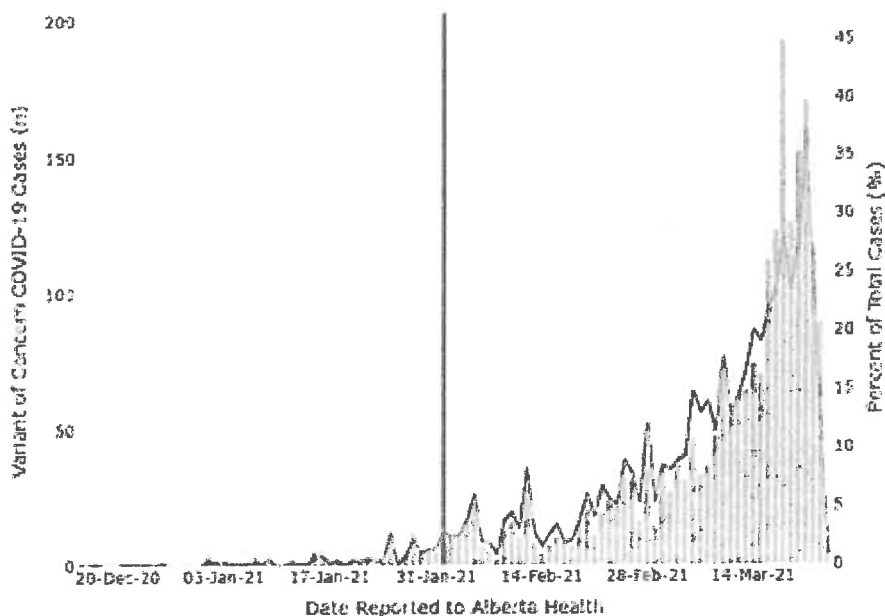
**Other notable COVID-19-related information:**

- As of March 24, a total of 144,311 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 6,418 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.4 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 135,500 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- As of March 24, 1,976 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 19 deaths over the past seven days (March 18 to March 24). We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.
- From March 18 to March 24, 75,112 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 10,730 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 4.85 per cent to 6.71 per cent. As of March 24, a total of 3.6 million tests have been conducted and 1.9 million individuals have been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The provincewide R value from March 15 to March 21 was 1.14, compared to 1.07 the previous week.

**Updates on variants of concerns**

Alberta Health has now reported 2,301 cases of COVID-19 variants of concern (VOC): 2,276 are B.1.1.7 variant (U.K. variant), 20 are B.1.351 variant (South African variant) and five are P.1 (Brazilian variant). Of all these VOC cases, 1,400 are active (20.5 per cent of total active COVID-19 cases), 881 people have recovered and 20 people have died.

The figure below shows new VOC cases (grey bars) and the percentage of VOC cases identified compared to other cases of COVID-19 (blue line). Between March 16 and March 22, the percentage of VOC cases ranged from 21.8 per cent to 37.2 per cent.



*(Note: People are identified as COVID-19 cases prior to VOC identification. As such, VOC reporting is delayed compared to date the case was reported. Changes in case counts can occur due to the nature of the screening and sequencing process.)*

**COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers**

We continue to update the testing data for healthcare workers in the AHS Healthcare Worker COVID-19 Testing dashboard. These statistics provide the total number of AHS, Covenant Health and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) employees and physicians tested, including a breakdown of the number of

positive tests and those who have been confirmed to have been exposed in the workplace.

As of March 24:

- 78,745 employees (AHS, APL and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 4,917 (or 6.2 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 2,640 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 592 (or 22.4 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 2,277 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 5,070 physicians (AHS, APL and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 204 (or 4.0 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 106 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 11 (or 10.4 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 98 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

## COVID-19 Immunizations

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### COVID-19 Immunization Update

#### COVID-19 Immunization Milestone

On March 25, more than 20,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered at more than 120 AHS immunization sites across Alberta.

We have hit another major milestone and another all-time high in AHS' COVID-19 immunization campaign.

From our front-line immunizers to the Public Health, Logistics, IT and Communications teams involved in the online booking tool development, and everyone who made this possible, thank you for your hard work and preparation that has culminated in this outstanding achievement. The level of co-operation and co-ordination you have displayed is truly outstanding. This is more than 20,000 lives changed for the better.



We will continue to work towards our goal to complete first doses for all Albertans who wish to have the vaccine by June, as vaccine supply allows.

Thank you again for sharing your skills, knowledge and expertise. We appreciate and value all the work you have done and continue to do.

#### ***By the Numbers***

As of 10 a.m. March 26, more than 451,600 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine had been administered by AHS. More than 267,200 Albertans have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and more than 92,100 have received both Dose 1 and Dose 2.

#### ***Update on Rollout of Phase 2A***

As of 10 a.m. today (March 26), AHS has booked 110,629 COVID-19 immunization appointments for eligible Albertans in Phase 2A. More than 50,100 Albertans received their COVID-19 immunization at AHS sites last week alone. Together with the pharmacy program in the province, we are hoping to complete Phase 2A by this week.

Albertans eligible to book through [AHS online immunization booking tool](#) or through Health Link 811 include Albertans born in 1956 or earlier and First Nations, Métis and Inuit people born in 1971 or earlier. Immunizations are also being offered to the entire Phase 2A cohort through [participating pharmacies](#) across the province.

We encourage all healthcare workers who become eligible in Phase 2A due to age or other eligibility criteria to get their vaccine as soon as possible.

We expect in early April to begin Phase 2B, which will target Albertans with underlying health conditions. Phase 2C is anticipated to begin later in April. Exact timing will depend on vaccine supply and will be announced closer to the start of each phase. **Please note: appointment bookings are not yet available for either Phase 2B or 2C.**

We understand there are many people anxiously waiting to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and many staff have questions about the eligibility criteria for healthcare workers in Phase 2C, which was announced by Alberta Health last week.

To help answer your questions, we have added a FAQ onto the Vaccine Sequencing for Healthcare Workers page (printable PDF) to clarify the following:

- Who will be eligible in Phase 2C
- What is considered a patient care facility
- Eligibility of healthcare workers in different settings
- Volunteers working in patient care facilities
- Eligibility of contracted providers
- Eligibility of healthcare workers on leave
- Student and instructor placements

#### ***Update to rollout of Phase 2B***

As announced by Alberta Health earlier today, the next group of eligible Albertans will be able to start booking COVID-19 immunizations through participating pharmacies on March 30 as part of phase 2B. By the end of phase 2B, all Albertans born in 2005 or earlier (ages 16 and up) with any one of a list of eligible underlying health conditions will have the opportunity to receive the vaccine.

#### ***Health conditions included in phase 2B***

In phase 2B, Albertans born in 2005 or earlier (ages 16 and up) with the following underlying conditions are included in this phase:

- A missing spleen or a spleen that is no longer working
- Cancer
- Chronic heart disease and vascular disease
- Chronic kidney diseases requiring regular medical monitoring or treatment
- Chronic liver disease due to any cause
- Chronic neurological disease
- Chronic respiratory (lung) diseases
- Diabetes requiring insulin or other anti-diabetic medication to control
- A weakened immune response due to disease or treatment
- Anyone who is currently pregnant
- Severe mental illness or substance use disorder requiring a hospital stay during the past year
- Severe obesity which includes a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 40kg/m<sup>2</sup> or more
- Severe or profound learning disabilities or severe developmental delay
- Solid organ, bone marrow or stem cell transplant recipients

A full list of associated underlying health conditions is available at [alberta.ca/covid](http://alberta.ca/covid).

The conditions included in phase 2B were recommended by the Alberta Advisory Committee on Immunization and were chosen by Alberta Health as they are associated with a higher risk of death or hospitalization.

Phase 2B is the largest eligible group to date and includes an estimated 945,000 eligible people. We anticipate calls to Health Link to increase with this cohort and have ensured staffing is on hand to assist all Albertans seeking advice.

#### ***Commitment to Comfort Resources for COVID-19 Immunization***

Commitment to Comfort (CTC) is an evidence-based quality improvement initiative, which was initially developed at the Alberta Children's Hospital in 2014 and has now been expanded to support adult populations. The initiative aims to reduce pain and distress with any needle or medical procedure to improve comfort and overall client experience.

Up to a quarter of adults have needle fears and 10 per cent of those adults have such significant fear that they avoid immunization. CTC has five simple core principles, which are derived from research and current clinical practice guidelines and supported by internationally renowned experts in vaccine pain and fear management.

The CTC team within the AHS COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force has expanded these principles and strategies to adult populations for the COVID-19 immunization program in Alberta. These principles have also been integrated into AHS' provincial COVID-19 immunization policy.

Several resources have been developed for immunizers and clients and are available on the [COVID-19 Resources Table for AHS Staff & Health Professionals](#). We encourage teams to embed these resources into their work.

#### ***Booking through a participating pharmacy begins March 30***

Pharmacies across Alberta are offering immunizations to all Albertans born in or before 1963 with underlying health conditions. Eligible individuals wanting to book their appointment through a participating pharmacy can book directly through the pharmacy of their choice, which can be found on the Alberta Blue Cross website: [COVID-19 Immunization Program | Alberta Blue Cross](#)

Additional pharmacies will offer bookings starting the week of April 5, as more doses arrive. Albertans are asked to not call pharmacies that are not on the Alberta Blue Cross list, as they will not have any appointments available. Please only call pharmacies if you are eligible to book an appointment.

#### **Booking through Alberta Health Services begins April 5**

AHS is offering appointments in a staged approach and will start with those born in or before 1959 with underlying health conditions. All eligible Albertans wanting to book their appointment through AHS can do so through the online booking tool or by calling Health Link at 811.

Additional birth years in phase 2B will become eligible as more vaccine arrives.

During this phase of the vaccine roll out, Alberta will operate on the honour system. A doctor's note or other proof of an underlying condition is not required. Individuals who are pregnant, immunocompromised or with an autoimmune disorder are encouraged to consult their healthcare provider prior to booking their appointment if they have any questions.

#### ***Updates to online booking tool***

In conjunction with the launch of phase 2B, AHS has made enhancements to the online booking tool to allow other eligible family members to book vaccines at the same time.

Starting on April 5, the tool will provide options for eligible Albertans to book appointments at the same time, and at the same clinic for up to three additional family members. Family members will need to indicate eligibility as well as demographic information when booking their vaccine appointment.

## Things You Need to Know

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### **Verna's Weekly Video Message - Rapid Flow-Through Clinics Contingency Planning**

Since the provincial COVID-19 immunization program began in December, we have been following a phased immunization approach, aligned with anticipated vaccine supply.

As we have seen in the past, we have to be ready to adapt our approach in case the vaccine supply changes. That includes earlier this year, when we had to re-book second-dose appointments due to a vaccine shortage.

However, it's just as important to be prepared to manage unexpected surges of vaccines coming into Alberta, and be able to administer immunizations as quickly as possible.

That's why we have been developing a contingency plan that would be activated at the direction of Alberta Health, should we see a vaccine surge. This plan revolves around the mobilization of rapid flow-through clinics.

Joining me (Verna) to [tell us more about these clinics](#) are:

- Dr. Cheri Nijssen-Jordan, Co-Lead: AHS COVID-19 Task Force
- Debbie Goulard, Rapid Flow-Through Clinic Coordinator

Cheri and Debbie discuss situations where the clinics would be activated and what preparations are in place.



### **Influenza Immunization Update**

As of March 20, 1.6 million doses of influenza vaccine have been administered in Alberta. Immunizations are up by more than 193,800 compared to the same time last year. For the 20th week in row, there are no reported cases of seasonal influenza in Alberta.

Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) has tested 107,820 respiratory swabs for influenza from Aug. 23, 2020, to March 20, 2021.

[Click here](#) for more information on the influenza immunization clinics for the public.

### **\$33M Investment to Reduce CT, MRI Wait Times**

Today Alberta Health and AHS announced a \$33-million investment to improve access to CT and MRI diagnostic imaging healthcare services.

AHS has developed a three-year action plan to reduce wait times, and we will now take immediate steps to implement it, ensuring Albertans have more timely access to CT and MRI services.

The CT and MRI Implementation Plan will minimize wait times, decrease costs and better manage demand by using data to more accurately estimate where demand pressures may occur. This will allow us to allocate resources where they are most needed by reinvesting savings created by cost containment, clinical appropriateness and efficiencies back into diagnostic imaging.

The \$33-million commitment for Year 1 of the three-year plan will enable AHS to perform 50,000 additional CT scans in 2021/22 and 45,000 additional MR scans in 2021/22 throughout the province.

### **New EMS Station Announced for Slave Lake**

A new Emergency Medical Services station for Slave Lake will allow for more efficient deployment of resources in life-and-death emergency situations. More than \$4.7 million will be spent on the new facility at the Slave Lake Healthcare Centre through the Rural Health Facilities Revitalization Program (RHFRP). Work on the new EMS station is expected to begin in the coming months and more detailed timelines will



be shared once the project is underway.

In the last few years, more than \$1.2 million has also been spent at the Slave Lake Healthcare Centre on Infrastructure Maintenance Program (IMP) projects including the replacement of the acute care reception desk and upgrades to the security system. Currently almost \$2 million is being spent on IMP projects at the healthcare centre including the replacement of the chiller and fire alarm system. Both projects are currently in the design phase and anticipated to be complete by early summer.

