



AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

December 22, 2020

National and International News

[Globally, as of 5:58pm CET, 21 December 2020, there have been 75,704,857 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 1,690,061 deaths, reported to WHO.](#)

[Travellers from U.K. should get a COVID-19 test](#) - Government of Alberta, December 21 2020

All travellers who arrived from the United Kingdom within the past 14 days should immediately get tested for COVID-19

[Five Alberta physicians vying for the position of CMA president in 2022-23](#)

[Pandemic COVID-19 all countries: avoid non-essential travel outside Canada and additional advisory for travel to the United Kingdom - Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

[CMA releases national standards for long-term care discussion paper](#)

[CMA calls for collaboration by First Ministers on the future of health care](#)

[Canada's doctors to First Ministers: The future of our health care system is in your hands](#)

[COVAX Announces additional deals to access promising COVID-19 vaccine candidates; plans global rollout starting Q1 2021](#)

Provincial News

[Update 163: COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta \(Dec. 21, 4:15 p.m.\)](#)
[New substance use data will support addiction recovery](#)

[Rapid testing expands to include vulnerable Albertans](#)

[Health-care workers in Edmonton and Calgary are the first Albertans to be immunized against COVID-19.](#)

[Outreach will help Albertans connect to COVID-related resources](#)
[CPSA: Update: provision of personal services following latest COVID-19 restrictions](#)

[CPSA: Clarification of information penned by formerly registered physician Dr. Modry](#)

[Updated standards from Consultation 019 take effect Jan. 1, 2021](#)
These standards include Closing or Leaving a Medical Practice, Job Action and Relocating a Medical Practice

[An update from the Registrar: providing personal and health services during the COVID-19 shutdown](#)

[CPSA: The Messenger, December 2020](#)

[CPSA: Dec. 3 & 4, 2020 Council meeting synopsis now available](#)

[CPSA Statement: MCQEII update for postgraduate trainees](#)

Alberta Health Services - Resources and News Updates for Medical Staff

[Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
[Frequently Asked Questions – Staff](#) - Last updated December 21 2020

[CMO Weekly Update for AHS Medical Staff](#)
[novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

[novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
[Frequently Asked Questions – for Community Physicians](#)
[December 18, 2020](#) - Last updated December 18 2020

[Internal Med – Infectious Disease – STI was added to eReferral Advice Request Province-wide.](#)
Details available [here](#)

[EZ Weekly News December 16 2020](#)

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

[Happy Holidays and thank you from the Executive Leadership Team](#)

[There are 87,581 total, 815 deaths, and 67,159 recovered in Alberta.](#)

Last updated December 21, 2020 9:00 a.m. Scroll down for: novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Staff & Physician Resources

[AHS Update: Vaccine updates, self-care, mobile testing - Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall](#)

[Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall - Additional vaccine arriving; appointments being booked for December](#)

[Message from Dr. Francois Belanger & Sean Chilton: Connect Care - Change in Timing](#)

[Headline News](#)

[Dec. 10, 2020 Virtual Town Halls - Watch Dr. Verna Yiu's latest virtual town halls: Edmonton/Calgary | North, Central, South](#)

[Calgary Zone](#)

[Edmonton Zone](#)

[North Zone](#)

[South Zone](#)

[Central Zone](#)

Family Medicine News Highlights

[Message From the President – December 2020](#) - Alberta College of Family Physicians

[COVID-19 Lab Results Routed to Community Physicians](#) - ACP

[Rapid Review: Chronic Symptoms of COVID-19](#) - ACP

[COVID-19 Information and Resources](#) - College of Family Physicians of Canada

[A ParksRx for Wellness – For Patients, and Yourself](#) - ACP

[FMF 2021 November 10 - 13, 2021](#) - The call for abstracts is open.

[Intelligence in Family Medicine - Six part Monthly Webinar Series. Join the CFPC on January 27th for Machine Learning to solve primary care challenges.](#)

Clinical, Research and Education News

[How to handle holidays during a pandemic](#)

UCalgary mental health professionals share tips for the winter break

[CME Holiday Newsletter - UCalgary](#) - Cumming School of Medicine

[DIGITAL HEALTH SUMMIT - FREE LIVE STREAM EVENT](#)

January 26, 2021, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm MST

[O'Brien Institute recognizes city emergency chief for pandemic response, life of service](#)

Tom Sampson honoured with lifetime membership to O'Brien Institute for Public Health

[Government of Canada funds two UCalgary researchers working to strengthen COVID-19 response in long-term care](#)

[Top news stories of 2020](#)

[Top student stories of 2020](#)

[Top research stories of 2020](#)

[Child Health and Wellness Seminars: Walk a Mile in my Shaky Shoes - How Health Care Professionals Can Tap Into the Ability in disABILITY](#) - January 11 2021

[Searching MEDLINE Systematically](#) - January 13 2021

[COVID Community: From Bench to Bedside: How research will lead our recovery from COVID-19](#) - January 11 2021

[Understanding Systematic Reviews in Human Health](#) - UCalgary

[AI could lead to faster, better analysis of donated blood, study shows](#) - UAlberta

[ACE2 protein that prevents heart, lung and kidney disease in women also protects against severe COVID-19: study](#)

[20 stories that defined the University of Alberta in 2020](#)

[CIHR and JDRF funding drives efforts to find new stem cell-based therapies for Type 1 diabetes](#)

[2020 Canada Research Chairs - UAlberta](#)

[Government of Canada funds two UCalgary researchers working to strengthen COVID-19 response in long-term care](#)

[Good morning, Sunshine!](#)

[Virtual visits keep families close and connected in Claresholm](#)

[First community-based dialysis facility opens in Edmonton](#)

[Contact tracers need our support - AHS](#)

Calgary, Central & South Zone News/Programs

[Calgary artists to perform live for Winter Solace online series](#)

[AHS offers wide range of addiction, mental health support \(Calgary Zone\)](#)

[AHS offers wide range of addiction, mental health support in South Zone](#)

Edmonton & Northern Zone News/Programs

[Donations streamlined for Barrhead Healthcare Centre Auxiliary](#)

[Mobile MRI services return to Camrose, other communities](#)

[AHS offers wide range of addiction, mental health support \(North Zone\)](#)

[First community-based dialysis facility opens in Edmonton](#)

Rural Medicine

[COVID-19 RESOURCE GUIDE - Society of Rural Physicians of Canada](#)

[COVID-19 RURAL MED LIST SERV RESOURCES - SRPC](#)

[COVID-19 PATIENT RESOURCES - SRPC](#)

[Rural Physicians get virtual assist in tackling COVID-19 - RhPAP](#)

[Rural VIP No. 14: Rural Health Education and the Pathway to Rural Practice - RhPAP](#)

[Nursing career options go beyond hospital walls - RhPAP](#)

[Home-care role different than acute care](#) - RhPAP

[Rural nurses must be prepared for any health crisis](#) - RhPAP

[Provost nurse cares for her neighbours](#) - RhPAP

[Northern nurses love living and working rural](#) - RhPAP

[Fondness for rural life drives Ponoka RN's passion for health care](#) - RhPAP

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