



AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

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Alberta Health Services

[COVID-19: As of January 6: 388,995 total, 3,336 deaths, and 345,762 recovered in Alberta.](#)

Information for AHS Staff & Health Professionals regarding COVID-19, last updated January 7 2022, including [COVID-19 Return to Work Guide for Healthcare Workers](#)

[Join a conversation about palliative care in central Alberta, January 7 2022](#)

[New web resource helps Albertans manage COVID-19 symptoms at home](#)

[CMO SMOH Notice for AHS Medical Staff](#)

30 December, 2021 & [CMO SMOH Notice for AHS Medical Staff](#), 23 December, 2021

[COVID-19 Guidance for Community Physicians](#)

[Hospital moving day a marvel of EMS logistics](#)

[AHS expands Text4Hope in multiple languages](#)

[2022 New Year's babies were not announced](#)

[AHS, Covenant Health, and major health care unions release updated joint statement on Personal Protective Equipment use as Omicron variant of COVID-19 circulates in Canada](#)

[AHS Update: Omicron cases increasing, hospitalizations hold steady, remote work extended to end of February](#) - December 30 2021, Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall, COVID-19

[AHS Update: Provincial restrictions updated as cases significantly increase in Alberta, AHS immunization testing policy updated](#) - December 23, 2021, Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall, COVID-19

[Together4Health Headlines](#) (Follow link and scroll down to bottom of the page)
If you or any of your members would like to receive a weekly AHS update in your email, you can subscribe to *Together4Health* Headlines by sending an email with the subject line "subscribe me" to community.engagement@ahs.ca.

Together4Health Headlines is a weekly e-newsletter that captures all of the pandemic updates and provides additional news you can use and information on opportunities to engage with AHS.

[Updates to AHS Physician Compensation](#)

[Medical Staff - Connect Care Physician Opportunities](#)

[Doctor Jobs Alberta/AHS](#)

[Physician and staff shortages impact AHS facilities and services in December 2021 and January 2022](#)

[Follow updated provincial public health restrictions to reduce spread of COVID-19 and to protect the healthcare system.](#)

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

[*Effective January 3, 2022: New isolation requirements.*](#)

[*AHS Interchange January 6, 2022*](#)

[*Pharmacy Services a key player in pandemic response*](#)

[*Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall
Changes to isolation requirements*](#)

[*CEO Message: AHS Immunization Policy Update*](#)

[*Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall
COVID-19 Update Booster eligibility expanded to 18+, new public health
measures*](#)

[*Return unused AHS mobility devices*](#)

[Alberta Healthy Living Program team builds well-being, improves service across South Zone](#)

National and International News

[Globally, as of 5:13pm CET, 6 January 2022, there have been 296,496,809 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 5,462,631 deaths, reported to WHO. As of 5 January 2022, a total of 9,118,223,397 vaccine doses have been administered.](#)

[10 key global health moments from 2021 - WHO](#)

[Statements and speeches from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada](#)

[From vaccines to vaccinations: seventh meeting of the Multilateral Leaders Task Force on COVID-19 Vaccines, Therapeutics and Diagnostics](#)

The heads of the International Monetary Fund, World Bank Group, World Health Organization and World Trade Organization held high-level consultations with Gavi and UNICEF on 17 December, 2021 aimed at increasing the use of COVID-19 vaccines and other critical medical countermeasures in low-income (LIC) and lower middle-income (LMIC) countries and supporting countries to be better prepared, resourced, and ready to roll out vaccines.

[Harassment and threats against health care workers cannot be tolerated - Canadian Medical Association](#)

['This is our lane': Dr. Naheed Dosani on why Twitter advocacy matters – despite the trolls](#)

[New software provides customized online speech therapy for patients](#)

Edmonton & Northern Zone News/Programs

[Boil Water Advisory lifted for Fort McKay](#)
January 2, 2022

[Fort Saskatchewan hospital reopens labour and delivery unit \(Fort Saskatchewan hospital temporarily suspends labour and delivery services\)](#)

[Boil Water Advisory lifted for Fort McKay](#)

[Fairview Health Complex sets specific outpatient service hours](#)

Calgary, Central & South Zone News/Programs

[Empowering the willing: the feasibility of tele-mentored self-performed pleural ultrasound assessment for the surveillance of lung health](#)

Calgary surgical research team kickstart 2022 with a new publication in *The Ultrasound Journal*

Kirkpatrick AW, McKee JL, Ball CG, Ma IWY, Melniker LA.

Ultrasound J. 2022 Jan 3;14(1):2. doi: 10.1186/s13089-021-00250-6.

PMID: 34978611

[Nursing students empower Yazidi refugees through community health nursing project](#)

Provincial News

[Alberta Chief medical officer updates](#)

[Alberta surpasses one million booster doses](#)

More than one million Albertans have received their third vaccine dose, helping to protect them from COVID-19.

[COVID-19 guidance for community medical clinics](#)

- College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta

[Revised Virtual Care standard of practice takes effect Jan. 1, 2022](#)

[Update - Alberta Health bulletin on virtual care code change](#) - AMA President's Letter, January 7 2022

[Priority virtual care codes to increase](#) - AMA President's Letter, December 30, 2021

[Member survey results and an urgent Omicron meeting](#) - December 22, 2021

[December 21, 2021: Expanding virtual health care](#)

[To support Albertans' health care needs during the COVID-19 pandemic, the province is working with physicians to increase options for virtual care.](#)

[Temporary testing options given to health-care workers - December 23, 2021](#)

[2021 opioid fatalities](#)

Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Mike Ellis issued a statement on the addiction crisis, December 22, 2021

[Nursing negotiations update: Statement from Minister Toews](#)

[More boosters, tests and measures to fight Omicron](#) - December 31, 2021

& [Alberta expands boosters, launches booster shot campaign](#)

[The Lived Experiences of Residents in Designated Supportive Living \(January to March 2020\)](#)

- Health Quality Council of Alberta

[Alberta Medical Association: Upcoming Events](#)

[Resident Physician of the Month - Professional Association of Resident Physicians of Alberta](#)

[Alberta Precision Laboratories - Bulletins](#)

[Ministry of Transportation Medical Review Committee](#)

Clinical, Research and Education News

[University of Alberta: Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry's 10 essential stories of 2021](#)

[Libin Institute researchers identify molecule essential for success of commonly used diabetes drug](#)

Team led by Morley Hollenberg makes important discovery about how metformin works to protect blood vessels

[UCalgary researchers aim to stop or prevent epileptic seizures](#)

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

January 20 & 27, February 3

[Upcoming CME and CPD Events - Cumming School of Medicine](#)

Family Medicine News Highlights

[Omicron webinar - Alberta College of Family Physicians](#)

On Thursday, December 23, 2021, the Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) and Alberta Medical Association (AMA) hosted a panel discussion on the Omicron variant.

[Introducing the CFPC's Learning in Practice: Pick your case.](#)

Webinar, January 18 2022

[Putting Recommendations into Practice: An update from the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care](#)

Webinar, February 15 2022

Rural Medicine

[WONCA World Rural Health Conference 2022](#)

[Nominations for the 2022 Rhapsody Awards are now open](#)

[St. Paul kicks off 2022 with new doctors and more to come](#)

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

Cumming School of Medicine, January 28, 2022 (virtual)

[Rural Surgical Skills Update - Postponed until 2023](#)

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