### **Fort Saskatchewan Community Hospital resumes labour and delivery services**

The Fort Saskatchewan Community Hospital's Women's Health Program has restored obstetrical services for patients who are not COVID-19 positive or COVID-19 presumptive. All appropriate infection prevention and control measures have been implemented to ensure safe patient care as the FSCH labour and delivery unit. Midwives and physicians with privileges at the FSCH will work with their patients to screen for COVID-19 prior to delivery and ensure the patient is directed to the appropriate hospital. For the duration of the pandemic response, COVID-19 positive and COVID-19 presumptive positive patients will be referred or transferred to an alternative labour and delivery site in the Edmonton Zone, if delivery is not imminent.

### **Consort Emergency Department re-opens**

Alberta Health Services (AHS) will be reopening the Emergency Department (ED) at the Consort Hospital and Care Centre today, March 29, 2021. Admission to the community support beds at the facility have also resumed. Patients not requiring emergency care will continue to be directed to contact a physician's clinic to book an appointment.

The Consort ED was temporarily closed last spring as part of AHS' response to anticipated demands for acute care and ED spaces due to COVID-19. These changes not only helped create acute care capacity at other sites who have been able to transfer patients to Consort, but further reduced the risk of potential illness spread between patient populations by creating a single patient group at the site. Not having COVID-19 positive patients under the same roof as continuing care residents has limited exposure and potential illness spread to seniors, who remain most vulnerable to COVID-19.

Alberta Health Services continues to closely monitor the pandemic situation and remains ready to enact temporary changes again if necessary to protect patients, residents and communities. As COVID-19 immunization continues to roll out across the province, it is important to remember that vaccination is just one of the many ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19. All Albertans must remain diligent in following all public health guidelines.

### **AHS Screen Test to visit Nanton and Claresholm in April**

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at the Nanton Baptist Church (2410, 26 Avenue), from April 5 through April 9 and the Claresholm Aquatic Centre (212 Fairway Drive West), on April 10, 12-17, 19 and 20.

Screen Test is improving access to cancer screening for hundreds of women in Alberta communities where mammography is not readily available. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling toll-free 1-800-667-0604. Visit [Screen Test](#) for more information and a complete listing of mobile sites.

### **Cervical and colorectal cancer screening project joins mobile mammography program in Grimshaw**

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at the Grimshaw Berwyn Community Health Complex (5621 Wilcox Road) on April 21-23, 26 and 27. AHS is pleased to offer additional cancer screening services during this time. AHS Screening Programs is partnering with [Screen Test](#) as part of a project to provide cervical and colorectal cancer screening in Grimshaw/Peace River on April 21 and 22. Cervical and colorectal consultations will be available on April 21 or 22 in Peace River, while colorectal consultations will be available in Grimshaw in the morning of April 22. A female Nurse Practitioner will provide the screening.

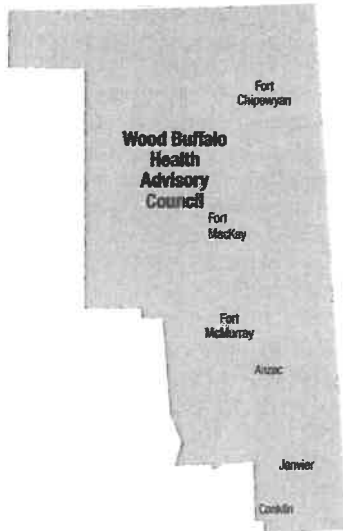
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### Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council Mental Health Community Conversation

The Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council (HAC) is hosting a second virtual Community Conversation on Mental Health Services in the Wood Buffalo region. This event will bring community service agencies together with residents to learn more about the new Mental Health Directory being developed by Leadership Wood Buffalo. We hope that, through this conversation, we will continue to bring attention to both the AHS and community services available to residents, and how AHS and community service providers can work together to meet the needs of Wood Buffalo residents.

To register for this event, visit our [Eventbrite link](#).

### You are invited to a COVID-19 Community Conversation

Alberta Health Services invites you a virtual COVID-19 Community Conversation focused on the [Lacombe](#), [Ponoka](#) and [Wetaskiwin](#) communities. Following an update on the status of COVID-19 in Alberta and the central region, and AHS' response - including variants of concern and vaccine safety - Dr. Mohammed Mosli will respond to your questions.

This virtual event is scheduled for:

- **Thursday, April 1 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** ([register here](#))

To register and learn more, visit [Together4Health](#).

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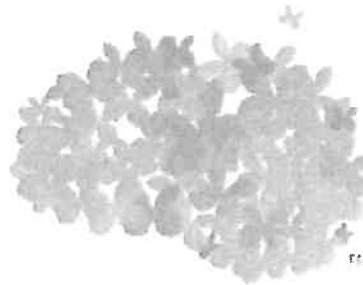
#### ***ATB Up campaign raises \$150,000 for mental health***

ATB has announced that their ATB Up campaign has raised \$125,000 for the Mental Health Foundation - exceeding their \$100,000 goal.

The ATB Up campaign asked Albertans to take part in a series of simple social challenges and post videos of their participation on social media. For each post using the #ATBUp hashtag, ATB donated \$1 to the foundation.

The challenges included dancing to your favourite song, sharing moments with your pets, taking part in a wall sit challenge and posting your favourite comfort meal on social media.

On top of ATB's donation to the Mental Health Foundation, their team also provided 1,275 pieces of warm clothing to shelters across the province, access to sports programming and equipment for 240 Indigenous youth, and 1,400+ hot meals to those in need. Learn more about the Mental Health Foundation [here](#).



## Mental Health Foundation

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*Thank you to the many people who care for us. Those who keep healthcare facilities clean and safe; who provide hands-on care that supports our well-being; who work behind the scenes to expedite supply chain; and those whose small acts of kindness buoy our spirits.*

— Lynn M.

*Thank you for your professionalism and gentle administration of my vaccine.*

— Bev Van Hout

*I was able to book my COVID-19 vaccine appointment within 30 minutes. Thanks for being so organized and efficient.*

— Anonymous

*I received my first Pfizer dose on Feb. 25. (The site) was very well organized with easy flow followed by excellent technique and teaching regarding the vaccine and follow-up care.*

— Elaine McKiel

### **Wrapping Up**

As the number of active COVID-19 cases climbs, and as variants of concern (VOCs) spread throughout the province, we would like to remind you to consistently adhere to public health, Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and [personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#) measures. As you likely know, the VOCs are more transmissible than the original COVID-19 strain; not just in our communities but also in our workplaces. Even as the COVID-19 vaccines roll out, the dangers posed by this pandemic remain a threat to all of us and to the integrity of the healthcare system. So please, protect yourself and others by making sure you're aware of the latest public health, IPC and [PPE](#) measures, follow them and encourage others to do the same. As always, getting through this together involves helping one another stay safe. Thank you for everything you do, each and every day.

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As AHS reflects on a year of responding to COVID-19 we are looking at how we have responded; determining what we want to keep doing, and what we can do better. That includes this publication, which launched in April, and our Community Conversations.

AHS has hosted more than 215 virtual [Community Conversations](#) and other events since March, 2020, engaging thousands of Albertans on COVID-19, mental health, local community concerns, and a wide variety of programs and services.

Did you attend an AHS event in the last year? If so, [please fill out a short survey](#) by April 9. We want to ensure that our events continue to provide valuable opportunities for Albertans to learn from AHS experts, and for AHS to hear your priorities, experiences and advice.

## Today's Update:

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The next group of eligible Albertans were able to start booking COVID-19 immunizations through AHS starting today, April 5, at 8 a.m. as part of Phase 2B. This phase includes Albertans who are 16-64 years of age with any one of a list of eligible chronic conditions. A full list of associated underlying health conditions is available at [alberta.ca/covid](https://alberta.ca/covid).

AHS is offering appointments in a staged approach and will start with those born in or before 1963. All eligible Albertans wanting to book their appointment through AHS can do so through the [online booking tool](#) or by calling Health Link at 811. AHS will continue to expand eligibility to include additional birth years in the days to come.

Pharmacies across Alberta will continue to offer immunizations to all Albertans born in or before 1963 with underlying health conditions. Eligible individuals can book their appointment through a [participating pharmacy](#).

During this phase of the vaccine rollout, Alberta will operate on the honour system. A doctor's note or other proof of an underlying condition is not required. Individuals who are pregnant, immunocompromised or with an autoimmune disorder are encouraged to consult their healthcare provider prior to booking their appointment if they have any questions.

#### ***Family booking starts today, April 5***

In conjunction with the launch of Phase 2B, AHS has made enhancements to the online booking tool to allow other eligible family members to book vaccines at the same time. Starting today, April 5, the tool will provide options for eligible Albertans to book appointments at the same time and at the same clinic for up to three additional family members.

#### ***COVID-19 vaccine for homebound Albertans***

On March 29, AHS began immunizing eligible homebound Albertans. Homebound individuals are physically unable to leave their home, such as for medical and personal appointments. This population is considered vulnerable and requires immunization to be provided in their homes.

Similar to how the annual influenza vaccine is provided to homebound individuals, the COVID-19 vaccine is administered by AHS public health or home care staff, depending on the zone. Eligible home care clients will be contacted directly by AHS to arrange immunization.

Albertans who think they may be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at home but are not a home care client are encouraged to contact Health Link at 811. Health Link staff will do an initial screening to check eligibility. The zone teams will then follow up to do a second eligibility check and book their COVID-19 immunization if appropriate.

Only homebound individuals are eligible to be immunized through this program at this time. This will ensure homebound individuals are immunized as quickly as possible, with the resources and vaccine supply available. For more information, see [Immunization - Booking Your Appointment](#).

#### ***Thank you***

Thank you to all eligible Albertans who have received their COVID-19 vaccines or booked their immunization appointment. We will continue to work to ensure all adult Albertans who want a vaccine will get their first dose by the end of June. For more information, please refer to [alberta.ca/covid](https://alberta.ca/covid) and AHS' [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ](#).

#### **Outbreak Control Strategy Introduced**

As part of a province wide strategy to manage acute care outbreaks, AHS will now offer COVID-19 immunization to healthcare workers when there are two or more concurrent variant of concern (VOC) outbreaks on-site.

As such, and in support of the ongoing outbreaks at the Grey Nuns Community Hospital, as well as at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, involving VOCs on two units, all on-site staff, physicians, residents, students currently doing their clinical placement and contracted service providers are being offered immunization over the coming days.

We are currently working with Alberta Health on future sequencing as quickly and safely as possible. For the full list of phases, please visit the [Government of Alberta's website](#).

Immunization of all healthcare workers — including students who work in acute care facilities — are part of Phase 2C, which is expected to begin later in April.

## Things You Need to Know

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### Verna's Weekly Video Message - Cancer Awareness During COVID-19

We know many people have not been seeking care for serious health concerns since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. In Alberta, there has been a steady decrease in the number of new cancers being diagnosed and this trend is happening across Canada and the world.

In response, AHS launched a province wide public health cancer awareness campaign last winter to remind Albertans to listen to their bodies and book an appointment to see their family physician, even during a pandemic. The healthcare system in Alberta has been and continues to be available to help screen for, diagnose and manage cancer, with steps being taken to ensure we can do so safely.

Dr. Douglas Stewart, Physician of Internal Medicine, Medical Oncology; Provincial Medical Director of the Cancer Strategic Clinical Network; and campaign lead joins me (Verna) to talk about the campaign and why it's so important to respond appropriately to any issues people may experience with their health or body, and to stay up to date with routine cancer screening.

Doug shares what trends we are seeing in cancer diagnosis during the pandemic, what important symptoms to look for and when to seek medical help, and how the campaign is helping spread awareness to all Albertans.

Visit [ahs.ca/bodytalk](https://ahs.ca/bodytalk) to learn more and to see available resources.



### Influenza Immunization Update

As of March 27, 1.6 million doses of influenza vaccine have been administered in Alberta. Immunizations are up by more than 191,600 compared to the same time last year.

For the 21st week in row, there are no reported cases of seasonal influenza in Alberta.

Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) has tested 110,426 respiratory swabs for influenza from Aug. 23, 2020, to March 27, 2021.

Please note: the 2020-2021 Alberta Influenza Immunization program has ended for the general public. March 31 was the last day for members of the general public to receive influenza immunization. Eligible

children under the age of nine, who have received one dose of the influenza vaccine prior to March 31, will be offered their second dose until April 30.

### **Supporting Our Healthcare Teams - Physician Assistant Regulation**

The Government of Alberta announced that, as of April 1, physician assistants academically skilled professionals who function as physician extenders became a fully regulated health professional in Alberta.

Physician assistants work under the supervision of a physician or group of physicians within a team, and their scope of practice is negotiated by the relationship with the physician(s) and the care setting. Physician assistants collaborate and work alongside physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses, blending their individual skills and knowledge to provide optimum patient care.

For more information on physician assistants, visit the Canadian Association of Physician Assistants website or the CPSA website.

