



AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

January 20, 2021

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

[There are 118,436 total, 1,484 deaths, and 106,387 recovered in Alberta. - January 20 2021](#)

-COVID-19: Staff and Physician Resources - Recent updates, news, tools and information

[Adjustments to first and second dose appointments for staff and physicians](#)

[Message from Dr. Verna Yiu, & Dr. Laura McDougall - AHS Update: New cases, hospitalization, ICU numbers decrease; Pfizer announces temporary reduction in vaccine shipments to Canada](#)

[INSITE: COVID-19](#)

[New Year's Challenge: Learn 10 InfoCare Behaviours in 31 days](#)

[AHS Interchange - January 7 2021](#)

[AHS Interchange - January 14 2021](#)

[The Code of the Month for January is Code Brown: Chemical Spill / Hazardous Substance Release](#)

['We've got your back, Dr Deena!'](#)

- Nurse 'besties' team up on T-shirt project in Westlock

[AHS Organization Charts](#)

[Headline News](#) - Past news stories

[What's your balance?](#)

NOTE: The Crowsnest Pass Health Centre has experienced a network outage. Repairs are underway. All incoming lab work will be deferred until the network is restored. Thank you for your patience.

Alberta Health Services - Resources and News Updates for Medical Staff

[Chief medical officer of health COVID-19 update – January 20, 2021](#)

[Chief Medical Officer Updates](#)

- Dr. Deena Hinshaw: January 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18 and 19

[Doctor Jobs Alberta](#)

- Alberta licensure, COVID-19 positions, Automatic job alerts, International Medical Graduates, & Connect Care Physician Positions

[Connect Care Physician Opportunities](#)

- Physician Super Users, Physician Area Trainers

More COVID-19 News, resources and updates

[Globally, as of 8:36pm CET, 20 January 2021, there have been 94,963,847 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 2,050,857 deaths, reported to WHO.](#)

[Update 175: COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta \(Jan. 20, 3:45 p.m.\)](#) - Government of Alberta

[Cases in Alberta as of January 19, 2021:](#)

[118,436 total, 1,484 deaths, and 106,387 recovered in Alberta](#)

[COVID-19 Resources for AHS Staff & Health Professionals](#)

[Messages from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall - COVID-19](#)

[VACCINE - COVID 19](#)

[International Border Testing Pilot Program](#)

- Eligible international travellers returning to Alberta may be able to participate in a pilot program that is safely exploring reduced quarantine periods.

[COVID-19 regional status map](#)

[COVID-19 vaccine shortage: Minister Shandro](#)

[First Nations COVID-19 vaccination: Minister Wilson](#)

- Minister of Indigenous Relations Rick Wilson issued the following statement on the delay affecting the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine to First Nations:

[Limited provincewide changes to public health measures](#)

- Easing of restrictions for outdoor gatherings, personal services and funeral attendance will take effect Jan. 18.

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

[Frequently Asked Questions – Staff](#)

- January 18 2021

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[Frequently Asked Questions – for Community Physicians](#)

- January 18, 2020

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

[Frequently Asked Questions – Public, January 15 2021](#)

[AHS Position Statement](#)

[Healthcare Workers with Underlying Medical Conditions and Potential Risk Factors for Severe COVID-19 Disease](#)

National and International News

[Scientists tackle vaccine safety, efficacy and access at global R&D forum](#)

[Statement on the sixth meeting of the International Health Regulations \(2005\) Emergency Committee regarding the coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#)

[CMA expands commitment to fossil fuel divestment](#)

[Government of Canada invests \\$1M in a COVID-19 evidence network to support decision-making](#)

[The BMJ Opinion](#)

- Comment and opinion from The BMJ's international community of readers, authors, and editors

[The White House - COVID-19](#)

[Executive Order on Organizing and Mobilizing the United States Government to Provide a Unified and Effective Response to Combat COVID-19 and to Provide United States Leadership on Global Health and Security](#)

Provincial News

[Together 4 Health Headlines - Health News You Can Use](#)

-Together4Health is Alberta Health Services' online platform where Albertans can get involved and have their say on various healthcare topics. Take a look at the projects currently open for input, and register above to keep up to date on current and future projects!

