



AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

November 9 2020

COVID-19 Vaccine News - Pfizer (Today and previously)

[Pfizer and their collaborator, BioNTech, announced positive efficacy results from a Phase 3, late-stage study of a potential COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine candidate was found to be more than 90% effective in preventing COVID-19 in participants without evidence of prior SARS-CoV-2 infection in the first interim efficacy analysis.](#)

[In October 2020: Pfizer Canada and BioNTech Initiate Rolling Submission to Health Canada for SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Candidate BNT19 162b2](#)

[A reminder - Pfizer and BioNTech to supply Canada with their BNT162 mRNA-based vaccine candidate \(August 5 2020\)](#)

National and International News

[Globally, as of 2:46pm CET, 9 November 2020, there have been 50,266,033 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 1,254,567 deaths, reported to WHO.](#)
- WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard

[UNICEF and WHO call for emergency action to avert major measles and polio epidemics](#)

[Pandemic COVID-19 all countries: avoid non-essential travel outside Canada](#)
- Government of Canada - Update October 21 2020

[Malware attack results in privacy breach](#)
- Canadian Medical Association

[An open letter to Joyce Echaquans family, community of Manawan, Atikamekw Nation and Indigenous Peoples](#)
- Canadian Medical Association

[More than \\$1.3B needed to clear health care backlog caused by first wave of COVID-19: new report commissioned by CMA](#)

Provincial News

[COVID-19 Updates \(Alberta.ca\) Cases in Alberta](#)

- Last update November 8 2020

[Chief medical officer updates](#) - Last update November 9, 2020

- Regular updates from Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta's chief medical officer of health.

[Calgary Zone Public Health Measures](#) - November 6 2020

[Influenza A \(H1N2\)v: Chief medical officer of health and chief provincial veterinarian](#)

[Update 138: COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta \(Nov. 9, 4 p.m.\)](#)

[Cases are rising in Calgary and the Edmonton Zone. New mandatory and voluntary measures are in place to stop the spread.](#)

[ABTraceTogether](#)

[Help prevent the spread of COVID-19 with the ABTraceTogether mobile app.](#)

[Suicide prevention supports in Medicine Hat](#)

- Alberta Health

[COVID-19 Resources - College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, Last update November 9 2020](#)

[CPSA Statement: Fall 2020 MCCQEII cancellation](#)

- October 27, 2020

[Improving care, creating jobs at Foothills hospital](#)

- Improving the power and electrical systems at the Foothills Medical Centre will protect patients and improve safety at the hospital.

[Disciplinary decisions - College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta](#)

[AMA: Sunshine List: How to prepare](#)

[AMA: Media Relations and Social Media Training](#)

[AMA response to CPSA consultation on job action standard](#)

[Intersectionality in Medicine](#)

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Alberta Health Services - Resources and News Updates for Medical Staff

[Acute Care Outbreaks in Alberta novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) - November 6 2020

[Connect Care launches second wave](#)

[First weekly data report posted for 2020 / 21 influenza season](#)

[AHS responds to Alberta Labour Relations Board decision](#)

[New general surgeon now practising in Fort McMurray](#)

[AHS Engaging Event Organizers in Close Contact Notification](#)

[EZ Weekly News November 4 2020](#)

[EZ Weekly News October 28, 2020](#)

[Updated Visualization Process for Specimen Identification of COVID-19 Swabs - Lab bulletin](#)

[COVID-19 Testing Criteria](#)

[As of November 2, 2020 there are different symptoms for children and youth and adults.](#)

[COVID-19 Resources for AHS Staff & Health Professionals](#)

[Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - Frequently Asked Questions - Staff:](#)
- Last update November 9 2020

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

[Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall](#)

AHS Update: Province announces new COVID-19 measures as numbers reach new highs

[Message from Dr. Laura McDougall](#)

[Contact Tracing Notification Process Changes](#) -November 5 2020

[Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall](#)

[Average number of daily new cases up by a third, steep increases in all five zones](#) - October 30 2020

[Province announces new COVID-19 measures as numbers reach new highs](#)

[novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) - November 9 2020

[Labour Relations Board Rules Cease and Desist for AUPE Action](#)
- October 26 2020