### **Mobile mammography service to visit Westlock**

Women ages 50-74 - the group most at risk of developing breast cancer - will have local access to mammography services when the Alberta Health Services Screen Test program arrives in the community next month.

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at the Westlock Healthcare Centre (10220 93 Street, on MRI pad, clients can park west side of the trailer) on April 28-30 and May 1, 3, 4 and 5. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1-800-667-0604.

Screen Test is improving access to cancer screening for hundreds of women in northern Alberta communities where mammography is not readily available.

A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast and has proven to be the most effective way to detect breast cancer. Early detection allows for a greater number of options for treatment and a better chance of survival.

Due to COVID-19, Screen Test is taking a number of precautions to ensure the safety of our clients and staff. Details will be shared when you call to book your appointment. Visit <https://screeningforlife.ca/breast/screen-test-mobile-clinics/> for more information and a complete listing of Screen Test mobile sites.

### **Infant nutrition classes offers support to parents in Central Zone**

Parents who have questions about feeding their growing babies have access to a free, online infant nutrition class offered by Alberta Health Services (AHS).

Led by a registered dietitian, the 90-minute workshop highlights why babies need to start on iron-rich foods at six months, how to start introducing solid foods and why progressing to different food textures is important.

AHS dietitians will answer questions and show parents how to make their own baby food using a variety of kitchen tools they may already have at home. Parents will learn how to prepare vegetables, fruit, meat and meat alternatives using a number of different tools, including hand mixers, food mills and food processors.

The class is an online version of AHS' infant nutrition workshops, which are offered regularly in 29 communities across AHS Central Zone. The classes are moving online in order to follow public health guidelines on physical distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information and to register to attend, please call your local community health centre. You will receive an email with your Zoom link one day before the workshop.

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### Lesser Slave Lake community session on land acknowledgement

The Lesser Slave Lake Health Advisory Council (HAC) invite local and area residents to participate in one of our virtual training sessions on Land Acknowledgements for residents in the Lesser Slave Lake region.

**Wednesday, April 14 @ 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. - [Register here](#)**

Inspired by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Land Acknowledgements are a stepping stone in the reconciliation process. This presentation provides a look at Land Acknowledgements through an Indigenous lens. We will talk about their significance and bring an understanding of why they're so important. You will also learn how to prepare one and the best way to present one.

### North Zone COVID-19 Community Conversation

Albertans residing in Redwater and Grande Prairie & District are invited to a virtual COVID-19 Community Conversation with Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kathryn Koliaska. Hosted in partnership with the Redwater Chamber and Grande Prairie & District Chamber, come learn about the status of COVID-19 in Alberta and specific public health measures for businesses - including vaccine safety – and ask questions directly of Dr. Koliaska. To register, [click here](#).

### Members of Alberta's Chinese Community Invited to Community Conversation

Members of Alberta's Chinese Community are invited to a virtual COVID-19 Community Conversation with Medical Officer of Health Dr. Cheri Nijssen-Jordan on **April 15, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Following an update on the status of COVID-19 in Alberta and AHS' response - including vaccine safety - Dr. Nijssen-Jordan will answer your questions. While the presentation will be made in English, translation services will be available.

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### Join online health workshops in April

AHS is inviting local individuals to attend free health information workshops that are helping Albertans make positive adjustments to their lifestyles.

The workshops are offered as part of the Alberta Healthy Living Program (AHLP), an AHS initiative designed to promote healthy living and provide easy access to helpful information. AHLP workshops cover a range of information, including heart health, stress management, nutrition, diabetes care and chronic illness management.

Upcoming Zoom workshops include:

- **Sleep Well** Discover tips to help you sleep better, reasons why you may have trouble falling asleep, and the important link between quality sleep and good health. **April 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

- **Minding Stress (two sessions)** Discover ways to effectively reduce and manage stress in daily life, learn about the hidden costs of stress and explore causes. **April 19 and 26 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

Registration is required as dates and times are subject to change. For more information and to register to attend, please call the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997.

### Health Advisory Councils are Recruiting

The Tamarack, True North and Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Councils are recruiting (see provincial map [here](#)). If you know anyone in these areas who would be interested in joining our Advisory Council family, or if you are interested yourself, you can learn more and apply [here](#).

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### *A Stollerific International Women's Day*

To celebrate International Women's Day, the Stollery Women's Network asked Stollery supporters from across Alberta to nominate women who have had a positive impact on the Stollery community.

After receiving close to 50 nominations, 13 remarkable women were honoured. From nurses and researchers to doctors and advocates, almost half of those recognized are AHS employees.

Congratulations to Dr. Angela Bates, Chrystal Plante, Dr. Lindsay Ryerson, Dr. Lisa Hornberger, Nicole Spreen and Stephanie Wanner for their work and commitment to making a difference in the lives of Stollery families from backyards across Alberta.

For details on all the Stollerific honorees, visit the Stollery Women's Network [Facebook page](#).



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*I was transported to (Strathcona Community Hospital) about 11 p.m. and left the next day about 2 p.m., so I had two shifts of doctors and nurses. The staff in emergency are the most genuine, caring people I have ever met. Thank you so much. I felt safe and well cared for. You are amazing.*

— Brenda

*Thank you for caring for me. I'm on the mend because of you. All of your health team showed compassion, care, and made me feel comfortable. Makes me so grateful for the services we have here in the province, especially during a pandemic, which complicates everything.*

— Anonymous

### **Wrapping Up - Be Safe**

For all who worked over the long weekend, we thank you for your sacrifice - and so do the Albertans who rely on you to allow them to meet their needs, or for care and support. We hope you have an opportunity to enjoy some downtime, rest and recharge. We know healthcare workers and all those who work to keep Alberta thriving are always busy, and there's still a lot of pandemic response ahead of us, despite the ongoing rollout of the COVID-19 vaccines. Giving ourselves permission to unplug from work responsibilities, even briefly, represents the sort of self-care that will help all of us maintain our physical and mental well-being.

We understand and appreciate how hard it is to be separated from those you love, especially as we look ahead to spring and summer and family get-togethers and vacations. We strongly encourage all Albertans to stay physically distant but socially connected. It may be hard but it's what we all need to do to protect ourselves and those we love, especially as the variants of concern continue to spread throughout the province.

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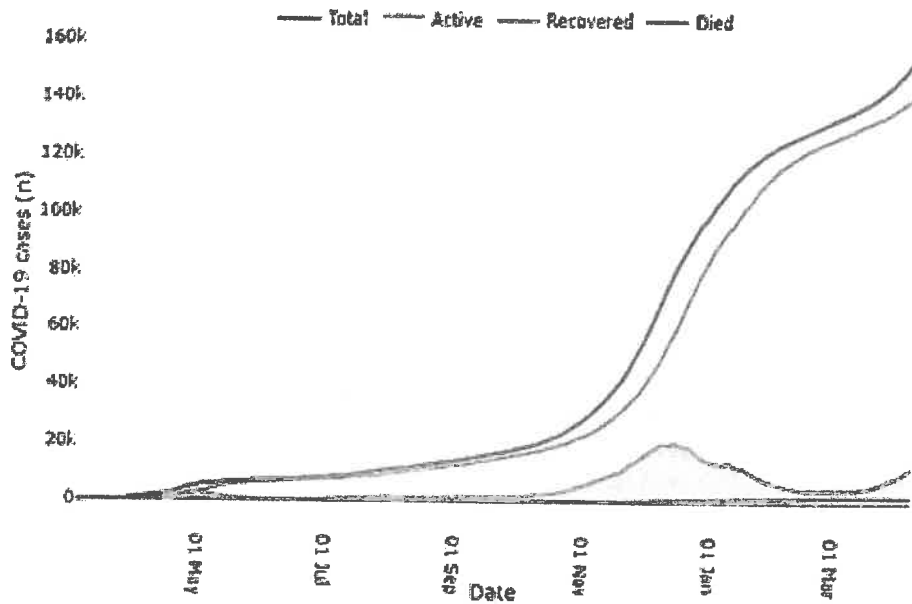
### Cases in Alberta

This past week all COVID-19 numbers are up - and up sharply - with variants of concern (VOC) now comprising almost half of all active cases. In response, the Government of Alberta updated mandatory health measures to try to slow the spread of COVID-19 and the VOCs (see item below).

As of April 7, there were 12,187 active cases, up from 8,653 the previous week, a 41 per cent increase. Calgary Zone has the most active cases in the province for the 13th consecutive week, although every zone reported an increase in active cases, as you can see in the table below.

	Active Cases (as of April 7)	Active Cases (as of April 1)	Per cent Change
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>5,709</b>	<b>4,058</b>	<b>+40.7%</b>
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>2,916</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>+54.4%</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>1,614</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>+52.6%</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>+5.9%</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>+26.9%</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>+116.3%</b>

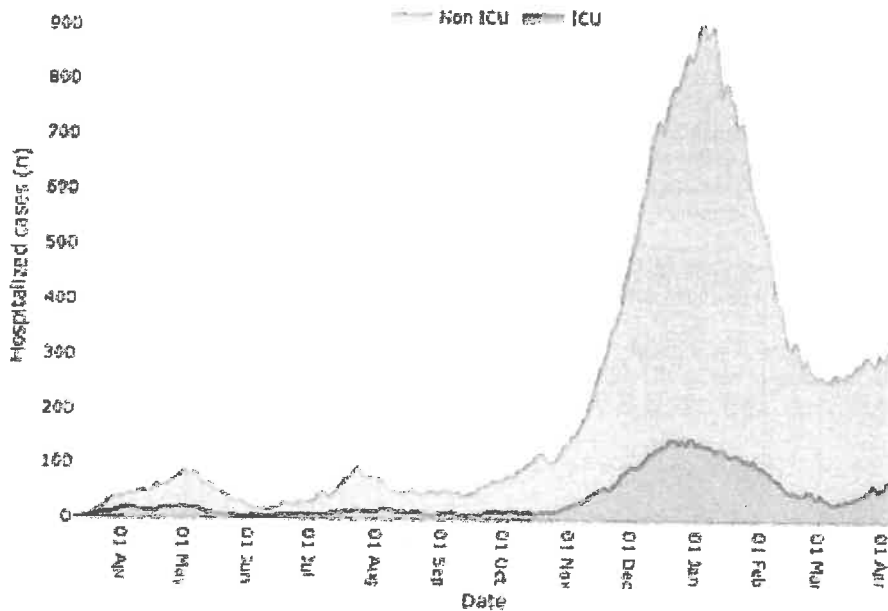
There was an average of 1,104 daily new cases in the province for the seven-day period ending April 7, compared to 715 cases the previous week (March 25-31\*), a 54.4 per cent increase. The Calgary Zone reported the largest number of new cases, with 3,636, compared to 2,301 new cases the previous week, a 58 per cent increase.



*\*Note: This week's report uses the regular Thursday-to-Wednesday interval, not the truncated interval used for last week's report, which compensated for the stat holiday. Individuals aged 10 to 49 accounted for 71 per cent of new cases in the province over the past week.*

**Hospitalizations and ICU admissions**

As expected, hospitalization and ICU numbers are starting to reflect the rising number of COVID-19 cases reported in Alberta over the past several weeks.



On April 7, there were 83 individuals in ICUs compared to 58 on April 1, a 43.1 per cent increase. A total of 257 individuals were in non-ICU hospital beds on April 7 compared to 235 on April 1, a 9.4 per cent increase.

The breakdown of hospitalizations by zone as of April 7 is as follows:

	Hospitalizations	ICUs
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>

**Other notable COVID-19-related information:**

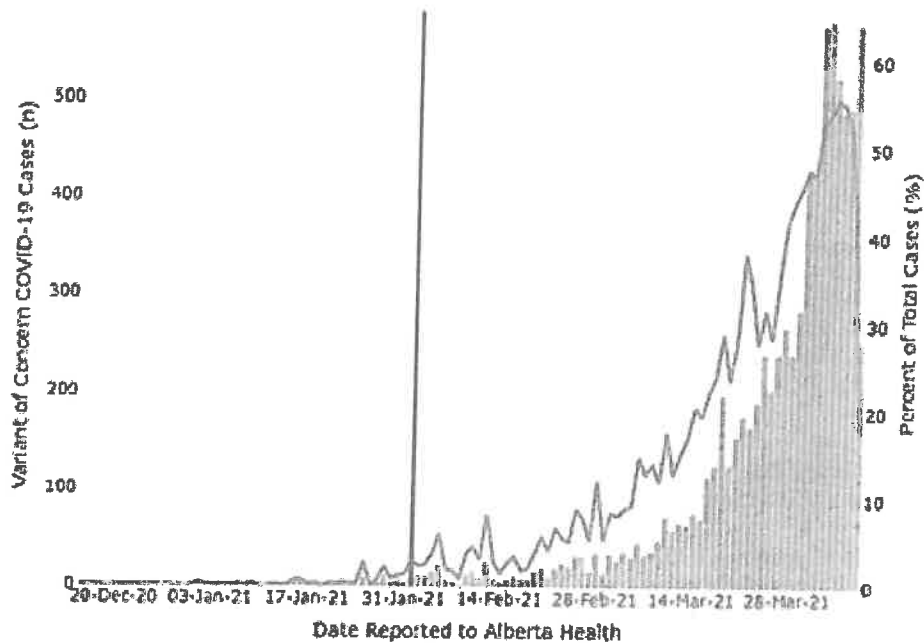
- As of April 7, a total of 156,905 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Alberta and a total of 6,746 individuals have been hospitalized, which amounts to 4.3 individuals for every 100 cases. In all, 142,713 Albertans have recovered from COVID-19.
- As of April 7, 2,005 individuals have passed away from COVID-19, including 11 deaths between April 1 and April 7. We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones from any cause during this time.
- From April 1 to April 7, 84,059 COVID-19 tests were completed, an average of 12,008 tests per day. During this period, the daily positivity ranged from 8.51 per cent to 10.27 per cent. As of April 7, a total of 3.8 million tests have been conducted and 1.9 million individuals have been tested.
- The R value, also known as the reproduction number, describes the ability of a disease to spread. It tells us the average number of people that someone with COVID-19 will infect. An R value of 1 means an infected person will infect one other person on average. Values below 1 mean transmission is decreasing; above 1, transmission is increasing. The provincewide R value from March 29 to April 4 was 1.17, whereas R value the previous week was 1.09.
- For the winter school term, as of April 7, AHS has confirmed 3,624 individuals with COVID-19 were present at schools while infectious or acquired the disease in the school setting. A total of 871 out of 2,415 schools in the province have reported an individual has attended their school while infectious or had in-school transmission.

