



AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

July 7, 2020

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

[Globally, as of 3:49pm CEST, 21 July 2020, there have been 14,562,550 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 607,781 deaths, reported to WHO](#)

[More than 150 countries engaged in COVID-19 vaccine global access facility](#)

[WHO and UNICEF warn of a decline in vaccinations during COVID-19](#)

Alberta Health Services - Resources and News Updates for Medical Staff

[New Occupational Hygiene Standard](#)

[There are 9,728 cases, 172 deaths, and 8,363 recovered in Alberta](#)

- Information for AHS Staff and Health Professionals, including new updates to COVID-19 Resources for AHS Staff & Health Professionals - Last update, July 21, 2020

[Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)
Frequently Asked Questions – Staff](#)

- Last update, July 20, 2020

[COVID-19 Weekly Update for AHS Medical Staff](#) - July 17, 2020

Alberta Health Services (AHS) - *For authorized AHS users only*

[Continuous Masking - It's a Requirement
novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) - Dr. Verna Yiu

[novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Severe weather - The code of the month for July is severe weather](#)

More AHS News, Updates and Resources

[Strategic Clinical Network partnership focuses on youth in crisis](#)

[UPDATE: AHS response to the Columbia Icefields accident](#)

[Misericordia Community Hospital now under full facility outbreak](#)

[Environmental Public Health supports the North](#)

- Giving guidance on pandemic and flooding all in a day's work

[Staying close in a time of distancing](#)

- Mental healthcare goes virtual in South Zone

[Family Support & Visitation of Patients & Residents](#) - July 8, 2020

[Chief medical officer updates](#) - Last update July 21, 2020

- Regular updates from Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta's chief medical officer of health.

[Covid-19 Podcasts](#)

- AHS, July 10, 2020

Clinical, Research and Education News

[COVID-19 may spread more than two metres through the air in some indoor areas, say experts](#)

[New diagnostic test for heart failure patients could also help COVID-19 patients: U of A researchers](#)

[Bursary program a powerful symbol of professional unity and support](#)

- CMA Foundation provides financial relief to medical students facing hardship as a direct result of COVID-19.

[Seeking a cure for muscular dystrophy](#)

- Edmonton team closing in on effective treatment for two devastating genetic diseases

[Immediate dialysis for patients with acute kidney injury no better than wait-until-necessary approach, researchers find](#)

[New piece of Alzheimer's puzzle found](#)

- University of Alberta Distinguished University Professor and neurologist Jack

Jhamandas, '74 BSc, '76 MSc, PhD, has found a new piece of the Alzheimer's puzzle, bringing him closer to a treatment for the disease.

[U of A researchers work to make COVID-19 recommendations simple and understandable](#)

[A 'game-changer' for cystic fibrosis patients](#)

- Women and Children's Health Research Institute study management team coordinates Edmonton clinical trials of ground-breaking treatment.

[History of a diabetes breakthrough](#)

- Twenty years ago, U of A scientists transformed Edmonton into the world's leading light in the quest to cure Type 1 diabetes. Now they're at it again.

[Regular checkups preserve healthy eyesight](#)

Provincial News

[Ophthalmologists' call to opt-out of AMA: Minister Shandro](#)

[Update 101: COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta \(July 14 at 5 p.m.\)](#)

[Building a recovery community in Red Deer](#)

- Alberta's government is providing up to \$5 million to build a recovery community in Red Deer, which will add 75 treatment beds in central Alberta.

[Recovery communities to be built in Alberta](#)

- Government is building five recovery communities for the holistic treatment of mental health and addiction. This will add 400 treatment beds to the province – a 30 per cent increase in capacity.

[Improving access to emergency medical services](#)

- Alberta has updated ambulance regulations to help improve efficiencies and access to emergency medical services for Albertans.

[20 million free masks available provincewide](#)

[Expanding the organ and tissue registry](#)

- Residents of the Northwest Territories can now join the Alberta Organ and Tissue Donation Registry, increasing the number of potential donors and helping save lives.

[Strengthening Alberta's pandemic response](#)

- The government is seeking proposals to review the province's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[AMA's paid advertising: Minister Shandro](#)

[Physician compensation: Minister Shandro](#)

[Government files defence](#)

- The Alberta government has filed its statement of defence in response to the Alberta Medical Association's (AMA) statement of claim.

[Members: Do you have confidence in the Minister? - AMA President's Letter, July 21, 2020](#)

[We are under attack - AMA President's Letter, July 20, 2020](#)

[Minister letter to CPSA - AMA President's Letter, July 16 2020](#)

[Taking our story public - AMA President's Letter, July 15 2020](#)

[Looming physician exodus from Alberta caused by failed provincial funding framework](#)

[Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant](#)

- As part of its provincial relaunch strategy the Alberta government has made available a small grant (maximum \$5,000) for small to medium businesses, which also applies to physician corporations.

[Your Practice, Your Plans: Your Results - AMA President's Letter, July 9 2020](#)

[No consultation with AMA on Bill 30 development - AMA President's Letter, July 8 2020](#)

[Discrimination has no place in medicine - CPSA](#)

[New mental health, inpatient beds for Grande Prairie](#)

[COVID-19 info for Albertans - July 21, 2020](#)

[Possible phone scam: physicians asked for personal information for a supposed complaint - CPSA](#)

Family Medicine News Highlights

[A call for collaboration - A message from the President, Alberta College of Family Physicians](#)

[New World. New Experience.
Virtual FMF, November 4 – 7, 2020.](#)

- The College of Family Physicians of Canada has officially announced that Family Medicine Forum (FMF) 2020 is going fully virtual! It will be delivered as a real-time, online event on the scheduled dates of November 4th to 7th, 2020.

[COVID-19 cases within Hutterite colonies](#)

[Today's Family Medicine News Highlights](#)

[Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\) Associated with COVID](#)

Rural Medicine

[Society of Rural Physicians of Canada](#)

[Provincial program identifies hearing loss shortly after birth](#)

[Communication support improves quality of life](#)

[Speech language pathologist assists rural people of all ages](#)

Calgary, Central & South Zone News/Programs

[Sean Grondin to leave role as head, Department of Surgery](#)

[Tom Stelfox appointed scientific director of the O'Brien Institute for Public Health](#)

[A University of Calgary professor is seeking help from Calgary cyclists.](#)

[Vulnerable entrepreneurs find clarity and success through new COVID-19 student initiative](#)

- UCalgary epidemiology student empowers home-salon owners

Edmonton & Northern Zone News/Programs

[New lab equipment for Edmonton, northern Alberta](#)

- The province is providing \$15 million to upgrade laboratory equipment in Edmonton and northern Alberta.

[Friends of Chinook spruce up furniture in ICU waiting room](#)

[Blue-green algae \(cyanobacteria\) bloom advisory issued for Lawrence Lake](#)

[Blue-green algae \(cyanobacteria\) bloom advisory issued for Chatwin Lake](#)

[Blue-green algae \(cyanobacteria\) bloom advisory issued for Lac Sante](#)

[Blue-green algae \(cyanobacteria\) bloom advisory issued for Moose Lake](#)

National News

[Calgary physician Lynden Crowshoe, MD, FRCPC, is the 2020 recipient of the Royal College's Dr. Thomas Dignan Indigenous Health Award for his work in addressing systemic racism in the health care system as a clinician, educator and leader.](#)

[Federation of Medical Women of Canada](#)

[COVID-19: Update from CMA President Dr. Sandy Buchman](#) | July 9

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