



AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

December 7, 2021

National and International News

[Globally, as of 7:55pm CET, 7 December 2021, there have been 265,713,467 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 5,260,888 deaths, reported to WHO. As of 6 December 2021, a total of 7,952,750,402 vaccine doses have been administered.](#)

[A struggling system - Understanding the health care impacts of the pandemic: Canadian Medical Association & Excess deaths, increased mental health disorders and substance use: new CMA report highlights pandemic's broader impact](#)

[Excess deaths, increased mental health disorders and substance use: new CMA report highlights pandemic's broader impact](#)

[Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on December 3, 2021](#)

[WHO recommends against the use of convalescent plasma to treat COVID-19](#)

[The CMA has donated \\$50,000 to the Canadian Red Cross to support disaster relief and emergency preparedness.](#)

[Together, we can set a high bar for respectful interactions, in-person, by phone and online - CMA](#)

[CMA welcomes rapid government action on threats and violence of health workers](#)

[Throne speech 2021: A hopeful prescription for the health care system, says CMA](#)

[Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada - News highlights](#)

[Pandemic Wellness Toolkit - Canadian Medical Association](#)

Provincial News

[Covid-19 vaccine for children age 5 to 11](#)

A letter from Dr. Deena Hinshaw to parents and guardians about the COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 5 to 11.

[COVID-19 Resource Center for Physicians](#) - Alberta Medical Association

[Alberta doubles addiction treatment spaces commitment](#)

[Expanding COVID-19 booster to all Albertans 18-plus](#)

[The Lived Experiences of Residents in Designated Supportive Living \(January to March 2020\) - Health Quality Council of Alberta](#)

[Alberta adds Zolgensma to drug coverage program](#)

[Boosting vaccine development in Alberta](#)

Alberta's government is growing the province's pharmaceutical and life sciences sector by funding four COVID-19 vaccine proposals.

[Possible privacy breach on vaccine records website](#)

[Together, we can set a high bar for respectful interactions, in-person, by phone and online](#)

[Health-care workers vaccine policy updated](#)

The Alberta Health Services (AHS) immunization policy will now allow proof of negative COVID-19 tests in some communities to protect high-quality health care for Albertans.

[Z-code deadline delayed](#) - AMA President's Letter, December 3 2021

[The value of appreciation](#) - AMA President's Letter, December 3 2021

[CPSA inspection process to address COVID-19 concerns](#)

[The College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta \(CPSA\) is seeking proposals for a consultant to perform a Governance Review and make a recommendation to Council.](#)

[QR code vaccine record updated for travel - Ministry of Health](#)

[Pfizer pediatric vaccine rollout to begin](#)

[Professional Association of Resident Physicians of Alberta](#)

[Upcoming events - Alberta Medical Association](#)

Alberta Health Services

[Alberta's newest hospital welcomes first patients & Move to new Grande Prairie Regional Hospital complete](#)

[Colleagues step up to support COVID-19 care units](#)

[Updates to AHS Physician Compensation - Medical Staff](#)

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

[MD Culture Shift Newsletter](#)

[Well Doc Alberta](#) - Shaping the future of physician wellness, together

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

[Community paramedics bring vaccine to the vulnerable](#)

[Wabasca Nursing Team Wins RhPAP 2021 Rhapsody Rural Health-Care Heroes Award](#)

[N.L. team helps Fort Mac through COVID-19 crunch](#)

[COVID-19 immunization in St. Albert for 5 to 11 year olds](#)

[Join a conversation about the opioid crisis in Edmonton](#)

[Influenza immunization offered in Rocky Mountain House](#)

[Temporary closures of Elk Point Healthcare Centre ED extended](#)

[Virtual connections benefit Fort Mac seniors](#)

Calgary, Central & South Zone News/Programs

[Calgary Zone Mental Health & COVID-19 webinar series](#)
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[What COVID-19 has shown us and what we must do about it: Brian Mulroney](#)

Former prime minister shares insights with O'Brien Institute during public virtual discussion

[UCalgary teaching tool reaches learners worldwide](#)

[Passionate, patient-focused physician champions collaboration](#)

Director of Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute receives national honour

[North American study of new treatment for E. coli in children to be led at UCalgary](#)

[Nursing doctoral researcher creates documentary film on young adult cancer survivors as part of PhD thesis](#)

[UCalgary team wins first provincial REHAB i2c Pitch Competition](#)

Eight teams of innovators pitched their rehabilitation startups, vying for a \$100,000 grand prize toward commercialization

Edmonton & Northern Zone News/Programs

[U of A's newest Rhodes Scholar headed to Oxford with goal of transforming health care in Canada](#)

With a keen interest in public policy and leadership, Jesse Lafontaine is aiming to increase Indigenous representation in medicine.