**Updates on variants of concerns**

Alberta Health has now reported 8,278 cases of COVID-19 variants of concern (VOC): 8,229 are B.1.1.7 variant (variant originating in the U.K.), 26 are B.1.351 variant (variant originating in South Africa) and 23 are P.1 (variant originating in Brazil). Of the 8,278 VOC cases, 5,457 are active (44.8 per cent of total active cases), 2,791 people have recovered and 30 people have died.

So far, evidence suggests variants of concern spread more easily than the original strain, meaning they are more contagious. These new variants may also cause more severe illness.

The figure below shows new VOC cases (grey bars) and the percentage of VOC cases identified compared to other cases of COVID-19 (blue line); between March 30 and April 5, the percentage of VOC cases ranged from 47.1 per cent to 55.7 per cent.



Alberta Health announced April 8 that the province has now reached the point where variants of concern are the dominant strains of new COVID-19 cases in Alberta.

By far the most common is the variant originating in the U.K., with 99 per cent of all the variant cases confirmed to date. We have now reached the point that, when individuals test positive, they should assume they have the variant originating in the U.K.

Those who test positive for COVID-19, regardless of whether they have a variant strain, are still required to isolate immediately for at least 10 days from when their symptoms started, or from the date they were tested. (See Change to Quarantine Requirements for Household Contacts item below.)

### **COVID-19 Testing for Healthcare Workers - The Latest Numbers**

We continue to update the testing data for healthcare workers. These statistics provide the total number of AHS, Covenant Health and Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) employees and physicians tested, including a breakdown of the number of positive tests and those who have been confirmed to have been exposed in the workplace.

As of April 7:

- 79,585 employees (AHS, APL and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 5,167 (or 6.5 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 2,961 employees who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 660 (or 22.3 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 2,206 employees who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.
- 5,126 physicians (AHS, APL and Covenant combined) have been tested for COVID-19 and, of those tested, 209 (or 4.1 per cent) have tested positive.
- Of the 114 physicians who have tested positive and whose source of infection has been determined, 12 (or 10.5 per cent) acquired their infection through a workplace exposure. An additional 95 physicians who have tested positive are still under investigation as to the source of infection.

### **Second COVID-19 Test for All Close Contacts**

All close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 – original strain and variants of concern – are recommended to be tested twice during their quarantine period. By testing all close contacts twice, we have a better chance of quickly identifying new cases and stopping their spread.



All close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case are asked to book a first [COVID-19 test](#) as soon as they receive confirmation they are a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19. If the first test is negative, a second test is recommended 10 days or later after the last exposure to the confirmed case but before the quarantine period ends on Day 14. If symptoms develop at any time during the quarantine period, a test should be booked immediately.

### **Change to Quarantine Requirements for Household Contacts**

For original and B.1.1.7 (variant originating in the U.K.) cases, if a case has a separate bedroom and bathroom, and remains completely separated from the rest of their household contacts for their infectious period, the 14-day quarantine period for household contacts begins on the last day of contact with the case. For B.1.1.7, every day the case is isolating at home is no longer considered a new exposure to household contacts if the case remains completely separated from their household contacts as noted above.

If household contacts cannot stay completely separate from the case in the house, the 14-day quarantine period for household contacts begins when the infectious period of the case ends.

For B.1.351 variant originating in South Africa and P.1 variant originating in Brazil cases, every day the case is isolating at home is considered a new exposure to household contacts, even if they have a separate bathroom and bedroom. Household contacts must quarantine during the case's isolation period (10 days) plus an additional 14 days after the case's isolation period ends. Contacts will be notified by AHS if this applies to them.

For cases and contacts who cannot safely isolate from others in the same household, it is recommended to isolate in a different location, such as an isolation hotel. Call 211 to access isolation hotels.

While the COVID-19 variants of concern spread more easily, they are thought to spread in the same way as the original virus. This means that the same types of preventive strategies will be effective. To protect yourself and those around you, follow all public health guidance, including:  
Reduce the number of close contacts.

- Wash your hands.
- Wear a mask.
- Practise physical distancing.
- Stay home when sick.
- Get if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 [tested](#)
- Follow all [public health measures in effect](#).
- Know the isolation and quarantine requirements.

More information is available at [COVID-19 Variants](#) and [ahs.ca/infoforclosecontacts](https://ahs.ca/infoforclosecontacts).

## **COVID-19 Immunizations**

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### **By the Numbers**

As of 10 a.m. April 9, more than 799,800 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered by AHS. More than 488,900 Albertans have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and more than 155,300 have received both Dose 1 and Dose 2.

### **Launch of Phase 2B**

On April 5, those eligible as part of [Phase 2B](#) of Alberta's vaccine rollout were able to begin booking COVID-19 immunization appointments. This includes anyone born between 1957 and 2005 with [high-risk health conditions](#). Appointments can be booked through the [AHS online booking tool](#), Health Link at 811 or at [participating pharmacies](#).

### **Rollout of Phase 2C for Healthcare Workers**

Beginning today, April 12 at 8 a.m., healthcare workers in patient care facilities or who provide services

directly to clients in the community are eligible to book a COVID-19 immunization appointment as a part of the [Government's Phase 2C group](#). This includes students undertaking placement practicums in clinical areas, volunteers, and contracted providers for Alberta Health Services, Covenant Health, Alberta Precision Labs, DynaLife. It also includes regulated health care professionals and their office or support staff.

This cohort includes more than 240,000 eligible health care workers. We anticipate that incoming vaccine supplies over the next 3 - 4 weeks will allow all who are eligible to book appointments during this timeframe, if they want the opportunity to receive the vaccine.

Those who are eligible will have the option to book via the [AHS online booking tool](#), or through a [participating pharmacy](#). For more information about healthcare workers eligible in Phase 2C and how to book an appointment, please see our [FAQ](#).

Anyone eligible in Phase 1, 2A or 2B of Alberta's vaccine rollout who hasn't yet received the vaccine can continue to book their appointment through a participating pharmacy or AHS. Albertans age 55-64 can also book appointments to receive the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine.

### **Update on Covishield/AstraZeneca**

On April 6, additional AstraZeneca/Covishield appointments opened at [participating pharmacies](#) across the province for Albertans aged 55-64.

Beginning April 9, COVID-19 immunization appointments with the AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine will also be available in Edmonton and Calgary through the AHS online booking tool for Albertans aged 55-64.

AHS is offering these AstraZeneca/Covishield appointments (100,000 doses) in Edmonton and Calgary through rapid-flow clinics to ensure as many Albertans are immunized as quickly as possible. These appointments are in addition to the ones that continue to be available through [participating pharmacies](#).

For the recommended population, Health Canada considers the benefits of the vaccine to outweigh the risks. Incidents of rare blood clots linked to this vaccine in Europe have not been reported in Canada.

Eligible Albertans can choose if they would like to receive the AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine now, or wait to receive a Pfizer-BioNtech or Moderna vaccine, which is anticipated to be available to them later this spring.

Like all of the vaccines currently approved for use in Canada, the AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine has proven to be highly effective in preventing serious illness and death. It is provided in a two-dose regime, given approximately 16 weeks apart.

### **Update on Vaccine Efficacy for Variants of Concern**

Work is underway by the international scientific and public health communities to better understand how the current vaccines may protect people against COVID-19 variants of concern. We are watching this information closely.

Studies by Pfizer have indicated its COVID-19 vaccine appears to work against the variants of the coronavirus first discovered in the U.K. and South Africa. Moderna has announced its COVID-19 vaccine elicits virus-neutralizing antibodies in trial participants that work against the new variants found in the U.K. and South Africa. Studies for AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine have shown the vaccine works against the strain first discovered in the U.K. but may work less well for the variant first discovered in South Africa.

Data is evolving around the efficacy of the licensed COVID-19 vaccines against the variants of concern. We'll continue to share the latest findings.

## **Things You Need to Know**

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### **Government Updates Mandatory Health Measures**

Updated mandatory health measures went into effect Wednesday, April 7 for retail, fitness and performance activities — and effective at noon April 9, restaurants were restricted to providing only takeout, delivery and patio service. The Government of Alberta announced these measures in response to the rapid rise in COVID-19 cases, especially variants of concern.

The following mandatory public health measures are now in effect:

#### ***Retail***

- 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.

#### ***Indoor fitness***

- Only one-on-one training with an individual or household is permitted for indoor fitness activities (e.g., fitness in dance studios, training figure skating on ice, one-on-one lessons).
- No drop-in activities or unsupervised individual fitness.
- Group fitness, high or low intensity, is not allowed.
- Outdoor physical activity is allowed with up to 10 people, provided physical distancing is maintained between households.

#### ***Adult performance activities***

- Adult performance activities are not permitted. Performance activities include dancing, singing, acting, playing a musical instrument and any rehearsal or theatrical performances.

#### ***Restaurants, pubs, bars, lounges and cafés***

- Indoor in-person service is no longer permitted.
- Takeout, curbside pickup and delivery services are permitted.
- Outdoor patio dining is also allowed. Tables and dining parties must be two metres apart or separated by an impermeable barrier that will prevent droplet transmission.
- Household members only, or two close contacts of someone who lives alone.
- Contact information must be collected from one person of the dining party.

The Government of Alberta website outlines [mandatory public health measures](#) that remain unchanged.

#### **Updated Acute Care Designated Support and Visitor Access Guidance and Directive**

Updates were recently made to the acute care designated support and visitor access guidance and directive. Both documents are a package, with the directive intended to be the overarching document, and the provincial guidance, the current operationalization counterpart to the directive.

Though these updates are limited, it is important staff, physicians, volunteers, designated support persons and visitors are aware of them. These updates were developed through consultation with clinical operations leadership, staff, patients and families throughout the province.

#### ***Guidance updates are as follows:***

- Due to the increase in COVID-19 variants of concern cases, a confirmed outbreak at a site may require additional access restrictions for designated support persons and visitors. Temporary restrictions may be necessary during initial contact tracing and follow-up investigation.
- Immunized individuals are still required to follow all public health measures, including physical distancing, masking, isolation and quarantine requirements, as well as complete COVID-19 screening before entering a site.
- In pediatrics, sibling visitation can now be considered for long-stay patients in consultation with site leadership and Infection Prevention & Control. An adult must accompany children under the age of 14.
- Visitation at a patient's end-of-life continues to be supported at all sites, including for faith leaders, elders and traditional knowledge keepers. There's updated focus on the significance and importance of traditional Indigenous practices and protocols, including but not limited to end-of-

life. AHS continues to encourage the involvement of AHS cultural helpers, traditional wellness counsellors, Indigenous health and hospital liaisons or designated community health representatives, where possible.

- Visitation at continuing care and designated supported living facilities remains under the direction of CMOH Order 29-2020.

**Directive updates are as follows:**

- AHS site leadership is responsible for the implementation of the directive and the most current version of the guidance at their site.
- It is necessary all site leaders be familiar with the directive requirements, as well as review the guidance routinely (preferably biweekly) as this document is subject to frequent updates.
- The directive has been updated to clearly reflect expectations that sites comply with the guidance.
- Visitation at a patient's end-of-life continues to be supported at all sites, including for faith leaders, elders and traditional knowledge keepers.
- Revisions to Section 3 & 4, combining "Safe Site Access Assessment" and "Site Access Restrictions" into one new Section 3, "Restrictions in Excess of the Guidance."
- If further restrictions are required based on identified risk (e.g. outbreak), the directive provides expectations on how those restrictions are to be developed, reviewed, approved and implemented, including how this is managed/reported to the Zone Emergency Operations Centre (ZEOC) and Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC).
- No restrictions beyond the guidance can be applied except by following the process outlined in the directive.

Thank you for your continued support as we weigh the risk of welcoming family and designated support presence while ensuring the health and safety of other patients, as well as the staff and physicians providing their care.