[We did it: Wave 2 of Connect Care launches](#)

[Flu Immunization: 2020 Staff Influenza Immunization Rates as of Oct. 14 - Nov. 5](#)

[The Code of the Month for November is Code Yellow - Missing Person](#)

More AHS News, Updates and Resources

[Use of Masks during COVID-19](#) - Revised November 6 2020

[There are 34,160 cases, 369 deaths, and 25,826 recovered in Alberta.](#)
- Information for AHS Staff and Health Professionals, including new updates to COVID-19 Resources for AHS Staff & Health Professionals - Last update November 9 2020

[Chief Medical Officer Dr. Nicholas Etches: COVID Fatigue](#)
- COVID 19 Podcast - November 9 2020

[AHS Engaging Albertans in Close Contact Notification](#)

[First weekly data report posted for 2020 / 21 influenza season](#)

[COVID-19 testing site coming to Vegreville](#)

[Patient safety a priority as virtual care expands](#)

[Home hemodialysis program achieves milestone](#)

[Contact Tracing Notification Process](#)
- November 6 2020

Clinical, Research and Education News

[After years of pushing cardiac imaging services forward in Edmonton, Michelle Noga takes on a new role that will help her dive further into improving precision medicine for patients with cardiovascular disease.](#)

[U of A-led research maps gene functions in pancreas cells that lead to diabetes](#)

[U of A heart transplant expert exploring connection between blood group and COVID-19](#)

[UCalgary facility to further research into COVID-19 vaccine and treatments
Community, industry and government come together to support reopening of
biosafety Level 3 lab](#)

[Historic gift to new library will spark research and learning across health sciences](#)

[How stigma makes pandemics worse for marginalized groups](#)

[For U of A Nobel Prize winner Michael Houghton, life-saving science is a team effort](#)

[Review finds almost 20 per cent of COVID-19 patients only show gastrointestinal symptoms](#)

[Some non-human primates bear similar risk as humans for COVID-19 infection](#)

[CMAJ - Canadian Medical Association Journal](#)

[JAMA - Journal of the American Medical Association](#)

[U of A research identifies walking speed as predictor of dementia](#)

[MagicMed makes psychedelic molecules to turn trips into treatments](#)
- University partner poised to be world leader in molecular derivatives for pharmaceutical use

[Excessive ketone metabolism in muscles key to obesity-induced diabetes: study](#)

[Study identifies biomarkers that could be used in a quick, inexpensive COVID-19 blood screening tool](#)

[Federal government announces funding for COVID-19 research projects](#)

[Low quantity and quality of muscle predicts poor outcomes in colon cancer surgery](#)

[COVID-19 isolation hurting women more than men](#)

[Evidence-based interactive math program receives funding from the Kids Brain Health Network](#)

Family Medicine News Highlights

[The College of Family Physicians of Canada \(CFPC\) announces the 2020 Family Physicians of the Year](#)

[Dr Catherine \(Cathy\) Cervin was installed as the 67th President of the CFPC on November 6, 2020, as part of Family Medicine Forum.](#)

[2020-2021 CFPC Board of Directors](#)

[Call for 2021 Research Abstracts Now Open!](#)

Rural Medicine

[RhPAP offers Continuing Professional Development opportunities for Rural Alberta physicians](#)

[Number of male nurses practising in McLennan is three times the national average](#)

[Program brings breath of fresh air to rural Albertans](#)

[High River physician shares her passion for rural practice with the next generation of doctors](#)

Calgary, Central & South Zone News/Programs

[Online group therapy program helps students manage anxiety and emotions during COVID-19](#)

[Temporary closure of community lab location in Lethbridge - November 8 2020](#)

[Lethbridge volunteer inspired to sign up by care her husband received](#)

Edmonton & Northern Zone News/Programs

[COVID-19 testing site coming to Vegreville](#)

[Edmonton-area COVID-19 testing moves indoors as cooler weather arrives](#)

[Some non-human primates bear similar risk as humans for COVID-19 infection](#)
Newly published UCalgary-led study calls for measures to protect primate populations from humans

[Historic gift to new library will spark research and learning across health sciences](#)

[Smart TV donations keep loved ones connected](#)

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