



AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

October 5, 2021

COVID-19 News, Resources and Updates - Local, national and global

[Globally, as of 6:27pm CEST, 5 October 2021, there have been 235,175,106 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 4,806,841 deaths, reported to WHO. As of 3 October 2021, a total of 6,188,903,420 vaccine doses have been administered. - WHO](#)

[WHO: New storybook to help children stay hopeful during COVID-19](#)
- Resource for parents, teachers and health professionals follows hugely successful first edition

[Government of Canada to assist Alberta with COVID-19 response](#)

[Alberta will accept federal support to help protect the health-care system and the health of Albertans during the fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.](#)

[Emergency COVID-19 summit October 5: Canada's doctors and nurses meet to discuss devastating impact on health system](#)

[Vaccine eligibility expands, milestone hit](#) - Government of Canada

[Statement from the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health \(CCMOH\): Update on COVID-19 Vaccines and the Risk of Myocarditis and Pericarditis](#)

[Answers to questions about COVID-19 booster shots - Canadian Medical Association \(CMA\)](#)

[Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#) - Public Health Agency of Canada

[Minister of Health Jason Copping issued a statement regarding a recent letter sent to Alberta Health Services from a group called Health Professionals United](#)

[Information for AHS Staff and Health Professionals: COVID-19](#)

- Last updated October 5 2021

[CMO Weekly Update for AHS Medical Staff: COVID-19](#) - AHS

[Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#)

Frequently Asked Questions, AHS - October 1 2021

[Facts the only cure for epidemic of vaccine misinformation](#) - AHS

[Program help with ongoing symptoms of COVID-19 - Edmonton Zone](#)

[New vaccination policy for Alberta Public Servants](#)

[More Albertans eligible for third dose](#)

[Final \\$1-million vaccine lottery prize awarded](#)

[Alberta must act now: AMA calls for COVID-19 "fire-breaker" measures](#)

[Open letter to the unvaccinated from the AMA Section of General Psychiatry](#)

[An open letter in response to vaccine concerns and misinformation](#)

[Facts: the only cure for epidemic of vaccine misinformation](#)

[Mandatory Vaccination: An Ethics Perspective](#)

[Studies Confirm COVID Vaccines Protect Pregnant Women](#)

[Convalescent plasma doesn't help severely ill COVID-19 patients, Canadian study shows](#)

National and International News

[It's time to take responsibility and walk together on the path of reconciliation](#) - CMA

[We need to mobilize now: Alberta and Saskatchewan's health systems at breaking point](#) - CMA

[CMA launches national campaign to unite Canadians in support of health workers - I STAND WITH HEALTH WORKERS](#)

[Know someone who's making a difference? Nominate them for a 2022 CMA Award.](#)

- Deadline is Nov. 30

[Physician Wellness Hub](#) - A new era in physician health and wellness, CMA

[CMA tackles climate change through responsible investing](#)

[Remarks from the Chief Public Health Officer on October 1, 2021](#)

[WHO prioritizes access to diabetes and cancer treatments in new Essential Medicines Lists](#)

[WHO and partners call for urgent action on meningitis](#)

- New meningitis strategy aims to save more than 200,000 lives annually

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

[COVID-19](#) - Latest Updates, As of October 5: 304,502 total, 2,778 deaths, and 282,268 recovered in Alberta.

[COVID-19 Vaccination Information for Medical & Midwifery Staff](#)

[Immunization of Workers for COVID-19 Policy applies to all Alberta Health Services \(AHS\), Alberta Precision Labs \(APL\), Carewest, CapitalCare and Covenant Health employees, members of the medical and midwifery staffs, students, and volunteers, and other persons acting on their behalf.](#)

[Message from David Weyant - Thank You](#)

[Message from David Weyant - Message from the Board Chair](#)

[Message from Deb Gordon & Dr. Sid Viner](#)

- AHS Update: Dr. Yiu shares thoughts on another difficult week, deadline approaches to submit proof of immunization - October 1 2021

[Message from Deb Gordon & Dr. Sid Viner](#)

- AHS Update: Pressures on ICU continue to intensify as number of active cases pushes past 20,000 - September 24 2021

[Immunization: COVID-19](#)

[Employee & Family Assistance Program](#)

[Work Safe Blog - Be a good listener](#)

[The Code of the month for October is Fire](#)

[October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month](#)

[Web 101: PDF Guidelines & Best Practices](#)

[AHS Interchange Newsletter](#)

Alberta Health Services

[On September 28, 2021, the Dermatology – Southern Alberta facility was added to eReferral Advice Request in the Central \(Red Deer and south\), Calgary and South Zones. It is now accepting the following reasons for referral: Dermatology issue, Paediatric dermatology issue](#)

[Conversations with Yiu](#) September 17 2021

[Changes to Outpatient Laboratory at Lacombe Hospital and Care Centre](#)

[National Day of Truth & Reconciliation Teachings](#)

[Siksika Nation flag flies proudly at Strathmore](#)

- Historic hospital ceremony shows 'we're making progress', says Chief Crowfoot

[Collaborative effort combats malnutrition in seniors](#)