### **Influenza Immunization Campaign Wraps with No Confirmed Cases**

The 2020-2021 Alberta Influenza Immunization program ended like no other: with zero reported cases of seasonal influenza in Alberta. Influenza activity has been lower than expected for this time of the year across the globe, with several countries reporting low or no cases of influenza. Public health restrictions currently in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as enhanced hygiene and physical distancing, have likely provided cross-protection against the transmission of influenza.

Alberta's annual influenza immunization campaign for the general public ended on March 31. Eligible children under the age of nine, who have received one dose of the influenza vaccine prior to March 31, will be offered their second dose until April 30.

As of April 3, 1.62 million doses of influenza vaccine were administered in Alberta. This is the highest uptake we've seen in our province over the last 10 years. Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) tested more than 122,000 respiratory swabs for influenza this season, compared to about 46,900 around the same time last season.

### **Connect Care Wave 3 Launched in North Zone**

On Saturday, April 10, AHS successfully launched wave 3 of [Connect Care](#), primarily on the western side of North Zone. More than 30 sites and services fully or partially launched in Wave 3, with 4,000 staff and 280 physicians and other healthcare providers joining those already working in Connect Care from Waves 1 and 2 in Edmonton Zone.

Connect Care's impact to healthcare in Alberta cannot be overstated. It significantly improves how patient information flows between patients and their healthcare providers, creating a central access point for current and accurate patient information. Within a few years, this system will be available to everyone who receives care from AHS in the province. Patients and their entire healthcare team will have the best possible information throughout their care journey.

### **Screen Test available in Barrhead**

Screen Test mobile mammography services, including additional cervical and colorectal cancer screening,

is coming to Barrhead. A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at the Barrhead Keir Care Centre/Continuing Care (5336 59 Avenue) on May 6-8, May 10-15 and May 17-19. Cervical and colorectal consultations will be available in Barrhead on May 10-12 and May 17-19. Appointments can be made for mammography services, cervical and colorectal cancer screening by calling Screen Test at 1-800-667-0604.

### **APL Celebrates National Medical Lab Week, April 11-17**

Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) is celebrating National Medical Lab Week, April 11-17. Lab Week is an opportunity to build awareness of the important role APL plays in the healthcare system in Alberta, and to recognize and highlight the hard work and dedication of APL staff throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Landmarks across Canada are joining the celebration with indigo light displays to show support for the medical laboratory profession. On April 14, you'll see light displays during dark hours in Calgary on the Calgary Tower and Reconciliation Bridge; and in Edmonton on the High Level Bridge.

Visit the [APL homepage](#) and social media channels throughout the week for a behind-the-scenes look at the work of APL.

### **Indigenous smudging ceremony create culturally safe space for immunization**

A traditional Indigenous cleansing ceremony was held at the new COVID-19 immunization centre in Grande Prairie. Through a partnership between AHS Public Health and the Grande Prairie Friendship Centre, the ceremony creates culturally safe space for immunization; reflecting efforts to build trust, ease anxiety and encourage immunization in Indigenous communities. [Learn more here.](#)

## **Join the Conversation**

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### **National Advance Care Planning Day - April 16**

April 16 is National Advance Care Planning Day, a time to remind Albertans to think about, talk about and document wishes for healthcare in the event that they become incapable of consenting to or refusing treatment or other care.

Hear from a former Alberta Health Services palliative care nurse living with cancer about the importance of [advance care planning](#).

You may never need your advance care plan but, if you do, you'll be glad that it's there and that you have had these conversations to make sure that your voice is heard even if you cannot speak for yourself.

The Conversations Matter guidebook was developed to help support you to have these important conversations with your family or patients. To find these resources and more, please visit: [www.conversationsmatter.ca](http://www.conversationsmatter.ca).



### **Lesser Slave Lake community session on land acknowledgement**

The Lesser Slave Lake Health Advisory Council (HAC) invites local and area residents to participate in a virtual training sessions on Land Acknowledgements **Wednesday, April 14, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

[Register here.](#)

Inspired by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Land Acknowledgements are a stepping stone in the reconciliation process. This presentation provides a look at Land Acknowledgements through an Indigenous lens. We will talk about their significance and bring an understanding of why they're so important. You will also learn how to prepare one and the best way to present one.

### **Alberta's Cantonese community COVID-19 and vaccine safety update**

Cantonese speaking Albertans are invited to a Community Conversation, **April 15, 7- 8:30 p.m.** Dr. Cheri Niljssen-Jordan, Co-Chair of AHS' Vaccine Task Force, will provide an update on COVID-19 and vaccines, then answer questions. Translation in Cantonese will be available.

This event is being hosted in partnership with the Alliance of Calgary Community Ethnic Support Society (ACCESS), Calgary Chinatown Lions Club and Diversecities. [Click here to register.](#)

### **True North Health Advisory Council invites residents to a presentation by Wellspring**

The True North Health Advisory Council (TNHAC) invites you to join us online as we welcome presenters from Wellspring to share the cancer support services they offer, and how you can connect with them in your community.

Wellspring offers free programs and services that meet the emotional, social, spiritual, and restorative needs of people living with cancer and the people who care for them. Through a partnership with the Alberta Cancer Foundation, Wellspring Edmonton is focused on expanding its programs and services to better support individuals living with cancer in Northern Alberta.



This virtual 1.5-hour conversation will take place on Zoom. Eventbrite registration confirmation email will be sent to you with the link to join the meeting when you complete registration.

**Wednesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

[Register here.](#) For more information, or if you have difficulties registering, please call 1-877-275-8830 or email [community.engagement@ahs.ca](mailto:community.engagement@ahs.ca).

### **North Zone COVID-19 update for businesses**

Join North Zone Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kathryn Koliaska and Shane Hussey, North Zone Director for Environment Public Health for an update on COVID-19, related to implementing public health measures for businesses **April 29, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

[Please register here.](#)

This session is in partnership with Grande Prairie & District and Vegreville & District Chambers of Commerce.

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## **Be Well - Be Kind**

### **These are Stressful Times - Albertans have our support; please give us yours**

We have been hearing more and more reports of our people being harassed or bullied this week simply for being a part of Alberta Health Services. We are asking all AHS staff to familiarize themselves with these [general personal safety practices](#) from our Protective Services team. We are reporting all incidents to enforcement agencies, and we will continue to denounce any inappropriate actions. Staff who are struggling and feeling overwhelmed and don't know where to turn are encouraged to ask for help:

confidential supports are available through the Employee & Family Assistance Program (EFAP) at 1-877-273-3134.

We know this is a stressful and tiring time for all. More than ever, we need to work together to get through this. So we are asking for your support. Please show respect for our teams and staff. They are doing their best to support Albertans; please give our teams the respect and kindness they deserve.

### **Foundation Good News**

Through donor support, our philanthropic partners fund enhancements to healthcare delivery including equipment, programs, renovations, research and education across the province and in your community. [Learn more here.](#)

#### ***New 3D printer builds prosthetic sockets at Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital***

With support from the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation, a new 3D printer is helping the Glenrose Hospital's prosthetics department get patients walking and performing daily activities sooner.

The printer was generously supported by the Foundation's Circle of Courage donors who contributed \$120,000 for the new device. Watch more [here.](#)

#### ***High River Foundation supports patient mobility at High River Hospital***

Thanks to community donations, the High River District Health Care Foundation recently funded new Stryker transport chairs for the High River General Hospital. The new chairs will be used at the Hospital's front entrance to porter patients that need assistance getting to and from where they need to go within the facility. For more information on the High River District Health Care Foundation, visit [here.](#)



### **Sharing the Love**

#### ***Gratitude from Albertans***

Thank you to all of the Albertans who have taken the time to recognize the work of healthcare providers and physicians. Messages of gratitude keep pouring in from across the province and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to share a few recent messages of thanks with you — and you can see others on our [Sharing the Love](#) webpage:

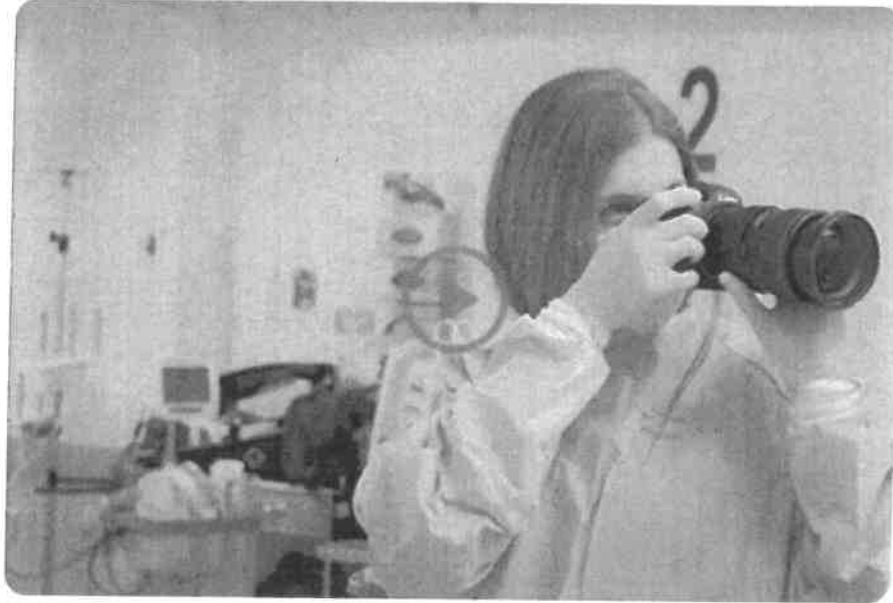
*I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who helped my mother this past Easter weekend. My mother had a heart attack. She is a stubborn lady and did not want to go to the hospital; however, my dad could see the paramedics were making eye contact and knew she was in danger and needed to take her to Foothills hospital. They found a 100 per cent blockage in her artery and she underwent surgery right away. By the time I found out about this (as it happened at 2 a.m.), she had been operated on and in recovery. She spent the next two days in ICU and her nurse was very thorough and kept me in the loop, calling me whenever there was an update. He was absolutely amazing. With all that is going on in our world, you all keep your spirits up and I appreciate it very much.*

-Sonia

### **Wrapping Up - Photos that Tell a Thousand COVID-19 Stories**

As you've seen, the rising COVID-19 numbers continue to be concerning. Nevertheless, it's important for all of us to hold onto hope, take time to reflect upon how far we've come over the past 13 months and be proud of our efforts. To end this week's message, we'd like to share a video produced by our partners at the Calgary Health Foundation. It features Dr. Heather Patterson, an emergency department physician in Calgary, who has been capturing images of our pandemic response and sharing them on [her website](#) and her [Instagram account](#) (with consent of everyone pictured.)

“One of my primary goals for the project is to showcase the exceptional hard work of our clinical and non-clinical teams,” says Heather. “In every area of the hospital, I have witnessed people using their unique skills and strengths to show their compassion and tackle the challenges we are facing. It is my hope that my images will boost team morale and offer some thanks for all people are doing.”



You can see Heather in action, as well as some of her photos, in the [video above](#). We'd like to thank the Calgary Health Foundation (formerly the Calgary Health Trust) for producing this video and allowing us to share it with all of you. We hope this video does what Heather intends: to boost your spirits and remind you that our collective efforts are making a difference.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,



**Dr. Verna Yiu**  
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Good afternoon everyone,

Please see attached last week's summary. Thank you for your patience on this!

Kind Regards

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# COVID-19 Municipality Update

March 24, 2021

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Total Attendees - 194

## Order 5 – 2021

- CMOH Order 5-2021 amends Order 4-2021.
- physical distancing must be maintained at all times.
- Alberta is currently in Step 2 of the Path Forward.

## **Immunizations**

The Government of Alberta is currently in Phase 2A of their vaccination program. The Government of Alberta has also released more information on Phase 2B of the vaccination program. Phase 2B will begin in April.

For more information on the vaccine program see:

<https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx>

## **Gathering Restrictions:**

- As it currently stands, indoor social gatherings are not permitted.
- Outdoor gatherings can occur with a maximum of 10 people who are distanced 2 metres apart.

## **Questionnaire Summary – March 10 - 15**

- Number of responses – 31
- Clarity on what to expect with Stage 3 and 4.
- Other areas of high priority included:
  - Path Forward – seeking clarity on Steps 3 and 4
  - Summer Activities - Larger festivals and community events
  - Immunizations – Questions relating to phases
  - Youth Recreation – focused on performance and sport
  - Community Event Planning
  - Rapid Testing
  - Municipal Elections and public health guidance

- For any further question, please contact Navroop Tehara at [Navroop.tehara@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Navroop.tehara@gov.ab.ca).