[Opioid Crisis - virtual conversation](#)

Greater Edmonton Health Advisory Council

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

[As of December 7: 337,420 total, 3,268 deaths, and 330,047 recovered in Alberta.](#)

COVID-19 Staff & Physician Resources

[Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall](#) - November 26 2021

AHS Update COVID-19 vaccine rollout for children 5-11 years underway today, maintaining ICU capacity

[Message from Dr. Verna Yiu, AHS President and CEO](#) - November 29 2021

Immunization of Workers for COVID-19 Policy - Targeted Testing Introduced

[Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall - December 3 2021](#)
AHS Update Immunization of Workers policy updated, Omicron variant detected in Alberta

[AHS Interchange - December 2 2021](#)

[AHS Interchange - November 25 2021](#)

[Zoom program creates community for stroke survivors](#)

[Thanking local healthcare heroes](#)

[Celebrating 10 years of sharing knowledge - Knowledge Resource Service has grown with AHS](#)

[Builders' gift to enhance care in Sherwood Park](#)

[Your voice matters - because we are stronger together](#)
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Clinical, Research and Education News

[Government of Alberta announces over \\$22M in funding for UCalgary researchers](#)

[Cardiac researcher finds one-third of Canadian heart attack patients don't receive recommended followup care](#)

[Skewed research results led to lack of access to mammography for women in their 40s, say researchers](#)

An influential breast cancer screening trial was not randomized properly and should be withdrawn, new evidence shows.

[There are benefits to thinking 'small' for Alberta continuing care facilities](#)

[No clear answer to whether prescribed opioid use in children leads to later drug misuse: study](#)

U of A team calls for rigorous research to determine whether short-term medical use in children is safe.

[Pandemic or endemic, testing is first step in preventing serious health outcomes](#)

Peak Scholar Dylan Pillai translates existing testing technologies to new problems for long-term benefit

[How to mobilize the research community to tackle an all-encompassing problem](#)

Peak Scholar Michael Kallos rallies researchers to cross disciplinary boundaries and take on COVID-19, together

[New provincial research funding for U of A aims to create made-in-Alberta vaccine and drug development pipeline](#)

Government of Alberta makes \$55.1-million investment to take new vaccines and antiviral drugs from discovery to manufacturing.

[Diabetes: a complex disease with pancreatic cells in the spotlight](#)

[Fresh Faces: Christina Popescu, MD](#)

[Infrastructure funding will drive forward discovery and innovation across the sciences](#)

\$27 million from Government of Alberta will accelerate 11 research projects in health, energy, environmental sciences, agriculture and astrophysics.

[Drug used to treat diabetes could also be effective treatment for inflammatory bowel disease](#)

[Invention is designed to switch thoughts into action](#)

Imagine children with severe mobility issues being able to move their wheelchairs with their minds. That's the idea behind a new brain-computer interface being developed by researchers at the University of Alberta and University of Calgary.

[Leading researchers team up to bring promising chemotherapy treatment to human trials](#)

[Are we missing the chance to treat metabolic syndrome in young adults in Alberta?](#)

[Postgraduate Medical Education - PGME post, November 2021](#)

[There are benefits to thinking 'small' for Alberta continuing care facilities](#)

[If your child is afraid of — or refusing — a medical procedure, here's how to help](#)

[UCalgary researcher looks to improve medication safety, avoid 'sick day' drug interactions](#)

[Snyder Institute member Dr. Pere Santamaria named one of Canada's Top 25 Immigrants for his discovery of new drugs to treat autoimmune diseases](#)

[Snyder Institute's Gastrointestinal Group: committed to the mission of Crohn's and Colitis Canada](#)

[Dr. Maitreyi Raman awarded 2021 Outstanding Researcher, Women in IBD Awards](#)

[New Canadian houses found to have much higher radon gas levels than those in Sweden](#)

[New provincial research funding for U of A aims to create made-in-Alberta vaccine and drug development pipeline](#)

[COVID Corner: Keeping COVID Out](#)

Optimizing Outpatient Care to Reduce Hospitalizations
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[The National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases presents: A Public Health Agency of Canada \(PHAC\) COVID-19 Vaccines webinar for Health Care Providers](#)

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Family Medicine News Highlights

[Be part of an international survey on the role of family medicine in the COVID-19 vaccination campaigns research study](#)

[Call for ACFP board member nominations](#)

Help build and shape the programs and services that the ACFP provides its members! Now accepting nominations for the ACFP Board of Directors and Operational Committees.

[Choosing wisely through primary care: A timely e-course series on managing viral infections during the pandemic](#)

Rural Medicine

[Lethbridge family opens doors and hearts to rural medical learners](#)

[Rural VIP No. 22: Changing Demographics in Rural Communities](#)

[Community connections find welcoming home for student nurse](#)

[Rural Alberta Information Series: The Action Coalition on Human Trafficking \(ACT\) Alberta rural programming.](#)

[RhPAP U: RhPAP U is an interactive resource for information on rural health in Alberta.](#)

[Banff Rural Suite Courses](#)

Every year, the University of Calgary's Office of Continuing Medical Education & Professional Development puts on a weekend conference in Banff specifically for rural physicians in Alberta.

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