[The Messenger - January 2021, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta](#)

[A message from CPSA Council President Dr. Louis Hugo Francescutti](#)

[Understanding the Federal and Provincial Governments' Role in Health Care](#)

- EZMSA 2021 Winter/Spring Speaker Series

[Are you hosting a CMA President-elect event?](#)

[January-February 2021 Alberta Doctors' Digest now online](#)

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[COVID – We must stay the course: AMA President's Letter](#)

Family Medicine News Highlights

[College of Family Physicians of Canada -COVID-19 Information and Resources](#)

[Get a free month of UpToDate®! - CFPC](#)

- From Monday, January 18th to Friday, January 22nd, CFPC members who subscribe to UpToDate through the CFPC Portal and use the College's exclusive promotional code will receive 30 days of free access! This is in addition to the discounts already available through the CFPC's partnership with UpToDate.

[Co-RIG Program: Phase II](#)

- COVID-19 Pandemic Response and Impact Grant Program: Phase II opens January 28, 2021

[CFPC: Position Statement on COVID-19 Vaccinations](#)

[CFPC-AMS TechForward Fellowship Call for Interest - CFPC](#)

[20/20 in 2021: Primary Care Approach to Common Eye Problems](#)

- CFPC, February 23 2021

Clinical, Research and Education News

[Newly named AI chairs will help advance game-changing research at U of A](#)

- Twelve of the U of A's top experts in artificial intelligence and machine learning have been named Canada CIFAR AI Chairs at Amii.

[State-of-the-art sonic lab will help U of A researchers shape the sound of things to come](#)

- Sound3 Lab will support innovative research on designing soundscapes for everything from music therapy in hospitals to community-building and computer gaming.

[U of A research offers insights into how people cope with chronic back pain](#)

- Study could help health professionals understand what motivates patients to live life on their own terms despite dealing with persistent pain.

[More lab results coming online for patients](#)

[COVID-19 restrictions may be even harder on people in assisted living than those in long-term care: U of A nursing researcher](#)

[Playing the Long Game to Conquer Cancer](#)

[January 27, 2021 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM](#)

[Online](#)

[AHS launches public campaign to remind Albertans to listen to their bodies](#)

[Free online session to help parents set screen-time limits](#)

[Haskayne Executive Education works with Foothills Medical Centre to provide practical wisdom to frontline leaders during COVID-19 outbreak](#)

[Researchers develop new tool to assess stroke treatment](#)

- Discovery could potentially transform treatment decision-making

[Dr. Dan Zuege appointed head the Department of Critical Care Medicine](#)

[Keeping seniors steady wins students \\$10,000 at competition](#)

- New twist on physio staple has potential to reduce big costs to health care

[Global study investigates decontamination methods for medical masks](#)

- Research collaboration could help alleviate shortages of personal protective equipment

[Nursing research helps improve health, development of Pakistani children by addressing parent interaction](#)

[Concussions lead to brain blood flow studies](#)

- PhD student, kinesiology prof awarded grant to investigate cerebral blood flow changes in adolescence through adulthood

[Elder in Residence receives one of Canada's highest civilian honours](#)

- Cree Elder Doreen Spence appointed Officer of the Order of Canada for efforts advocating for peace and Indigenous Peoples' human rights

[Building resiliency and facing the neurological impact of COVID-19](#)

[U of A researchers discover one of our cellular building blocks acts as a gel, not liquid as previously believed](#)

[Concussions affect elite athletes' mental health, new research suggests](#)

[AHS to update surgical waitlist with automated calls](#)

Calgary, Central & South Zone News/Programs

[Rocky Mountain House patients benefit from operating room upgrades - AHS](#)

[Rocky Health Foundation](#)

[New mental health program launches in central Alberta](#)

Edmonton & Northern Zone News/Programs

[U of A and Li Ka Shing Institute of Virology to continue leading COVID-19 research in 2021](#)

[Pioneering U of A heart transplant expert named to Order of Canada](#)

- Lori West, whose breakthrough research revolutionized organ transplants for infants, joins Paralympics advocate Bob Steadward and former chancellor Douglas Stollery among the newest recipients of Canada's highest honour.

Rural Medicine

[Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine - January-February 2021](#)

[Upcoming Events - Society of Rural Physicians of Canada](#)

[RhPAP has always been there for Dr. Gavin Parker. Now he's returning the favour.](#)

[Rural nursing builds broad skills for career](#)

- Alley Walters reflects on her experience as an undergraduate nurse employee in High Level and Fort Vermillion

[Tofield recreation therapist makes life fun for long-term care residents](#)

[Nominations are still open for the 2021 Rhapsody Awards - Deadline February 28 2021](#)

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