## **Key Question Themes**

Path Forward  
Community Events- Summer Planning  
Festivals and Larger Outdoor Social Gatherings  
Immunization in Rural and Urban Communities  
Team and Youth Sports  
Enforcement  
Variants of Concern

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[www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx)

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# Question and Answers

Municipality Questions	Response
<p><b>Path Forward</b></p> <p>Please explain the rationale and decision making process that underpins the Path Forward?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Path Forward is an Alberta-wide framework that provides a clear path for lifting restrictions. A province-wide approach has been utilized that uses hospitalizations for monitoring relaunch. By using a lagging indicator, we are less susceptible to the variability of daily case number fluctuations and it better reflects the current impact on hospital capacity. When examining moving to a new Step we must look at both leading and lagging indicators.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can you provide some insight into how decisions are made for updates to help us better understand the thought process for each Step.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions are on-going relating to indoor/outdoor gathering restrictions. Currently, 10 individuals are permitted to gather outdoors if they are spaced appropriately. The indoor gathering restriction may potentially be eased as part of Step 3.</li> </ul>
<p>What changes will occur in Step 3? Will these changes impact indoor and outdoor social gatherings?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Government of Alberta is monitoring the situation closely. Leading and lagging indicators have recently increased causing concern and a need to pause on the path forward.</li> </ul>
<p>Is Alberta Health concerned with the Variants in light of announcements in Quebec and Europe that they may be entering a 3rd wave?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our COVID-19 Path Forward indicates that a decision to move to Step 3 will be made when hospitalizations are below 300 - and declining. This has been our stated policy since we announced the Path Forward in January.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Aquatics</b></p>	
<p>How can it be considered safe for pools to allow indoor low intensity classes with masks required? Both the CDC and LifeSaving Society have identified masks worn in pools as unsafe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masks are mandatory for low intensity fitness classes, and that Aquafit could be considered low intensity based on respiratory patterns. If operators don't feel that it can be done safely, then they should not offer it. There is no masking exception for pool-based activities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Community Events – Planning</b></p>	
<p>Do we think we will be able to hold festivals this summer? There needs to be guidance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of Alberta Health are engaging with key members of the festival sector to discuss the Path Forward. Discussions are ongoing and no decision has been made yet.</li> </ul>
<p>Do you foresee events opening with social distancing and masks by June?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As the province of Alberta moves through the Plan Forward, some public health measures such as masking and social distancing will remain.</li> </ul>
<p>When can we plan summer community events?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community event planning will have to consider the most current restrictions. For example, if a small outdoor gathering is to take place as part of a community event it must follow the restrictions (maximum of 10 people, physically distanced and outdoors)</li> </ul>
<p>What are the possible restrictions/requirements for pool operations in Stage 4?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions are on going; details on restriction/requirements will be available closer to the announcement date.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Summer Activities</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When will outdoor sports leagues such as baseball, soccer, and slo-pitch have guidance so they can start to plan their season.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Team sport may potentially be permitted under Step 3. As soon as a decision has been made, it will be communicated publicly.</li> </ul>

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<p>What are public gatherings for community events looking like and at what stage will those be possible to operate?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large public events such as festivals or parades, are part of Step four of the Path Forward. Discussions are on-going with key individuals in the festival sector. As soon as a decision is made, it will be communicated publicly.</li> </ul>
<p>Will "cohorting" be permitted before fall for team sports?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions related to team sports are ongoing. Parameters and restrictions related to team sports will be announced after a decision is made.</li> </ul>
<p>When will the camping restrictions be available for viewing this season?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guidance for camping and other outdoor activities is being developed. For the latest information please check <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx</a>.</li> </ul>
<p>Can you provide guidance for indoor equestrian arenas? Can we open and what restrictions are we required to follow?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor equestrian arenas can be opened for uses permitted at this stage, including 1:1 adult lessons, and riding activities with up to nine youths and one coach/instructor.</li> </ul>
<p>What will outdoor professional sports look like in terms of spectators?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These events are potentially planned for Step 4 of the path forward.</li> </ul>
<p>Is golf permitted?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Golf and other activities that are distanced can occur. All public health measures must be followed. Activities such as Tennis or other outdoor recreation that are inherently distanced can take place as long as social distancing guidelines are followed (EI: tennis can be played by singles, but not doubles). Golf is permitted if social distancing is followed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Enforcement</b></p>	
<p>How are provincial tickets for public health violations prosecuted?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crown prosecutors assess these cases, as they do all cases, on an ongoing basis and ensure all aspects of the evidence are carefully considered at every stage of a prosecution.</li> </ul>
<p>What message should we use in our communities regarding the enforcement of the Provincial Restrictions?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While it is our preference to take an education-based approach and for Albertans to comply in a voluntary manner with public health orders, we realize that enforcement of public health orders is sometimes necessary to ensure the protection of our communities from the pandemic.</li> <li>For this reason, law enforcement, public health inspectors, and community peace officers are permitted to issue fines if necessary in order to ensure compliance. Violators may be subject to issued tickets of up to \$1,000 per offence and more serious violations may result in prosecution before the courts.</li> <li>On March 4, 2021, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General Kaycee Madu signed Ministerial Order 13/2021 renewing the authority of all uniformed Alberta Peace Officers Level 1 and 2 to issue tickets to enforce public health orders. The order remains in effect for 90 days.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Community Planning - Recreation Centres</b></p>	
<p>Please provide clarification on the opening of community centres. What can they be used for?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community centres can be used for any activity that is currently permitted under Steps 1 and 2 of the Path Forward. This includes accommodating low-intensity fitness for groups of 10 (distanced 3 metres apart wearing masks).</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High-intensity activities are permitted for individual or household one-on-one training only, with a trainer.</li> <li>• Performance and youth development activities are permitted. Performance activities include dancing, singing, acting, playing a musical instrument, and any rehearsal or theatrical performance. Youth development activities such as Scouts, Girl Guides and 4H are allowed. For specific parameters please visit: <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx</a></li> </ul>
<b>Immunization</b>	
<p>When will smaller municipalities know if pharmacies in their community are offering vaccinations?</p> <p>1/3 of our Regional Municipality population is in rural areas not serviced by pharmacies. Please elaborate on plans to accommodate rural populations.</p> <p>Why do FNMI persons have different criteria for the vaccine program than the general public?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of March 15, participating pharmacies across Alberta are now listed on <a href="https://ab.bluecross.ca/news/covid-19-immunization-program-information.php#pharmacy-box">https://ab.bluecross.ca/news/covid-19-immunization-program-information.php#pharmacy-box</a>.</li> <li>• For areas without pharmacies, Alberta Health Services is evaluating how and where they can provide additional clinics and activities. Mobile options are also being explored for smaller communities and homebound Albertans.</li> <li>• This 15 year age difference from the general population is supported by evidence showing that First Nations and Metis peoples have significantly higher age-adjusted rates of COVID-19 hospitalizations, ICU admission and death. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Based on Alberta-specific data, First Nations people have:</li> <li>- Triple the COVID-19 death rate of the rest of Alberta's population</li> <li>- More than three times higher rates of hospitalizations</li> <li>- Lower ages at diagnosis, admission and death compared to the rest of Alberta's population</li> <li>- Similar data is not available for Métis Albertans, but what is known points to this community having a comparable health status to First Nations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• This approach is similar to British Columbia.</li> </ul>
<p>The Centre for Disease Control's Public health guidance has been updated for fully-vaccinated individuals. Can we expect something similar in Alberta?</p> <p>Will those who refuse the vaccine have restrictions placed on them as we move forward?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Until most Albertans are protected, fully vaccinated people must continue following all public health measures: no indoor social gatherings, keep 2 metres apart from others, wear a mask in public, wash your hands, and stay home when sick. Once both doses take effect, you are less likely to become severely sick with COVID-19. But we don't yet know if the vaccine prevents vaccinated people from spreading the virus.</li> <li>• We must continue reviewing emerging evidence on asymptomatic and variant transmission before we can safely alter public health guidelines.</li> <li>• We will let Albertans know when rules for fully vaccinated people can be changed.</li> <li>• Immunization against COVID-19 will not be mandatory. It is possible that their ability to undertake international travel to other countries could be affected. Each country will be determining its eligibility and entry requirements.</li> </ul>

<p>Will vaccinated people be permitted to participate in activities before unvaccinated populations?</p> <p>Can you provide guidance on the 2B eligibility group, if you have a young adult eligible for vaccine, do the parents/caregivers also get the vaccine at that time?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasons people do not vaccinate can be variable and need to be respected. There is no intent to restrict the activities of those who choose not to immunize.</li> <li>• Group 2B is exclusive to Albertans born 2005 to 1957 (16 to 64) who have high-risk underlying health conditions and does not include other members of their household. Note people born in 2005 must be 16 at the time of immunization, not turning 16 in this calendar year.</li> <li>• However, caregivers of Albertans who are most at risk of severe outcomes will be eligible in Group 2C. This includes up to 2 caregivers (parents or guardians) for children 15 years of age or less who have an eligible chronic condition but are unable to receive vaccine due to age. Health officials will work with licensed supportive living facilities, pharmacists, and primary care clinicians on the best way to notify and confirm eligibility of caregivers when bookings open. (Reference: <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx</a>).</li> </ul>
<p>Why has the vaccine program decided to vaccinate younger groups who have a lower risk for severe outcomes (death or hospitalization) instead of using 2nd shots to fully immunize those individuals in a higher risk category?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emerging evidence shows first doses of the vaccine are at least 80% effective at preventing severe illness. Second doses are necessary to ensure you're protected for as long as possible.</li> <li>• Second doses are being administered up to 4 months later so all Albertans over 18 can be protected with the first dose by the end of June. This change is in line with many other jurisdictions and recommendations from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI).</li> <li>• First and second dose appointments are booked separately. Reminders to book second appointments will be issued.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Variant</b></p>	
<p>How many active Variant cases are in Alberta?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information available at provides a breakdown of active variants in Alberta: <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/stats/covid-19-alberta-statistics.htm#variants-of-concern">https://www.alberta.ca/stats/covid-19-alberta-statistics.htm#variants-of-concern</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Feedback from Municipalities</b></p>	
<p>We need a bit more time, can we potentially expand the meeting to 45 minutes. Questionnaire format may be too restrictive, consider allowing more open field responses. Results need to be communicated faster.</p>	

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Hello,

Please see the attached summary of last week's (March 24, 2021) Q/A. Thanks again for all your support.

Kind Regards

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# COVID-19 Municipality Update

March 24, 2021

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Total Attendees - 186

## **Order 5 – 2021**

- CMOH Order 5-2021 amends Order 4-2021.
- It is imperative that all public health guidance continues to be observed. Alberta is currently in Step 2 of the Path Forward.

## **Immunizations**

The Government of Alberta is currently in Phase 2A of its vaccination program. Phase 2B will commence on March 30, 2021.

For more information on the vaccine program see:  
<https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx>

## **Summer Recreation and Golfing**

- Summer activities such as golf, tennis, pickleball can occur outdoors if all public health measures are followed.
- If activities cannot be modified, they are not allowable. Therefore, golf courses and driving ranges, and outdoor tennis courts are permitted if they can be modified to meet the public health measures
- All individuals, including clients, trainers and facility staff must continue to comply with [General Relaunch Guidelines](#) and the [Guidance for Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation \(SPAR Guidance\)](#).
- If any provisions in these guidance documents are inconsistent or in conflict with the stronger public health restrictions set out in the latest CMOH Order, the stronger restrictions must be followed.

## **Questionnaire Summary – March 17 - 22**

- Number of responses – 33

### General themes:

- What factored into the decision to pause in the Path Forward.
- Other areas of high priority included:
  - Path Forward – seeking clarity on Steps 3 and 4
  - Summer Activities - larger festivals and community events
  - Immunizations – questions relating to phases
  - Youth Recreation – focused on performance and sport
  - Community Event Planning
  - Rapid Testing
  - Municipal Elections and public health guidance
- For any further questions, please contact Navroop Tehara at [Navroop.tehara@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Navroop.tehara@gov.ab.ca).

