



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

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## National and International News

[Globally, as of 6:10pm CEST, 28 July 2021, there have been 195,266,156 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 4,180,161 deaths, reported to WHO. As of 28 July 2021, a total of 3,829,935,772 vaccine doses have been administered.](#)

[Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on July 28, 2021](#)

[Canadian Medical Association \(CMA\) updates policy on firearms control: extensive consultations on public health impact](#)

["Diversity is our strength": Physicians express support for equity and diversity governance changes](#)

[CMA to host 154th annual meeting virtually](#)

## **Alberta Health Services (AHS) - *Items italicized are for authorized AHS users only***

[\*As of July 28: 233,875 total, 2,325 deaths, and 230,216 recovered in Alberta.\*](#)

- COVID-19 information, updates and resources for staff and physicians

[\*AHS Update: Number of active cases reaches lowest point since last July - July 16 2021\*](#)

- Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall

[\*AHS Virtual Health\*](#)

- Help improve virtual care at AHS: Take the virtual health program branding survey

[\*Work safe blog - Your safety matters: Speak up for mental health\*](#)

## **Alberta Health Services**

[Information for physicians: New pediatric reason for referral added to eReferral Advice Request](#)

[Immunization clinics shift to smaller, community-based sites](#)

[No physician coverage overnight in Fort Vermilion ED for two weeks](#)

[Boost your well-being with new drop-in series](#)

- Free online Wellness Exchange sessions this summer and fall offer information and tools to increase coping, communication and self-advocacy along with tips to create healthier relationships and build resilience.

[First and second dose drop-in COVID-19 immunization clinics in Calgary for those 12 to 17 years of age](#)

[AHS to strengthen 'FireSmart' buffer around health centre](#)

[Medicine Hat RN wins national excellence award](#)

[Current Blue Green Algae Advisories](#)

[AHS News Releases](#)

## **Provincial News**

[COVID-19 Cases in Alberta](#) - Government of Alberta

[Chief Medical Officer Update](#) - July 28 2021

[Starting this summer, CPSA will embark on a virtual Regional Tour across the province to hear from Albertans about their physician care. The first virtual stop is with Clearwater County and Rocky Mountain House on July 20.](#)

[Adapting COVID-19 measures to support Albertans](#)

- With strong vaccine uptake, Alberta will gradually bring COVID-19 measures in line with other respiratory viruses to ensure health system capacity for the fall.

[CPSA: Accepting nominations: Indigenous Health Advisory Circle](#)  
[Posted July 26, 2021](#)

[Masking in community clinics](#) - AMA President's Letter, July 16 2021

[Alberta's government will invest nearly \\$8 million to support Indigenous-led efforts to care for mental health, including supporting the healing of residential school survivors and their families.](#)

[Increasing publicly funded orthopedic surgeries](#)

[New mobile vaccination clinic launches in Alberta](#)

[Alberta to screen babies for spinal muscular atrophy](#)

[Albertans, review our advice on Cannabis for Medical Purposes - CPSA](#)

[Improving the mental wellness of Alberta's youth](#)

- Up to \$7.3 million will support the expansion of youth mental health hubs, which provide young Albertans with a one-stop shop for services that improve their mental health and overall wellness.

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

[Updated information on SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern \(VOC\)](#)

[Empowering women with mental health support](#)

[It takes a village: How Sather Clinic staff support Canadian athletes preparing for the Olympics](#)

- Sports medicine physician Terry De Freitas reflects on providing medical care for Canadian athletes and preparing for the Olympics.

[Innovative postdoctoral research supported by Banting Fellowships](#)

- Researchers seek new solutions to combat intergenerational trauma and treat neurodegenerative disorders

[Species of gut bacteria linked to enhanced cognition and language skills in infant boys](#)

[Innovators flourish in Entrepreneurial Thinking in One Health course](#)

[University of Calgary recommends COVID-19 vaccinations](#)

[UCalgary researchers at work on a vaccine against a fatal infectious disease affecting deer and potentially people](#)

[Innovative postdoctoral research supported by Banting Fellowships](#)

- Researchers seek new solutions to combat intergenerational trauma and treat

[Hepatitis C vaccine could be available within five years, says U of A Nobel laureate Michael Houghton](#)

[Pre-announcement: Notice of upcoming COVID-19 research funding opportunity](#) - Canadian Institutes of Health Research

[Exploring the connection between COVID-19 and ABO blood groups](#)

[Genetic variant linked to hearing loss in children treated with common chemotherapy drug](#)

[New texting services launched to support first responders' mental health](#)

### **Calgary, Central & South Zone News/Programs**

[Temporary closure of beds in Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre's Emergency Department](#)

[Routine school immunizations to resume in July in South Zone](#)

[Lethbridge students accentuate the positive](#)

- Handmade 'Wishing Day' crafts presented to patients

[Swift pacemaker implant gets senior home for calving season](#)

- The beat goes on for happy Hanna farmer

[COVID-19 testing and immunization site closing in Vegreville](#)

[First and second doses provided this week at drop-in COVID-19 immunization clinics in Calgary](#)

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

[Grande Prairie COVID-19 immunization clinic expands walk-in appointments](#)

[Grant brightens up Peace River, Fairview sites](#)

### **Family Medicine News Highlights**

[COVID-19 Provincial and Territorial Information and Resources](#)

[COVID-19 information and resources - College of Family Physicians of Canada](#)

[Chronic Pain – It's Not About the Cure, It's About the Context](#)

[A Patient's Journey with Pain – Finding HELP AB](#)

[Alberta College of Family Physicians - News and Events](#)

## **Rural Medicine**

[Rural Health Facilities Revitalization Program funding to support emergency department upgrades](#)

[RhPAP provides free accommodations to health professions students learning in rural Alberta](#)

[Wabasca NP urges patients to be seen as whole person](#)

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