

# June 19, 2020

## WORLD NEWS

Globally, as of 4:57pm CEST, 18 June 2020, there have been 8,242,999 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 445,535 deaths, reported to WHO. - WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard

WHO welcomes preliminary results about dexamethasone use in treating critically ill COVID-19 patients

Global status report on preventing violence against children calls for more government action and warns of 'dramatic impact' of COVID-19

A cluster of COVID-19 in Beijing, People's Republic of China

## Alberta Health Services - Resources and News Updates for Medical Staff

There are 7,579 cases, 152 deaths, and 6,938 recovered in Alberta

- Information for AHS Staff and Health Professionals, including new updates to COVID-19 Resources for AHS Staff & Health Professionals - Last update, June 18, 2020

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Frequently Asked Questions - Staff - Last update, June 16, 2020

COVID-19 Daily Update for AHS Medical Staff - Last update, June 15, 2020

Addiction and mental health + COVID: Evidence and resources - June 15, 2020

## Alberta Health Services (AHS) - For authorized AHS users only

Standing together against racism and intolerance

- Message from Dr. Verna Yiu, AHS President and CEO

CEO Message: Celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day

Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu &a Dr. Laura McDougall AHS COVID-19 Update: Update on Fit for Work Screening; Relaunch reminders

<u>COVID-19 Return to Work Guide for Healthcare Workers</u> - Last update, June 18, 2020

Message from Dr. Francois Belanger & Sean Chilton: Connect Care resumes activities

<u>Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall</u> - AHS COVID-19 Update: Changes to Visitation Guidelines; Donation of Ventilators through 3-D Printing

2020 Headline News

## More AHS Resources, News and Updates

<u>Chief medical officer updates</u> - Last update June 17 2020 Regular updates from Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta's chief medical officer of health.

2020 National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebrations - June 21 2020

Spike in opioid-related emergencies prompts warning

Volunteers sought for AHS advisory councils

Wellness blooms for gardeners in Grande Prairie

Exergy Solutions donates 200 made-in-Alberta ventilators

Biorepository to preserve COVID-19 samples established in Alberta

Covid-19 Podcasts AHS, June 11

<u>Information for People Visiting Patients: novel coronavirus (COVID-19)</u> - AHS, Last reviewed June 11, 2020

COVID-19 Testing / Online Booking

## **Clinical, Research and Education News**

U of A clinician-scientists identify pink eye as possible primary symptom of COVID-19

Fungi play a critical role within our gut microbiome, research finds

Med school's Connection Circles help bridge COVID-19 gap

Gatherings offer Indigenous students, faculty and staff a space to share, reflect and learn

<u>Reflections on our first five years as the Cumming School of Medicine</u> How Geoffrey Cumming's transformative gift is changing medical research in southern Alberta

<u>Genome sequencing key to tracking, combatting COVID-19 virus: U of A</u> <u>researchers</u>

Mutations in the virus as it spreads around the world provide clues to virulence, diagnostics, potential treatments.

Education Awards Week - University of Alberta, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

New study helps improve detection of disease in newborn babies

Passionate preceptors reflect on why they love to teach

More news from the University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

## **Provincial News**

Alberta's Relaunch Strategy

- A safely staged COVID-19 recovery plan to relaunch our economy. Stage 2 started June 12.

Continuing support for Albertans during COVID-19

- Bill 24, the COVID-19 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, proposes measures to support Albertans as the province continues to reopen.

Help prevent the spread of COVID-19 with the ABTraceTogether mobile app.

Messenger - June 2020, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta

<u>Make A Difference—To Patients And To Other Physicians</u> Free virtual information session about becoming a CPSA Councillor

Alert: Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on TPP Alberta Prescription Pad Deliveries

<u>Good news regarding WCB and support for member wellness</u> - Alberta Medical Association President's Letter, June 18 2020

Further update: Resumption of cancer screening services - AMA

Your AMA Section: Two Question Survey

Annual Achievement Awards paused until 2021 - AMA

AMA response to Bill 19, the Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Amendment Act

Health Quality Council of Alberta

## **National & International News**

New Wellness Support Line launches to help Canadian physicians and medical learners

COVID-19: Update from CMA President Dr. Sandy Buchman | Issue 24

Virtual care is real care: National poll shows Canadians are overwhelmingly satisfied with virtual health care

Equity in Medicine Live Chat on Gender Pay Gap

Incident Analysis and Proactive Risk Assessment Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) Canada July 16 & 17, 2020

## **Family Medicine News Highlights**

Patients and Virtual Care Expert Co-Create Guide to Help Navigate New Way of Accessing Care

COVID-19 Provincial and Territorial Information and Resources

Request for Proposals

Global COVID-19 Pandemic Response and Impact Grant (Global Co-RIG)

Best Advice Guide: The Patient's Medical Neighbourhood

MiGroups - CFPC's Online Discussion Forum

Upcoming CME - ACFP

Consulting the Online "Hive" - ACFP

COVID-19 CME Reviews - ACFP

What Made the Difference in Canada's Worst COVID-19 Outbreak? - ACFP

<u>Clinical Question: Does running increase the risk of developing osteoarthritis?</u> - ACFP

## **Rural Medicine**

Pandemics present opportunities to learn from the past

Pilots saved remote northern Alberta community from 1920s diphtheria outbreak

Castor senior recalls epidemics past during COVID-19 outbreak

Put on your rural "perspectacles" and join us in Drayton Valley for our fall conference!

The Rural & Isolated Support Endeavour (RISE)

## Calgary, Central & South Zone News/Programs

<u>Class of 2020: Volunteering fuels international student's desire to improve others'</u> <u>lives</u>

Class of 2020: Increasing diversity among physicians benefits all communities

## **Edmonton & Northern Zone News/Programs**

Fort Saskatchewan Community Hospital reopens Labour and Delivery Services

The Peace River Addiction & Mental Health Clinic (Powell Building) has been reopened after restoration work was completed to repair damage caused by flooding in April.

Boil Water Advisory lifted for Lower Townsite, still remains in effect for some Fort McMurray areas Seven Generations volunteers connect online with continuing care residents to beat the isolation

On the road to McLennan and recovery

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