### **Key Question Themes from Call on Wednesday March 24**

Path Forward – Clarity  
Immunizations – update on access  
Indoor Gatherings  
Golf and other summer recreation  
Festivals and Larger Outdoor Social Gatherings  
Fitness – High vs Low Intensity fitness

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# Question and Answers

Municipality Questions	Response
<p><b>Path Forward</b></p> <p>Why did we not move to Step 3 on March 22, 2021?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The COVID-19 Path Forward indicates that a decision to move to Step 3 will be made when hospitalizations are below 300 - and declining. Recently there has been both a rise in leading and lagging indicators. With cases and hospitalizations rising, Alberta is delaying moving to Step 3.</li> </ul>
<p>Can you please provide an update on common areas of spread? What routes of spread have contact tracers found?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To see information on common areas of spread please see: <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-alberta-data.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-alberta-data.aspx</a></li> </ul>
<p>The province needs to look at small rural municipalities differently than urban areas for restrictions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are you still looking at going back to a regional approach based on health zones?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Path Forward focuses on the province as a whole because the healthcare system is shared by both and rural Albertans. The Path Forward is designed to provide a safe and balanced framework to ease restrictions.</li> </ul>
<p>Why is the framework not complete? Why is change occurring incrementally?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The framework is designed to guide the safe easing of restrictions. There are a variety of different variables that must be considered when deciding to navigate through the Path Forward. Cases will be monitored closely while opening occurs, and increases in cases will be assessed at that time, and in the context of the entire situations (e.g., time of year, immunizations, location of cases).</li> </ul>
<p>Can you provide an update on the "Work From Home" order?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The work from home order remains in place as of today. This may potentially be examined as part of Step 4 of the Path Forward.</li> </ul>
<p>We have community groups who have reached out to BizConnect for plan feedback. BizConnect has advised they are no longer reviewing and approving plans; is there a new resource we can direct groups to?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unfortunately, at this time we are not accepting plans for feedback.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Immunization</b></p>	
<p>Can a cohort of a Senior over age 75 living at home receive the vaccine or do they have to wait until they are eligible in the phase rollout?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family members of seniors will need to wait until they become eligible in the phased rollout. To find out when you will become eligible, please see <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx</a>.</li> </ul>
<p>Is there advanced planning for messaging when the majority of the population is vaccinated?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Until most Albertans are protected, fully vaccinated people must continue following all public health measures: no indoor social gatherings, keep 2 metres apart from others, wear a mask in public, wash your hands, and stay home when sick. Once both doses take effect, you are less likely to become severely sick with COVID-19. We don't yet know if the vaccine prevents vaccinated people from spreading the virus.</li> </ul>
<p>What does the supply schedule look like for Alberta?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We must continue reviewing emerging evidence on asymptomatic and variant transmission before we can safely alter public health guidelines.</li> <li>We will let Albertans know when rules for fully vaccinated people can be changed.</li> <li>Information about Alberta's supply can be found here at: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-</a></li> </ul>

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Can you provide an update on the Online booking tool for COVID-19 immunizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/covid-19-vaccine-treatment/vaccine-rollout.html#a4">coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/covid-19-vaccine-treatment/vaccine-rollout.html#a4</a>.</li> <li>• Please keep in mind that shipment delivery schedules vary by week and there are quality control steps that must be verified before the vaccine is available for immunizations.</li> <li>• The AHS booking tool is available at <a href="http://www.ahs.ca/covidvaccine">www.ahs.ca/covidvaccine</a>. If an individual is having difficulty with the online booking tool, they are encouraged to call Health Link 811 to book their appointment by telephone.</li> <li>• At this time, firefighters will be eligible for vaccination based on their age and/or chronic health conditions, not based on their occupation.</li> <li>• Phase 2b will commence on March 30, 2021. Please see <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine">https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine</a></li> <li>• Information related to vaccine safety is available at <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx#safety">https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx#safety</a></li> </ul>
<b>Community Planning – Summer Activities</b>	
What are the current restriction on community gatherings and when will they be eased?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community gatherings are capped at a number of 10 and cannot occur indoors. Larger events may potentially be part of Step 4 of the Path Forward.</li> </ul>
What planning should we do for masks, distancing and maximum participants for summer activities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masking and distancing are important public health measures that will be present in all Steps of the Path Forward. Discussions are still ongoing on maximum caps for events. As soon as a decision is made, it will be communicated publically.</li> </ul>
When will we get some guidelines for summer activities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines are forthcoming for the latest guidelines and guidance documents please see BizConnect: <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx</a>.</li> </ul>
Will there be a plan for minor sports such as baseball?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions are on-going a decision related to minor sport and recreation will likely be part of Step 3 or 4.</li> </ul>
Will we have updated Guidance documents for activities like outdoor soccer and beach use?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions related to guidance documents are on-going, as soon as these documents are complete they will be made publicly available.</li> </ul>
Can equestrian events occur outdoors?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions related to outdoor events and equine activities are on-going with key stakeholders.</li> </ul>
<b>Golf and Other Outdoor Recreational Sports</b>	
Is golf permitted? Are guidance documents available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, activities such as golf that align with public health measures can be permitted. If activities are not able to be modified then they are not allowable. Discussions related to guidance documents are on-going, as soon as these documents are complete they will be made publicly available.</li> </ul>
Where do tennis courts, and golf courses fit in the Path Forward- they appear to be permissible, please clarify?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities such as outdoor tennis or other outdoor recreation that are inherently distanced can take place as long as public health measures are followed (EI: tennis can be played by singles, but not doubles). If these activities cannot be modified to meet all public health guidelines then they are not permissible.</li> </ul>

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Local pickleball groups have identified themselves as a low intensity activity and are sharing that this is supported by Alberta Health. Can we permit pickleball to occur on indoor courts following health measures including 3m distancing & mask wearing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pickleball is a sport and cannot be played by adults indoors at this Step.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Planning - Recreation Centres</b>	
Can you provide an update on the status of outdoor pools?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor pools may potentially be considered for stage 4.</li> </ul>
What are the possible restrictions/requirements for pool operations in Stage 4?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guidelines and restrictions are being examined for pool operation. As soon as guidelines are developed they will be made public.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Planning - Events</b>	
Can you provide guidance to Indoor Markets and larger outdoor festivals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor markets are permitted as long as these events follow the guidelines under retail, which are available at BizConnect: <a href="https://open.alberta.ca/publications/covid-19-information-guidance-for-retail-businesses">https://open.alberta.ca/publications/covid-19-information-guidance-for-retail-businesses</a>.</li> <li>Larger scale outdoor community events such as parades and festivals are not permitted at this time but discussions are on going with key stakeholders.</li> <li>Indoor social gatherings are not permitted. This may be a topic that is explored in the future depending on leading and lagging indicators.</li> <li>Community events can be planned now, however – there may be potential changes to restrictions and individuals should be aware of the public health guidelines. In addition, advance planning may be difficult the pandemic can shift rapidly.</li> </ul>
Will graduations be able to have 100 people in attendance?	
When can we plan summer community events?	
<b>Fitness</b>	
Fitness Centres are allowing patrons to use weight equipment (low intensity) without a certified trainer. Is this permitted under the current restrictions in place? Please clarify.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low intensity individual and group exercises are now allowed without a trainer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low intensity fitness includes activities not focused specifically on cardio, which have a low depth and rate of respiration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examples include: Barre, Pilates, stretching, tai-chi, low intensity yoga (e.g. Hatha, Yin), light weightlifting, indoor rock climbing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Rebranding their high-intensity programs as low-intensity and carrying on, as usual, would not be permitted, but genuinely adapting their fitness programming to suit the guidelines is appropriate.</li> </ul>
Fitness centres are changing their "high intensity" programs to "low intensity" in order to reopen and adhere to the guidelines. Is this permitted?	
<b>Day Camps</b>	
When will day camps be permitted?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Day camps may potentially be part of Step 4 of the Path Forward.</li> </ul>
<b>Feedback from Municipalities</b>	
There may need to be engagement with private golf courses	

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Apologies for the delay we have consolidated the QA from March 31 and April 7. See attached.

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# COVID-19 Municipality Update

March 31 and April 7, 2021

## Order 10 – 2021

CMOH Order 10-2021 amends Order 8-2021.

It is imperative that all public health guidance continues to be observed. Alberta is now moving back to Step 1 of the Path Forward as cases and hospitalizations rise.

### **Overview of new changes:**

- The Government of Alberta is moving to Step one on the Path Forward. Step one will increase restrictions on indoor fitness and indoor dining for hospitality.
- Indoor group fitness for adults is not permitted (both low and high intensity).
- Changes to youth sport/activities:
  - Lessons, practices and physical conditioning activities are allowed for indoor and outdoor minor sports/activities and school athletics (for example, school sport activities that are outside of a physical education class or related part of the school curriculum).
  - Games are not allowed.
- Households are no longer able to dine indoors. Patio dining is permitted as part of Step 1 of the Path Forward.

## **Summary of Discussion:**

### **Path Forward:**

AGMs and meetings for non-profits are still encouraged to be held online. Service Alberta recently updated the rules allowing thousands of businesses, non-profits, societies, cooperatives and condominium corporations the option to meet and vote online, as opposed to in person.

### **Immunization:**

Rural and Urban immunization sites are expected to expand as supply increases. All Albertans born before 2005 with an underlying condition can now book an appointment through AHS or participating pharmacies.

As of April 12, phase 2C of the vaccination program is underway. 2C is targeted towards front-line healthcare workers.

### **Indoor Fitness/Recreation:**

Multiple groups of 10 to use a shared play surface indoors/outdoor place service as long as distancing and other health guidelines are followed.

### **Summer Recreation – outdoors**

Splash Parks and Outdoors pools are able to operate as part of Phase 1 with restrictions in place. Activities that are inherently distanced such as singles tennis and golf can take place as long as they align with public health guidelines.

Outdoor fitness/recreation must follow these guidelines:

- 1) Physical distancing of 2 metres between households or individuals
- 2) Group activities have a maximum of 10 people.
- 3) If activities cannot be modified to align with public health guidelines than the activity is not permitted.

### **Indoor Social Gatherings:**

Indoor social gatherings are not permitted.

Community Centres are permitted to host any activities that are currently allowed under phase 1.

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## Question and Answers

Municipality Questions	Response
<p><b>Path Forward</b></p> <p>Why can't we use large indoor meeting spaces for small meetings following masking and distancing protocols?</p> <p>Are Councils and AGM permitted to rent halls to allow for social distancing so that all members can attend in person?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We encourage individuals to use digital options such as online meetings as the work from order remains in place at this time. However, In-person meetings are highly discouraged (especially for people who are older and therefore vulnerable to COVID-19). With masking, 2m distancing between households, opportunities for hand hygiene and appropriate traffic-flow mitigations (directional arrows), this can proceed. Capacity is only restricted by the ability to effectively distance.</li> <li>Service Alberta recently updated the rules allowing thousands of businesses, non-profits, societies, cooperatives and condominium corporations the option to meet and vote online, as opposed to in person. The updated rules now allow organizations the option of providing meeting notices, conducting meetings and holding votes using digital technology.</li> <li><a href="https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/sa-virtual-meetings-fact-sheet.pdf">https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/sa-virtual-meetings-fact-sheet.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<p>Since steps in the path forward have been delayed, we have seen a significant drop in compliance, any comments?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Path Forward is focused on providing clear guidance of easing of restrictions. A targeted approach will help to open more activities and opportunities for Albertans and businesses, while protecting the health-care system. We appreciate the feedback and look forward to future discussions relating to the Path Forward and compliance. In regards to compliance, the Government of Alberta has focused on an education based approach to compliance. We realize that enforcement of public health orders is sometimes necessary to ensure the protection of our communities from the pandemic.</li> </ul>
<p>This past week you had mentioned that the guidance documents on the website would be removed and/or updated – can these be posted soon?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As soon as guidance documents are available they will be posted. In addition, we are working to remove out of date information. Thank you for your patience.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Immunization</b></p> <p>When are the rural Pharmacies going to be able to give the vaccines for those with a chronic illness?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anyone with eligible health conditions under Phase 2B, born in 1957 or earlier, can book at participating pharmacies in Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer. In the coming weeks, as more vaccine supply is available, additional pharmacies in communities across Alberta will begin to offer bookings to Albertans in Phase 2B. Please see <a href="https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/news/covid-19-immunization-program-information.php">https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/news/covid-19-immunization-program-information.php</a> for information on pharmacies that offer immunizations. In addition, you can visit <a href="https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/page17295.aspx">https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/page17295.aspx</a> for more information.</li> </ul>

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<p>Please share detailed information on the recent changes to stage 2B?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of April 7, all Albertans born in 2005 or earlier with eligible high-risk underlying health conditions will be able to book an appointment through pharmacies and AHS.</li> </ul>
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<p>How can people prove they are vaccinated if they do not have access to a computer?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will receive a printed record when you receive your vaccination and you will be able to access your vaccination record on <a href="http://www.myHealth.alberta.ca">www.myHealth.alberta.ca</a> within a few weeks of receiving the vaccine. In addition, your doctor's office or pharmacy may be able to print off your immunization record.</li> </ul>
<p>When will our local pharmacy have access to vaccine?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To see a list of pharmacies in your area that are providing the vaccine please see: <a href="https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/news/covid-19-immunization-program-information.php">https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/news/covid-19-immunization-program-information.php</a></li> </ul>
<p>There has been a conversation about adjusting the vaccination strategy to the younger folks or specific workplaces to mitigate against the new variants causing growing concern?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decisions for the initial phases of immunization are focused on those that may have the greatest impact to hospitalization rates.</li> <li>If additional vaccines are licensed for use in Canada and our vaccine supply increases, we may be able to advance our timelines and additional groups of Albertans. We are asking Albertans to please be patient while we all wait for our turn, and to be supportive of those who are in the initial groups that are eligible to be immunized.</li> <li>Some work places such as meat packing plants are part of Phase 2C.</li> </ul>
<p>What is the plan for vaccinations for vulnerable sector in rural communities that do not have transportation or someone that can take them to get vaccinations? Is AHS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first step is to call 2-1-1, though we acknowledge that 2-1-1 is not able to provide rides in all parts of the province. Individuals who need transportation</li> </ul>

