



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

September 8, 2020

## **Alberta Health Services - News and Events & Resources for Medical Staff**

[There are 14,474 cases, 242 deaths, and 12,799 recovered in Alberta](#)

- Information for AHS Staff and Health Professionals, including new updates to COVID-19 Resources for AHS Staff & Health Professionals - Last update, September 4, 2020

[Changes made to eReferral Consult Request Reasons for Referral for Oncology – Lung Cancer](#)

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

- Last update August 31 2020

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

[Frequently Asked Questions – for Community Physicians August 28, 2020](#)

[Community Physician COVID-19 Screening and Testing Algorithm](#)

[How to support mask wearing](#)

- COVID-19 worker supports

[Patient Refusal to Wear Face Coverings during COVID-19: Guidance for Community Physicians and Teams](#)

[Laboratory bulletins](#)

[COVID-19 Weekly Update for AHS Medical Staff](#)

- August 28, 2020

**Alberta Health Services (AHS) - Staff and Physician Resources: For authorized AHS users only**

[Insite Alerts - Keep Informed!](#)

[Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall](#)

- AHS COVID-19 Update: APL and Health Link Reach Million-mark Milestones

[Continuous Masking - It's a Requirement](#)

[Executive Leadership Team Notables](#)

[Novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) - Updates on novel coronavirus - September 8 2020

[COVID-19 24/7 on-call assistance now available for ethical concerns](#)

[Feedback for Infection Prevention & Control and Workplace Health & Safety Teams](#)

- AHS COVID-19 Testing Dashboard

[IPC PPE Table for Emergency Departments and Urgent Care Centres during COVID-19](#)

[AHS, Covenant Health and APL Healthcare Worker COVID-19 Testing](#)

[COVID-19 Guidance for Researchers – Resuming research at AHS facilities](#)

**[Refer to staff and Physician Resources for more updates:](#)**

*e.g.*

*COVID-19 Expanded Testing: ED and UCC*

*COVID-19 Expanded Testing: ED and UCC Guiding Document*

*Triage Screening Criteria for ED/UCC/EMS/Obstetrical Nurses, Clerks, Midwives, Physicians*

*Memo: Change to Permitting Processes for Temporary Facilities*

*Ordering Designated Family/Support Person(s) ID Labels for Screening Stations*

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*Poster: Please Be Kind to Our Staff*

*Acute Care COVID-19 Expanded Testing*  
*Acute Care COVID-19 Expanded Testing Algorithm*  
*Expanded Symptom List Implementation in Acute Care FAQ*  
*Communicable Disease (Respiratory) Initial Screening Form (21615)*  
*COVID-19 Symptom Identification and Monitoring Form (21616)*  
*Discontinuation of Contact and Droplet Precautions for Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Form (21624)*

*COVID-19 Screening and Management of Obstetrical Patients and Essential Support Persons*

### **More AHS News, Updates and Resources**

[Back to School During COVID-19](#)

[Royal Alex leads province in Choosing Wisely](#)

- Joins initiative to help doctors reduce unnecessary tests, treatments and procedures

[Help in Tough Times - We're here to help](#)

- Alberta Health Service Addiction and Mental Health

[Rockyview's impressive art collection inspires healing vibes](#)

[Cold Lake long-term care residents breathe easier](#)

[Stellar volunteers headed for medical careers](#)

- Healthcare scholarships awarded by Friends of Chinook Regional Hospital

[Help with rehabilitation is just a phone call away](#)

- Advice line supports callers on range of physical issues

[Blue green algae health advisories](#)

[Features](#)

### **Clinical, Research and Education News**

[Globally, as of 1:52pm CEST, 8 September 2020, there have been 27,236,916 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 891,031 deaths, reported to WHO.](#)

[172 countries and multiple candidate vaccines engaged in COVID-19 vaccine Global Access Facility](#)

[World Sepsis Congress Spotlight - Free online event September 9 2020](#)

[Chief medical officer updates - September 8 2020](#)

[Discontinue using APTIMA Collection Kits/Swabs for COVID-19 Testing Immediately - Laboratory Bulletin](#)

[Researchers from the University of Calgary are conducting a study on diversity, harassment and discrimination in health care.](#)