[Newborn screening makes a 'magical' difference for Alberta family](#)

Edmonton & Northern Zone News/Programs

[Stollery Children's Hospital School marks milestone](#)

[Buzzworthy project boosts mental health, mindfulness](#)

- YEG Honeycomb brings beekeeping to Alberta Hospital Edmonton

[50 new continuing care spaces open in Drayton Valley](#)

[Weekend outpatient clinics closed throughout October in Manning](#)

[Extension of temporary closure of Elk Point Emergency Department](#)

[No physician coverage in Fairview Health Complex ED for 24 hours Oct 5](#)

[Upcoming Events - Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta](#)

[Circadian rhythm expert cautions Albertans against permanent daylight savings time](#)

Calgary, Central & South Zone News/Programs

[First UCalgary prof and first-ever veterinarian elected president of Canadian Academy of Health Sciences](#)

[Dr. Thomas Raedler appointed associate dean, Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development](#)

Provincial News

[AHS Immunization of Workers for COVID-19 Policy](#)

Completed 'Got My COVID-19 Immunization Form' due October 16; full immunization required by October 31.

[Jason Copping was sworn in as minister of Health on September 21, 2021.](#)

[Media Relations 101](#)

Hosted by Shannon Rupnarain
October 7, 2021

[Outgoing thoughts on a complex year](#) - AMA's outgoing president, Dr. Paul E. Boucher

[Forging ahead: Inaugural thoughts from the new AMA president](#)
October 1, 2021

[Alberta's government is making sure patients, their families and health-care workers are able to safely access hospitals and other health facilities during protests.](#)

[Open letter to Albertans from AMA Section of Emergency Medicine](#)

[Open Letter to Albertans from the AMA's Sections of Family and Rural Medicine](#)

[Ministry of Transportation Medical Review Committee](#)

[Harm reduction; we can't afford to wait](#) - AMA outgoing president, Dr. Paul E. Boucher

[CPSA statement: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

[Sept. 28: A letter to Albertans from CPSA Council](#)

[Sept. 27: A letter to the profession from CPSA Council](#)

[Winding down your corporation - the when, why and how](#)

[CPSA: More news, events and commentaries](#)

Clinical, Research and Education News

[Influenza Immunization Program Update](#)

[Clinician-researcher honoured with lifetime achievement award for work on heart arrhythmias](#)

[Anne Gillis makes lasting impact on field of cardiac electrophysiology](#)

[Killer T cells could be recruited to ignite immune response against cancer, new study suggests](#)

[Alberta to fund new cystic fibrosis drug](#)

[Trauma can be passed down through generations](#)

Integrative healing therapist and Métis/Cree Elder Kerrie Moore discusses lasting impacts of intergenerational trauma

[Drop the Pre Op: reducing unnecessary preoperative chest X-rays](#)

[COVID-19 underscores need to address 'invisible pandemic' of diet-related chronic diseases: researcher](#)

[U of A researcher part of team receiving \\$2M from Health Canada to fight overdose epidemic](#)

Family Medicine News Highlights

[Continuing COVID-19 Conversations](#) - Outgoing ACFP president

[The CFPC urges new federal government to strengthen access to primary health care](#)

[The College of Family Physicians of Canada and its Indigenous Health Committee acknowledged the very first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th.](#)

[The CFPC and FAFM announce the retirement of Dr. Francine Lemire, Executive Director and CEO](#)

[Family Medicine Examination Update: 2021 SAMP exam - College of Family Physicians of Canada](#)

- A message for exam candidates sitting the Certification Examination in Family Medicine short-answer management problem (SAMP) component on October 14–15, 2021.

[The Simulated Office Oral \(SOO\) examination - CFPC CHECK](#)

[The CFPC re-assesses COVID-19's toll on family doctors one year after initial survey](#)

[Advancing Family Medicine during the pandemic - Co RIG Phase 1](#)

- In 2020 Co-RIG Phase I funding was awarded to 15 family medicine teams whose projects focused on affecting rapid and measurable benefits to patient communities across Canada. e.g. [A First Nation-Led COVID-19 Response: Coordinating integrated primary care - Siksika First Nation, Alberta](#)

[The SUPPORT-Pro Online Platform for Healthcare Professionals Treating Individuals Living With Type 1 Diabetes](#)

[Practical Evidence for Informed Practice Conference](#)

Alberta College of Family Physicians
October 22 & 23, 2021

[The Challenge of Complexity](#) - Dr. Cathy Scrimshaw & Dr. Leah Phillips

Rural Medicine

[Important notice regarding RhPAP's 30th Anniversary celebration](#)

[Wabasca nursing team paves way for innovative training solution during COVID-19](#)

[Expanding rural front-line health-care education](#)

- Wainwright and area residents can now earn a university degree to become a registered nurse without leaving their home community.

[Rural VIP No. 20: Role of Rural Municipalities in Health Care](#)

[Innisfail's Dementia Friendly Community program is a model for other rural communities](#)

[Rural health providers get 'REAL' lifelong learning support](#)

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