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<p>creating a program to help those unique individuals that cannot get out to get the vaccine? IE mobile vaccination options or reimbursement of transportation cost.</p>	<p>support can also talk to family and friends, or reach out to their local Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) organization (FCSS contact information by community is available here: <a href="http://fcssaa.org/regions/">http://fcssaa.org/regions/</a>).</p>
<p>Can you please provide more information about the vaccine rollout changes that were announced on April 6, 2021?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starting April 7 at 8 a.m., anyone born in 2005 or earlier with eligible underlying health conditions can book appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine at participating pharmacies or with Alberta Health Services (AHS) online or by calling 811.</li> <li>Those currently eligible under Phase 2B are Albertans with underlying health conditions born in or before 1973. This amounts to about 150,000 Albertans. By expanding to those born in 2005 or before, 500,000 more Albertans will be eligible.</li> </ul>
<p>Is there any new information/data about the infectiousness of people that have received vaccinations? Are they still infectious and transmitting COVID?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is limited evidence on whether someone who received the vaccine is able or not able to spread the virus. This will be monitored as more people in the community receive the vaccine. Everyone must continue to follow public health measures, regardless of their COVID-19 immunization status, to protect themselves, their loved</li> <li>ones, as well as people and communities at risk of more severe disease or outcomes from COVID-19.</li> </ul>
<p>When are the rural Pharmacies going to be able to give the vaccines for those with a chronic illness?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anyone with eligible health conditions under Phase 2B, born in 1957 or earlier, can book at participating pharmacies in Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer. In the coming weeks, as more vaccine supply is available, additional pharmacies in communities across Alberta will begin to offer bookings to Albertans in Phase 2B. Please see <a href="https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/news/covid-19-immunization-program-information.php">https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/news/covid-19-immunization-program-information.php</a> for information on pharmacies that offer immunizations. In addition, you can visit <a href="https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/page17295.aspx">https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/page17295.aspx</a> for more information</li> </ul>
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<p>The recent changes to info on stage 2B caused concern due to adding the age categories.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In order to ensure that our booking websites are not overwhelmed, appointments will open to additional groups of birth years within Phase 2B over the coming week. Once a person becomes eligible to book an appointment, they will remain eligible, even as new birth years are added. As of April 7, all Albertans born in 2005 or earlier with eligible high-risk underlying health conditions will be able to book an appointment through pharmacies and AHS.</li> </ul>

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<p>Will the second vaccine a person receives be the same as the first one?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes, people will receive the same vaccine for both doses. Research is continuing on whether or not, a second doses of a similar type of vaccine or another vaccine for COVID-19 can be used.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Summer Recreation - Outdoors</b></p>	
<p>Can you provide some clarity on how step 1 works with Golf and other outdoor activities?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Golf is permitted outdoors. Therefore, golf courses and driving ranges are permitted if they can be modified to meet the public health measures, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual/solo training and fitness can occur in any outdoor location, with 2m physical distancing.</li> <li>Outdoor group fitness can occur with up to 10 participants (including the instructor or trainer if present). Participants must be distanced by 2 metres.</li> <li>In training situations, a trainer/instructor/coach can come within 2 metres distance of a client/participant/student for short periods of time (e.g., to correct form) so long as the trainer/instructor/coach is masked and performs hand hygiene both before and after the interaction.</li> <li>Any outdoor fitness activity that requires participants to come within 2 metres of one another is not permitted.</li> <li>All individuals, including clients, trainers and facility staff must continue to comply with <a href="#">General Relaunch Guidelines</a> and the <a href="#">Guidance for Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation</a> (SPAR Guidance).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If any provisions in these guidance documents are inconsistent or in conflict with the stronger public health restrictions set out in CMOH Order 10-2021 prevails</li> </ul>
Can we get clarity on sport/youth sport can split surface areas?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor this is permitted as long as groups can maintain appropriate distancing (3 metres) among each other and groups (maximum of 10).</li> <li>• This occur outdoors as long as groups (maximum of 10) are 2 metres apart.</li> </ul>
Are outdoor Spray Parks, Fountain and Outdoor pools able to open in Step 1?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Splash parks: Spray/Splash parks and fountains are permitted with 2m distancing between households and no groups larger than 10. These are splash pads/fountains are public park amenities. There are similar rules related to outdoor pools, these can operate if the orders above are followed.</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor Recreation / Fitness</b>	
Children's swimming lessons? Can they continue with less than 10 participants (including teacher)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – this is permitted as long as all public health guidance is followed.</li> </ul>
When can we open our centre for bookings, i.e. wedding and family gatherings? When will the amount for Community Halls be increased?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Banquet halls, community halls and conference centres can open for activities permitted under Step 1, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ wedding ceremonies up to 10 people</li> <li>○ funeral services up to 20 people</li> <li>○ Wedding receptions, funeral receptions and trade shows are not permitted.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hotels, motels, hunting and fishing lodges may remain open, but must follow restrictions – no spas or in-person dining (room services only).</li> </ul>
Can classes for youth that are co-parented, for example swim lessons for tots continue with the max 10 group size?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes these classes can continue.</li> </ul>
Can dance classes still occur with the rollback to Step 1?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dance classes under the following restrictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maximum 10 participants (including instructor)</li> <li>○ Masks must be worn, and distance must be adhered too (3 metres)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
What will the restrictions of day camps look like? Guidance and direction on day camps are needed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alberta Health is working with key stakeholders in this sector to provide insight and guidance.</li> </ul>
Can we open campgrounds with toilets and showers?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, but shared amenities and high touch surfaces should undergo regular cleaning and disinfection procedures at increased frequencies.</li> </ul>
When will we find out when outdoor pools can open and occupancy limits?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor pools permitted are operate for general lane swimming and pool use if groups/individuals are 2 metres apart.</li> <li>• Distance from all others at all times (pool capacity should be limited accordingly). Any group attending an outdoor pool cannot have more than 10 persons, but multiple groups could use the pool at the same time provided the groups are able to maintain 2 metres distancing amongst themselves between other groups.</li> </ul>

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<p>We have a summer in the park program that the children look forward to in July, will this happen this year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor social gatherings can occur under the following conditions: individuals are spaced out appropriately (2 metres) and capped at a maximum of 10 participants.</li> </ul>
<p>What are some of the restrictions on indoor pools with the roll back to phase 1?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As we move back to Step 1 – we pools now limiting indoor pool use to youth groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pools can be used by a maximum 10 (including instructor)</li> <li>1 on 1 fitness can occur with a trainer</li> <li>Exclusive Household rentals can occur for a pool.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Additional Regulations for Youth Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>K-12 schools and post-secondary children’s sport and performance activities, such as physical education classes, can now use off-site facilities to support curriculum-related educational activities.</li> <li>Lessons, practices and conditioning activities, but not games, may occur for indoor team-based minor sports/activities and school athletics.</li> <li>All participants must be 18 years old or younger, excluding coaches or trainers.</li> <li>Maximum of 10 individuals, including all coaches, trainers and participants.</li> <li>Participants must stay physically distanced from each other at all times.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Indoor Gatherings</b></p>	
<p>Any idea of when this will be lifted?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions are on-going at this time. In the Path Forward indoor gatherings limits may be eased as part of Step 3.</li> </ul>
<p>When can we open our centre for bookings, i.e. wedding and family gatherings?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mandatory restriction – Province wide – Revised April 6</li> <li>Banquet halls, community halls and conference centres can open for activities permitted under Step 1, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>wedding ceremonies up to 10 people</li> <li>funeral services up to 20 people</li> <li>Wedding receptions, funeral receptions and trade shows are not permitted.</li> <li>Hotels, motels, hunting and fishing lodges may remain open, but must follow restrictions – no spas or in-person dining (room services only)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Summer Events</b></p>	
<p>Can we have outside agricultural shows, and outdoor softball with visitors in the stands?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions related to agricultural shows such as Cattle Shows, are on-going. As soon as a decision is made, it will be communicated publicly.</li> <li>Sports such as softball are not permitted under the current guidelines. As a result both the activity and having spectators are not permitted at this time. Adult team sports may be part of Phase 3 of the Path Forward.</li> </ul>

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<p>When can we start planning for outdoor community events that would have attendees and participants that exceed the current restrictions?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning events can take place however, it should be noted that the spread of COVID can escalate very quickly resulting in a potential shift in health guidance; this must be a factor one considers when planning events.</li> </ul>
<p>Testing</p>	
<p>There are a variety of testing sites across Alberta in both rural and urban communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please see: <a href="http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17058.aspx">www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17058.aspx</a> for more information.</li> </ul>

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Dear CAOs:

I would like to personally thank you for your resiliency and dedication to your community during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

On April 6, 2021, Premier Jason Kenney announced that the Government of Alberta was returning to Step 1 of the Path Forward in response to the ever-evolving pandemic and COVID-19 variants. The Step 1 restrictions will remain in place until further notice. I encourage you to review the most up-to-date information on [Alberta.ca](http://Alberta.ca).

Municipal Affairs continues to be mindful of the added governance and operational pressures you are facing as we continue to navigate these challenging times. Please rest assured we will continue to support you to the best of our ability.

Attached is our latest issue of the Frequently Asked Questions document addressing common questions, as well as providing additional information critical to municipal governance and operations.

I encourage you to continue to contact our advisory support services if you have further questions regarding municipal governance. You can speak directly to a municipal advisor by calling 780-427-2225 or toll-free by first dialing 310-0000.

Sincerely,

Paul Wynnyk  
Deputy Minister

Attachment

# Municipal Governance

## During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Frequently Asked Questions – April 9, 2021

On April 6, 2021, the Government of Alberta announced a return to Step 1 of the Path Forward. For the most up-to-date information on the COVID-19 situation in Alberta, visit: [alberta.ca/COVID19](http://alberta.ca/COVID19).

While we continue to navigate the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic together, Municipal Affairs remains committed to issuing regular updates to address frequently asked questions and provide new information or resources as they become available.

If you would like a specific issue addressed in an upcoming update, please email your request to: [ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca).

### Municipal Affairs Updates

Previous COVID-19 updates are available at: [www.alberta.ca/municipal-government-resources.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/municipal-government-resources.aspx)

## Council Meetings

**Can councils still hold council meetings in-person with members of the public present?**

YES. Since municipal council meetings are business meetings and not social meetings, they can be held in person, including with members of the public; however, because of the elevated risk, it is strongly recommended to move to virtual meeting formats wherever possible. It is important to note that masks are mandatory in all indoor public places and indoor workplaces.

**Is the Public Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation still in effect?**

YES. The Public Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation remains in effect until it has been repealed. The regulation enables municipalities to follow the Chief Medical Officer of Health's orders for physical/social distancing by conducting meetings electronically. While councils are encouraged to consider electronic meetings to ensure compliance with the public health orders regarding public gatherings, the decision on how to conduct meetings remains at the discretion of the council, committee or commission, while ensuring the process used complies with current public health orders.

**Should councillors still be encouraged to wear masks?**

YES. Masks are required to be worn indoors at all times, unless individuals are at a workstation and separated from others. If each individual seated in chambers is separated by two metres from all others then masks could be removed; however, it is highly recommended masks remain on for all in-person meetings. At this time, virtual meetings continue to be encouraged wherever possible.

### Municipal Advisory Services

If you have further questions, please call: 780-427-2225 (or toll-free by first dialing 310-0000) or email [ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca)

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## Recreational Facilities

**Can municipal facilities such as recreation centres, arenas and aquatic centres remain open?**

YES. Municipal facilities used for indoor recreation may remain open only for individual or household one-on-one fitness training and youth group physical activities. At this time, libraries must close.

## General Questions

**Can municipalities choose to keep certain municipally controlled properties closed even if they are allowed to be open under Step 1?**

YES. The decision to open facilities remains a local council decision. Municipalities and the public must continue to put safety first while gradually reopening businesses, resuming activities and getting people back to work.

**Are municipalities responsible in any way for use of their community halls or facilities in contravention of the order or parameters of use under the Public Health Order?**

YES. Community hall and facility operators are responsible for any contravention to public health orders that occur within their premises. If the operator is the municipality, then the municipality would be held responsible.

**Should municipalities be encouraging employees to work from home?**

YES. Working from home is mandatory unless the employee's physical presence is required to meet operational needs. While in the office, individuals must practice social distancing and wear masks when in public areas of the office. Municipal staff should be encouraged and supported to have remote work arrangements where feasible.

**Are we able to have a small number of staff remain in the office to accept nomination papers, utility payments, etc.?**

YES. It is up to each municipality to determine what is operationally required and put in place measures that adhere to the active public health orders to protect the health and safety of the public and employees that are deemed critical to operational effectiveness.

For elections, in addition to delivering nomination forms in person, the specific requirement of section 28 of the *Local Authorities Election Act* to submit nomination forms to the local jurisdiction office can be met by having forms mailed or delivered by courier. Nomination forms can also be accepted at specific times set by the returning officer, by appointment, or at a secure drop-off box.

Ministerial Order No. MSD: 130/20, remains in effect and enables nomination deposits to also be paid by debit or credit card. The need for certain modifications will continue to be monitored and reviewed to ensure municipalities will have the ability to align election operations with public health orders or recommendations.

## Additional Resources

RMA's COVID-19 response hub is available at:  
<https://rmaalberta.com/about/covid-19-response-hub>.

AUMA's updated guide is available at:  
[www.auma.ca/covid19](http://www.auma.ca/covid19).

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities links and resources for municipalities is available at:  
[www.fcm.ca/en/resources/covid-19-resources-municipalities](http://www.fcm.ca/en/resources/covid-19-resources-municipalities).

For the most up-to-date information on the COVID-19 situation in Alberta, visit:  
[alberta.ca/COVID19](http://alberta.ca/COVID19)