[UCalgary researchers discover how to capture images of cells at work inside our lungs](#)

- Discovery provides new insights into how our immune system battles deadly bacteria and viruses like flu and COVID-19

[Symposium highlights undergraduate summer research](#)

[Youth complete health research program amid pandemic restrictions](#)

[Unhealthy reforms: The dangers of Alberta's plan to further privatize health-care delivery](#)

- UCalgary's Lorian Hardcastle and colleague write in Conversation Canada about the risk of allowing corporations a larger role in health care

[COVID-19 has changed psychiatry forever: researchers](#)

- Alberta has capacity, experience to lead the way in the new field of "crisis psychiatry," say U of A psychiatrists.

[Antiviral used to treat cat coronavirus also works against SARS-CoV-2: U of A researchers](#)

- Fast-tracked research leads to phase 1 clinical trials.

[How to breathe easier while wearing a protective mask](#)

[U of A choir director aims to find out whether singing spreads COVID-19](#)

- Vocal acoustics expert recruiting singers and infectious disease specialists to assess risk of transmission.

[UAlberta Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry - More recent news highlights and upcoming events](#)

[Researchers probe new target for potential drugs against COVID-19](#)

[Factoring in frailty - Case - AMA](#)

[Influenza Immunization Program Update - AMA](#)

[Recovery Month: Supporting addiction recovery](#)

[COVID-19 has changed psychiatry forever: researchers](#)

## **Provincial News**

[K to 12 school re-entry](#)

- Alberta Government guidance and plans for students to start the 2020-21 school year.

[You are invited to the 115th Annual General Meeting of the AMA to be held on Monday, October 5 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.](#)

[Opinion article published in Postmedia papers - Alberta Medical Association](#)

[Mythbusters: Mythbusting the Government of Alberta's Position on Doctors' Pay](#)

[Thank you, CMA - AMA President's Letter](#)

[Correspondence with government - AMA President's Letter](#)

[More continuing care spaces across Alberta](#)

[New provincial cancer therapy program announced](#)

- Albertans with specific types of leukemia and lymphoma will soon have access in Calgary and Edmonton to a \$15-million provincial cancer therapy program, commonly known as CAR T-cell therapy.

[Nominations are open until Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020, for the 2020 CPSA Council Election to fill two physician vacancies.](#)

## **National News**

[COVID-19 in Canada](#)

- September 7 2020

["Use this crisis to make the system better": AGM focuses on next steps for CMA](#)

[COVID-19: Update from CMA President Dr. Ann Collins | Issue 29](#)

[Expert advisory group on COVID-19 highlights key issues for pandemic recovery](#)

## **Family Medicine News Highlights**

[Today's Family Medicine News Highlights  
September 8, 2020 - CFPC](#)

[COVID-19 Provincial and Territorial Information and Resources](#)

[COVID-19 Resources - ACFP](#)

[Practical Evidence for Informed Practice Conference \(PEIP\)](#)

Alberta College of Family Physicians  
October 23-24, 2020

[Department of Family Medicine - Calgary](#)

[Department of Family Medicine - UAlberta](#)

## **Rural Medicine**

[Wetaskiwin program provides Elder support for Maskwacis moms](#)

[RhPAP Conference Postponed until Spring 2021](#)

[Are you a medical student planning to practise in rural Alberta?](#)

[Society of Rural Physicians of Canada - COVID-19 and virtual CME](#)

## **Calgary, Central & South Zone News/Programs**

[Researchers from the University of Calgary are conducting a study on diversity, harassment and discrimination in health care.](#)

- You can help by taking a 15-minute survey, which will collect demographics and any details you're comfortable sharing on your personal experiences in this area.

[Two UCalgary faculty members named to the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists](#)

[Four University of Calgary scholars named Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada](#)

## **Edmonton & Northern Zone News/Programs**

[Lowering the Flag: Geoffrey David Taylor](#)

[EZ Weekly News September 2 2020 - AHS](#)

[Local residents invited to discussion on seniors health](#)

- AHS and Greater Edmonton Health Advisory Council

[AHS launches parking app at the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre](#)

[AHS launches parking app at the QEII Hospital](#)

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