



AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

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National and International News

[Globally, as of 3:29pm CET, 20 December 2021, there have been 273,900,334 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 5,351,812 deaths, reported to WHO. As of 20 December 2021, a total of 8,387,658,165 vaccine doses have been administered.](#)

[Government of Canada announces additional measures to contain the spread of the Omicron variant](#)

[Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on December 17, 2021](#)

[Over half a million fewer surgeries have been performed in Canada since the start of the pandemic](#) - Canadian Institute of Health Information

[CMA applauds federal bill to protect health workers and patients](#)

[Tough choices needed to slow new wave of COVID-19](#) - CMA President Dr. Katherine Smart, December 17, 2021

[The end of the pandemic could be near – if we work together](#) - CMA President Dr. Katherine Smart, December 9, 2021

[WHO lists 9th COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use with aim to increase access to vaccination in lower-income countries](#)

[Interim recommendations for heterologous COVID-19 vaccine schedules](#)

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

[Happy Holidays and thank you from the Executive Leadership Team](#)
[December 16, 2021](#)

[As of December 20: 342,948 total, 3,292 deaths, and 334,004 recovered in Alberta.](#) - COVID-19 Staff and Physician Resources

[Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall](#) - December 17, 2021
AHS Update Omicron variant in Alberta, healthcare workers eligible for booster

[Message from David Weyant](#)
A final thank you

[Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall](#) - December 15, 2021
Omicron and holiday guidelines, additional doses for 50+, and free at-home rapid tests now available

[Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall](#) - December 10, 2021
AHS Update Omicron cases grow in Alberta, new AHS board chair announced

[Immunization - COVID-19](#)

[Connect Care: New Wave 4 & Wave 5 Launch Dates Announced](#)

Alberta Health Services

[As of December 20: 342,948 total, 3,292 deaths, and 334,004 recovered in Alberta.](#)

Information for AHS staff and health professionals - COVID-19

[Alberta's newest hospital welcomes first patients](#)

[Enhanced limits to visitation for close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19](#)

['Paying it forward to future generations'](#)

Alberta's Tomorrow Project celebrates 20 years of research with 55,000 participants

[AHS to notify close contacts of Omicron cases](#)

[AHS recruits two family physicians for Grande Cache](#)

[Outpatient clinics at Manning Community Health Centre resume normal weekend hours](#)

[No doctors in Barrhead Healthcare Centre ED for 12 hours Dec 18, 19 & 21](#)

[Public Alert: Spike in opioid-related EMS calls in Calgary and Edmonton](#) - December 8 2021

[Alberta Precision Laboratories - Bulletins/Communications](#)

[New heliport now available to support emergency operations](#)

[Operation of two Lloydminster facilities officially transferred to AHS](#)

[Connect with AHS on Social Media](#)

Edmonton & Northern Zone News/Programs

[Emergency wait times online for all Edmonton Zone sites](#)

[Awards & Accolades - November/December 2021](#)

Celebrating the achievements of University of Alberta faculty, staff and students.

[Agreement aims to train more Indigenous physicians, improve health care for six northeastern Alberta First Nations](#)

Historic memorandum of relational understanding signed between University of Alberta and Tribal Chiefs Ventures Inc.

Calgary, Central & South Zone News/Programs

[Celebrating progress on a new cancer centre](#)

Patients will soon see improved access to cancer care as construction crews make significant progress on the new Calgary Cancer Centre.

[Dr. Greg Powell - Alberta's best receive province's highest honour: The investiture of 15 Albertans into the Alberta Order of Excellence recognizes their extraordinary contributions.](#)

[Hanna addiction counsellor gives gift of hope](#)

Provincial News

[The care deficit: Preparing to seek solutions](#)

Alberta Medical Association (AMA) President's Letter: December 15, 2021

[Stipends delay allows time for a comprehensive approach](#)

AMA President's Letter: December 10, 2021

[Ministry of Transportation Medical Review Committee - AMA](#)

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[More course dates available for physician leadership development](#)

[The AMA offers physicians and their teams privacy and security training at no cost.](#)

[Alberta Medical Association - Membership renewal 2021-22](#)

[Police to play key role in offering addiction treatment](#)

[85% of Albertans 12 and older are fully vaccinated](#)

[Protecting Albertans against the Omicron variant](#)

[Child and Youth Well-being Review panel submits report](#)

The Child and Youth Well-being Review panel has submitted recommendations the government based on research and feedback from Albertans about the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children and youth.

[Improving supports for people with disabilities](#)

Two reports have been posted online highlighting improvements Albertans would like to see to two key disabilities programs.

Clinical, Research and Education News

[Judgment-free “conversation clinic” offers vaccination advice for expecting parents](#)

[Wastewater testing for SARS-CoV-2 virus expands to most Alberta cities](#)

[Study links overactive bladder to increased falling risk in older adults](#)

[Brenda Strafford Centre explores how age-friendly universities can contribute to age-friendly societies](#)

[UCalgary researcher honoured for national impact helping moms and babies](#)

Kara Nerenberg leads national effort to address high blood pressure among women before and after pregnancy

[Managing Alcohol Use Disorder and Liver Disease](#)

January 20 & 27, February 3

[Junk food and the brain: How modern diets lacking in micronutrients may contribute to angry rhetoric](#)

[Research projects brighten lives and boost health of kids during COVID](#)

[Natural environment linked with quality of life for people with COPD](#)

Living in high-pollution areas or farther than 500 metres from green space or water is associated with lower quality of life related to health, study shows.

[Alberta announces funding for extended release injectable buprenorphine](#)

Family Medicine News Highlights

[What are your perspectives on ordering imaging for uncomplicated low back pain?](#)

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

[The CFPC is seeking a consultant\(s\) with expertise in equity, diversity, inclusion, access and anti-racism to support our work.](#)

[Alberta College of Family Physicians \(ACFP\) Awards – Nominations Now Open](#)

[ACFP: A Seat at the Table: Winter Update](#)

[Creating Community: ACFP Networks Launch](#)

[ACFP: President's Message: December 2021](#)

[CanREACH: Patient-Centered Mental Health in Paediatric Primary Care](#)

Various dates: January 2021 through March 2022

Rural Medicine

[Rural health care in Canada](#) - Canadian Institute of Health Information

[24th Annual Rural Anesthesia for GP Anesthesiologists Conference](#)

Cumming School of Medicine

[Society of Rural Physicians of Canada - Newsletter, November 2021](#)

[Athabasca nurse closing in on 50 years of service](#)

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