

# **COVID-19 News, Resources and Updates**

Globally, as of 5:14pm CET, 4 November 2021, there have been 247,968,227 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 5,020,204 deaths, reported to WHO. As of 5 November 2021, a total of 7,027,377,238 vaccine doses have been administered.

Covid-19: UK becomes first country to authorise antiviral molnupiravir

<u>Statement from the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health (CCMOH): COVID-19 Vaccination and the Use of COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters</u>

COVID-19 & Influenza Immunization Booking - Get fully protected

CMA reacts to decisions by Quebec and Ontario to not require mandatory vaccine requirements for health workers

Alberta expands eligibility for booster doses

WHO issues emergency use listing for eighth COVID-19 vaccine

COVID-19 info for Albertans - Cases in Canada and Alberta (by zone)

Vaccines, pregnancy and fertility telephone town hall

Dr. Deena Hinshaw held a conversation about COVID-19 vaccines, pregnancy, and both female and male fertility on October 27.

Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on October 29, 2021

Researchers confirm how to decontaminate and reuse masks during COVID-19 pandemic

80% of eligible Albertans now fully vaccinated

Alberta COVID-19 Immunization Program Update - October 21, 2021

### **National and International News**

<u>Your experiences matter - 2021 National Physician Health Survey</u> - Canadian Medical Association

Time to recognize and address antisemitism in medicine and beyond - CMA

The time to address the health workforce crisis is now - CMA

CMA continues to support actions tackling climate change ahead of COP26

Your input matters: CMA launches 2021 National Physician Health Survey

CMA connects with members: Session brings advocacy work and new strategy into focus

Know someone who's making a difference? Nominate them for a 2022 CMA Award.

Deadline is Nov. 30

Urgent need for vaccine to prevent deadly Group B streptococcus - WHO

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

As of November 4: 325,517 total, 3,137 deaths, and 315,865 recovered in Alberta.

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*Immunization - COVID-19* 

Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall AHS Update Additional Albertans eligible for booster dose

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AHS Update Submit your COVID-19 immunization status, get your influenza immunization

<u>Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall</u> <u>AHS Update: Deadline to submit proof of immunization extended; please stay</u> home if you're sick

## Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu

-Immunization of Workers for COVID-19 Policy Deadline Extended

Interchange newsletter

<u>2021 Halloween Costume & Decorating Contest - Winners</u>

#### **Alberta Health Services**

Horse therapy spurs connections, healing conversations

Extension of temporary closure of Elk Point Emergency Department

Collaborative hub co-ordinates mental health supports in Camrose

Public invited to meeting of the Tamarack Health Advisory Council

Temporary closure of weekend outpatient clinics in Manning extended

Mobile breast-cancer screening a true lifesaver

Lab and x-ray service temporarily closed in Magrath

COVID-19 testing returning to Vegreville

New pediatrician now practising in High Level

New family physician recruited to Elk Point

Alberta Precision Laboratories - Bulletins

#### Clinical, Research and Education News

Medical research leads U of A performance in latest U.S. News ranking of world's best universities

University of Calgary selected to help shape new medical school in Abu Dhabi

National certification recognizes UCalgary's work in mental health

What happens when 2 NHL hockey icons share a passion for neuroscience? \$2M commitment by McGill University's Tanenbaum Open Science Institute and Larry & Judy Tanenbaum Family Foundation fuels breakaway for research at UCalgary's Hotchkiss Brain Institute Working Effectively & Compassionately with Eating Disorders & Disordered Eating - November 18, 2021

Sleep loss affects how paramedics and health-care workers respond to patients' feelings

Four UCalgary researchers honoured for excellence in biomechanics, epilepsy and carbon capture

This Hour Has 22 Minutes star, research participants, round out cast of moving breast cancer film

Digital stories originally adapted as a play, now the source material of The Cut of It

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<u>Podiatric surgeon sets his sights on helping diabetes patients prevent complications</u>

Clinical researcher designs ways to tackle unsolved problems in health care

Gift enables lab's work to modify immune system, to better fight cancer and save lives

Improving a patient's quality of life brings greatest satisfaction

Doctor loves mentoring future colleagues and leaders

Doctor thrilled to see overdose response concept brought to life

Mobile breast-cancer screening a true lifesaver

Dr. Michael Leaker appointed interim head of Department of Paediatrics

Men less likely than women to connect individual or societal factors to cancer, chronic disease: study

Long COVID: 'Is this going to be my new normal?'

U of A researchers are partnering to help improve life for Canadians dealing with lingering symptoms of COVID-19.

<u>Innovative project aims to transform inflammatory bowel disease care in communities</u>

<u>Infections from respiratory viruses follow a predictable seasonal pattern,</u> researchers find

<u>Patients with rectal cancer who exercise while receiving radiation therapy more</u> likely to have tumours disappear, study suggests

<u>`Fly-in, fly-out' oilsands workers face significant mental health challenges, report suggests</u>

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

U of A-industry partnership poised to close Canada's drug supply gaps

The Canadian Critical Drug Initiative aims to transform Alberta into a nower

The Canadian Critical Drug Initiative aims to transform Alberta into a powerhouse in the development of life-saving therapies.

<u>Indigenous mentorship program uses research to foster young people's mental, physical and spiritual health</u>

Edmonton Volunteers sought for Health Advisory Councils

## Calgary, Central & South Zone News/Programs

Temporary closure of Sylvan Lake Advanced Ambulatory Care Service

Community lab service changes in Lethbridge

<u>'We couldn't believe our eyes' - Community show of appreciation moves</u> Lethbridge emergency, intensive care teams

#### **Provincial News**

Accreditation program updates - What physicians need to know, CPSA

<u>Physicians on care deficit and a response from AHS</u> - AMA President's Letter, October 29 2021

<u>Latest news on stipends</u> - AMA President's Letter, October 21, 2021

<u>Virtual Resident Wellness Conference</u> - November 4, 2021

Social Media 101 - November 23

<u>Upcoming events - Alberta Medical Association</u>

# **Family Medicine News Highlights**

Virtual FMF Nov 10—13, 2021 - On demand available Nov 14 - Dec. 14

<u>Public Health Experts Discuss their COVID-19 Experiences at Family Medicine</u> Forum

Beyond Harm Reduction...is it Time to Decriminalize the Use of Illicit Drugs? by Dr Leah Phillips

#### **Rural Medicine**

RhPAP announces new addition to its Board of Directors

Learners make themselves at home in rural Alberta

Wainwright offers degree for locals interested in becoming RNs

RhPAP's Accommodation Program gives learners a slice of rural life

RhPAP - Rural VIP No. 21: Virtual Health Care

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