



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

February 7, 2021

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

[There are 126,068 total, 1,693 deaths, and 117,968 recovered in Alberta - February 5 2021](#)

[Message from Dr. Francois Belanger & Sean Chilton: Connect Care Sequencing Update - February 5 2021](#)

[Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall: AHS Update: COVID-19 active cases down in all five zones, info on rescheduling second-dose appointments - January 29 2021](#)

[Message from Dr. Laura McDougall: COVID-19 Immunization Update - January 28 2021](#)

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

[COVID-19 Resources for AHS Staff & Health Professionals](#) - February 5 2021

[CMO Weekly Update for AHS Medical Staff - COVID-19](#) - February 5 2021, January 29 2021 & January 22 2021

[New Specialty Added to eReferral Advice Request Province-Wide](#)

[Physician Diversity, Wellness & Leadership Development](#)

[AHS - Medical Staff: Resources and news](#)

[EZ Weekly News - February 3 2021](#)

[eReferral Update for Internal Med – Clinical Pharmacology](#)

### **More COVID-19 News, resources and updates**

[There are 126,068 total, 1,693 deaths, and 117,968 recovered in Alberta - February 5, AHS](#)

[Leveraging all we've got in the COVID fight](#) - AMA President's Letter, February 7, 2021

[Vaccine: A forced pause, a chance for clarity](#) - AMA President's Letter, February 7, 2021

[Update 184: COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta \(Feb. 4, 3:45 p.m.\)](#) - Government of Alberta

[Chief medical officer updates](#) - Last update, February 4 2021

[Globally, as of 5:10pm CET, 4 February 2021, there have been 103,989,900 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 2,260,259 deaths, reported to WHO.](#)

[novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Frequently Asked Questions](#) - for Community Physicians

[Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Frequently Asked Questions](#) - for staff, February 1 2021

[Family Support & Visitation of Patients & Residents](#) - COVID-19, Updated January 26 2021

### **National and International News**

[Breast cancer now most common form of cancer: WHO taking action](#)

[COVAX publishes first interim distribution forecast](#) - WHO

[Promoting equity in the CMA president-elect nomination process](#) - CMA

[We need to protect and value the advocacy role of physicians](#) - CMA

[CMA president statement on bullying of public health officials](#) - CMA

[CFPC News and Events](#)

## **Provincial News**

[Government of Alberta and the Alberta Medical Association partner to vaccinate Albertans](#)

[AHS statement on enforcement of travel restrictions](#)

[AHS and March 31: Access for patients, fairness for physicians](#) - AMA President's Letter, January 25 2021

[Increasing protection for vulnerable Albertans](#)

[Prevent the Spread \(Straight Talk\) - COVID 19](#) - AHS

[Interim access to Zolgensma for Alberta children](#)

- Families of Alberta children suffering from spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) may now be eligible to receive funding for gene replacement therapy treatment.

[CMA President-Elect Candidates Forum](#) - AMA

[Media Relations 201](#) - AMA, February 18 2021

[Virtual Black Physicians Summit, Presented by Black Physicians of Canada](#)  
- Sunday, February 28, 2021

*Together4Health Headlines* - AHS

*Together4Health Headlines* is a weekly e-newsletter that captures all of the pandemic updates and provides additional news you can use and information on opportunities to engage with AHS.

If you would like to receive a weekly AHS update in your email, you can subscribe to *Together4Health Headlines* by clicking [here](#)

[Caregiver Centered Care Level 1 Foundation](#)  
Anytime

[EZMSA 2021 Winter/Spring Speaker Series](#)

February 22, March 18 and April 13

Location: Virtual via Zoom

[Social Media 101](#)

February 25 or April 14

## **Family Medicine News Highlights**

[Family Medicine Summit - March 5 -7 2021](#)

- 2021 Virtual Family Medicine Summit

[The Role of Family Physicians' in the COVID Vaccine Rollout](#) - Vishal Bhella MD, CCFP

President, Alberta College of Family Physicians

[Looking Back on 2020 - Terri Potter, Executive Director, Alberta College of Family Physicians](#)

[A new frontier: History of Alberta's Primary Care Networks captures the spirit of the West](#)

[College of Family Physicians of Canada: FMF LOVED is pleased to offer four free Mainpro+ certified physician wellness sessions and a Certified Personal Learning Plans workshop to all FMF LOVED subscribers.](#)

[CFPC: Partnership to address racism and support a culturally safe health care system](#)

[2021 election call for applications for two Director-at-Large positions](#)

[Alberta College of Family Physicians](#)

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

[February 17: Global Opportunities in Digital Health: Network Medicine by Alberta Innovates](#)

[International research team solves 20-year mystery regarding fatal heart flaw](#)  
- Team led by UCalgary's Wayne Chen identifies deadly arrhythmia syndrome

[University of Calgary - CME & PD](#)

[Confirmed case of measles prompts public alert to potential exposures](#) - AHS

[Updated advice for travellers: Polio](#) - Public Health Agency of Canada

[UCalgary researcher marks World Cancer Day with tribute to survivor](#)

[Injectable opioid treatment program significantly helps stop illicit drug use](#)

[Research study leads to dramatic quality of life improvement for man with spinal cord injury](#)

- UCalgary and Swiss researchers expect findings to lead to international clinical trials

[Dr. Jennifer Chan appointed director of Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute](#)

[Young mom welcomes UCalgary trial of simple new way to prevent blood clots](#)

[Global vaccine certification would help the world bounce back from COVID-19, says political scientist](#)

[‘Five-minute rule’ holds true for cardiac death of organ donors: study](#)

[Financial strain top source of worry in COVID-19 mental health crisis: public health researcher](#)

[Alberta Precision Laboratories - Bulletins](#)

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

[Calgary Flames initiatives help improve overall health in our city](#)

- UCalgary research finds professional sports teams have an important health role to play off the ice

[Scholarship winners en route to healthcare careers](#) - AHS

[Addiction counsellor’s story brings hope to others](#) - AHS

[AHS, local students expand Sleeve the Stigma campaign](#) - AHS

- South Zone initiative aims to encourage Albertans to seek help for mental illness

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

[Seniors get a lift in Cold Lake](#) - AHS

[Project approved for demolition of unused health properties](#) - AHS

### **Rural Medicine**

[Virtual clinic helps tackle health-care barriers for Indigenous people](#) - RhPap

[Rocky Mountain House nurse soon to be physician hopes to go rural](#) - RhPap

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

[Award-worthy nursing team in Manning treats patients like they are family](#) - RhPap

[Strong supports lead to mental health success](#) - RhPap

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