



*This Issue: Micro-aggression training for physicians; Continuous masking update; Career Opportunities; Resources and Supports for Physicians; News from the AHS Update and more.*

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*We would like to recognize that our work takes place on historical and contemporary Indigenous lands, including the territories of Treaty 6, Treaty 7 & Treaty 8 and the homeland of the Métis Nation of Alberta and eight Metis Settlements. We also acknowledge the many Indigenous communities that have been forged in urban centres across Alberta.*

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*Note: Recognizing some medical staff use an alternate email address instead of an AHS email address, some information is duplicated from the AHS Update to ensure all AHS medical staff have all up-to-date organizational information that may impact their practice.*

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## Medical Affairs News

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### **Micro-aggression training for physicians launched June 14**

AHS, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) and the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) have each made anti-racism and anti-discrimination initiatives part of strategic and business planning. As part of this commitment, we have partnered on a collaborative project to leverage anti-racist action together, and developed an online training course on micro-aggressions in health care for health professionals who are registered with CPSA to practice medicine in Alberta.

Launching this week, the course is available to all regulated members in myCPSA, CPSA's virtual learning platform accessible through CPSA's online Portal.

While the course is optional, physicians who complete it are eligible for continuing professional development (CPD) credits through their national colleges.

For more information, please contact [info@cpsa.ab.ca](mailto:info@cpsa.ab.ca).

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### **Continuous masking update**

AHS is rescinding the Use of Masks During COVID-19 Directive, effective Monday (June 19).

AHS will no longer require continuous masking for workers, patients, families and visitors at AHS facilities, as well as Alberta Precision Laboratories, Covenant Health, CapitalCare and Carewest sites. This applies to all AHS and contracted staff, including physicians, midwives, students, volunteers and contractors.

We continue to respect the choice to voluntarily wear a mask in all areas and encourage those who wish to wear a mask to continue to do so. Healthcare providers are asked to mask when requested by a patient.

Staff are required to continue to use [Routine Practices and Additional Precautions](#) as required by the [IPC Risk Assessment](#) to make personal protective equipment (PPE) decisions and to prevent the spread of infections. Appropriate PPE will continue to be available in all settings.

For more information, please see the [frequently asked questions](#). You can also use [this poster](#) to display on sites and units.

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## Support for physicians

The [Physician & Family Support Program](#) (PFSP) continues to offer CONFIDENTIAL services on an individual basis that you can access by calling the 24-hour assistance line at 1-877-767-4637.

AHS also has resources aimed at offering support to physicians. These are available online:

- [Webinar](#)
  - [Resource Guide](#)
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## Career opportunities

Practice opportunities across a broad range of specialties are available. All vacant AHS physician practice opportunities are posted on our physician recruitment website, [Doctor Jobs Alberta](#).

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## Additional resources for physicians:

- [AHS Virtual Health](#)
  - [CPSA's Physician Portal](#)
  - [Cumming School of Medicine Continuing Medical Education \(CME\) Resources](#)
  - [How to Access AHS Insite and Email](#)
  - [IPC Emerging Issues](#)
  - [MD News Digest](#)
  - [Physician & Family Support Program](#) - 1-877-SOS-4MDS (767-4637)
  - [Physician Wellness Educational Resources: Well Doc Alberta](#)
  - [Support Services: Well Doc Alberta](#)
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## From the AHS Update

You can read the [full version online](#).

## Wildfire Update

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As of this morning, there are 75 active wildfires in Alberta, with 21 of them classified as 'out of control.' [\(more...\)](#)

## Action on Our Priorities

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We are working to urgently address four key priorities. They are:

- Reducing emergency medical services (EMS) response times.
- Decreasing emergency department wait times.
- Reducing surgery wait times.
- Improving patient flow and continuity of care.

Much of this work is underway. We will continue to use this update to highlight actions being taken to address our priorities.

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### **Reducing surgery wait times**

[Surgical wait-list update](#)

## **Your Wellness**

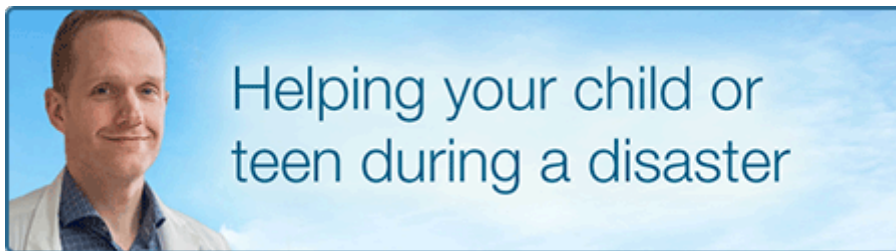
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### **New wellness seminar series**

The new [Wellness Seminar schedule](#) is now available. The seminars offer strategies to support your well-being. [\(more...\)](#)

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### **Mental Wellness Moment**



Dr. Nicholas Mitchell talks about common responses to stress in youth, and what adults can do to help them deal with a disaster. [\(more...\)](#)

Watch Video



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## **Latest News**

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### **COVID-19 status and cases in Alberta**

Latest hospitalizations, ICU update and wastewater surveillance. [\(more...\)](#)

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### **Celebrate allyship during Pride Month**

June is Pride Month and there are many ways to celebrate Pride at AHS. [\(more...\)](#)

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### **Accreditation Canada Spring 2023 survey results are in**

You can see the results [here](#). Accreditation compares our health services with national standards of excellence. [\(more...\)](#)

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### **Access HR, IT support through the new ServiceHub portal**

Service Hub, a new user-friendly system for Human Resources and Information Technology support, is now live. [\(more...\)](#)

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### **Patient Safety Plan now available**

The [2023-26 AHS Patient Safety Plan](#) supports collective efforts across the care continuum to improve patient safety. [\(more...\)](#)

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### **Future of Cancer Impact in Alberta report now available**

The [report](#) includes 40 recommendations to guide action around cancer prevention, treatment and supportive care. [\(more...\)](#)

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### **CEO video message – importance of patient feedback**



Learn how Patient Relations and the Office of Alberta Health Advocates support patients and families to share feedback. [\(more...\)](#)

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### Finding efficiencies subject of President's Speaker Series event

The [June 23 President's Speaker Series event](#) explores how we can free up time by revising or removing outdated practices. [\(more...\)](#)

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### Register for the i4 2023 conference

i4 exists to help you invent the future of health and care services. Be part of that future. Early bird registration is [now open](#). [\(more...\)](#)

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### First annual InfoCare Celebration kicks off

The event runs until July 14, with resources, tips and content dedicated to [protecting privacy and information security](#). [\(more...\)](#)

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### Wrapping up

We're only halfway through June so, if you haven't done so already, you still have time to participate in AHS celebrations for Pride Month (see item above for details) and National Indigenous Peoples Month (visit [Together4Health](#) for a list of upcoming events). We want all people to feel safe and respected when they come to AHS for services. Participating in, and learning from, awareness events like the ones scheduled this month are helping us become a more inclusive and welcoming healthcare organization for everyone. Finally, I wish to offer my heartfelt gratitude to everyone helping communities respond to the ongoing wildfire situation in the province. Again, when Albertans need us, we are there for them. I am proud of you and thankful for everything you do.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,

**Dr. Francois Belanger**

Vice President, Quality & Chief Medical Officer



Healthy Albertans.  
Healthy Communities.  
**Together.**