



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

December 9, 2020

## **Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) - News, resources and updates**

### [Update 154: COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta \(Dec. 8, 5 p.m.\)](#)

Additional mandatory provincewide measures have been announced to help bend the curve and protect the health-care system.

### [New mandatory provincewide measures to protect lives](#)

New mandatory health measures go into effect immediately to protect lives.

### [Stronger public health measures](#)

Mandatory, provincewide restrictions are in effect to protect the health system and slow the spread of COVID-19.

[There are 72,028 total, 640 deaths, and 51,000 recovered in Alberta](#)  
- December 8 2020, Information for AHS Staff & Health Professionals  
novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

### [Chief medical officer of health COVID-19 update – December 7, 2020](#)

### [Preparing for COVID-19 vaccine distribution in Alberta](#)

### [COVID-19 recovery is an opportunity to tackle worsening climate crisis: New report](#)

### [Automated resuscitator joins battle against COVID-19](#)

### [Contact tracers need our support](#)

### [Putting evidence into action — Calgary researcher named one of 5 leaders of national COVID-19 network](#)

## **National and International News**

[Globally, as of 5:13pm CET, 8 December 2020, there have been 67,210,778 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 1,540,777 deaths, reported to WHO.](#)

[WHO launches year-long campaign to help 100 million people quit tobacco](#)

[CMA to First Ministers: URGENT! 16 years is too long to make health a priority](#)

[Globally, as of 6:08pm CET, 24 November 2020, there have been 58,900,547 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 1,393,305 deaths, reported to WHO.](#)

["Burnout is a grave concern": CMA president urges federal government to better support health workers in second wave](#)

[CMA Statement on Lancet Global Countdown on the Impact of Climate Change on Health](#)

[Physicians concerned about climate change and its worsening impact on health: CMA survey](#)

## **Provincial News**

[COVID-19 Physician Registry Re-Launched](#)  
[Please respond ASAP to support Alberta's response to the pandemic](#)

[CPSA: COVID vigilance, vaccination survey and update on government discussions](#)

[Physician assistants improve access to health care](#)  
Physician assistants will be recognized as regulated health-care professionals beginning April 1, 2021.

[CPSA to begin regulating physician assistants this spring](#)

[CPSA Statement: MCQEII update for postgraduate trainees](#)

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

[EZ Weekly News December 2 2020](#)

[Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - Frequently Asked Questions - Staff:](#)  
- Last update December 6 2020

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

[novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - There are 72,028 total, 640 deaths, and 51,000 recovered in Alberta.](#)

Last updated December 8, 2020 5:00 p.m: Staff and Physician Resources

[Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall - December 4 2020](#)

Another week of record high numbers, PPE guidance changed to add eye protection

[Headline News](#)

[Virtual Town Hall with Dr. Verna Yiu on Dec. 10](#)

[Code Black - Bomb Threat](#)

[Secret Santa - Holiday Card Exchange](#)

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

[Influenza & Influenza Immunization - Data and Statistics \(Weekly report - December 3 2020\)](#)

[Program helps youth get READY for real world/helps keep gift shops open](#)

[Request for Proposals Issued for Community Lab Services](#)

[Grande Prairie Regional Hospital selected as official name](#)

[Hub brought spirit of hockey back to Alberta - AHS created NHL Taskforce to ensure Stanley Cup playoffs could drop the puck](#)

[Innovations in Practice Conference garners award](#)

## **Family Medicine News Highlights**

[How will AI affect the work of Canada's family doctors?](#)

[Innovation in Primary Care:](#)

[Integrating mental health services in primary care](#)

[Governor General Announces 114 New Appointments to the Order of Canada](#)

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

[RISE for health: UCalgary medical students work with immigrant youth to co-create health programs, address health disparities](#)

[Putting evidence into action — Calgary researcher named one of 5 leaders of national COVID-19 network](#)

[Alberta families in economic pain but still resilient during pandemic](#)

[Researcher's work to increase exercise among cancer survivors expands across Canada](#)

[Christian Farrier becomes UCalgary's 19th Rhodes Scholar](#)

[Class of 2020: Research on cannabis and driving leads to PhD](#)

[Schizophrenia researcher inducted into Royal Society of Canada](#)  
- Dr. Jean Addington

[Researcher creates first national registry for pulmonary hypertension](#)

[Design expert builds quality of life into spaces for people with 'invisible' disabilities](#)

[Research reveals how baby's first breath triggers life-saving changes in the brain](#)

[An Evening with Nobel Laureate Michael Houghton](#)  
December 09, 2020 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

[After years of pushing cardiac imaging services forward in Edmonton, Michelle Noga takes on a new role that will help her dive further into improving precision medicine for patients with cardiovascular disease.](#)

[A University of Alberta-led trial has demonstrated the potential of the Ex-Vivo Organ Support System \(EVOSS\) device to increase life-saving opportunities for patients waiting for a lung transplant.](#)

['Natural killer' cells found to be a key determinant of severe COVID-19 in patients](#)

[More than one-third of children with COVID-19 show no symptoms: study](#)

[Project aiming to improve access to head and neck surgical care in Kenya wins overseas development grant](#)

[How to build an 'it' team to take on the world's deadliest viruses](#)

It's no accident that the University of Alberta is home to so many top virologists.

[Going Viral](#)

A timeline of milestones and discoveries showing how the U of A built a Canadian centre of excellence in virology research

[Passion and Perseverance: What a Trainee Learned from Nobel Prize-Winner Michael Houghton](#)

[Northern Alberta clinics try out Canadian-made dual syphilis and HIV tests in effort to provide faster diagnosis and treatment](#)

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

Various dates: January 2021 through March 2022

**Rural Medicine**

[Detective work plays out in Arrowwood clinic](#)

[New clinic aims to get patients back on track](#)

[Dr. John O'Connor is passionate about caring for indigenous communities in Northern Alberta](#)

[Like mother, like daughter: Rural nursing has appeal for Flagstaff County duo](#)

[City-raised registered nurse falls in love with the rural practice and lifestyle in Rocky Mountain House](#)

[Nursing the unique needs of the North](#)

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

[COVID-19 assessment site to open in town of Banff](#)

[The Libin Cardiovascular Institute's Women's Cardiovascular Health Initiative, CV&Me, has been recognized nationally.](#)

**Edmonton & Northern Zone News/Programs**

[Art-therapy project opens the world for seniors isolated during COVID-19](#)

[Melanie Lewis, recently recognized with an Excellence in Leadership Award, shares advice for self-care and takeaways from leading the Office of Advocacy and Wellbeing.](#)

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