



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

March 25, 2021

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

[There are 144,311 total, 1,976 deaths, and 135,500 recovered in Alberta](#)  
- News highlights and resources for staff and physicians regarding COVID-19,  
Last update - March 25 2021

[Immunization: COVID-19](#)

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

More than 380,000 COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Administered by AHS; Cases Increase in Alberta- March 19 2021

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Eligibility Criteria for Phase 2B and 2C - March 15 2021

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AHS Update: COVID-19 numbers remain stable as Covishield/AstraZeneca vaccinations begin - March 12 2021

[IT Notice: e-Facilities - New Version Now Live](#)

[Insite: Tools for Medical Staff](#)

[EZ Monthly News - March 19 2021](#)

[AHS Interchange](#) - March 25 2021

## **Alberta Health Services**

[One year later - COVID 19](#)

[Two million calls and counting...](#)

A vital frontline resource, Health Link tackles COVID-19 head-on

[Eligibility Criteria for Phase 2B and 2C](#)

[More than 17,000 eligible Albertans in Phase 2A have booked COVID-19 immunization appointments](#)

[Paramedics rise to challenge of pandemic](#)

[Vaccination 'icing on the cake' for 86th birthday](#)

[Teamwork makes a healthy dinner work](#)

- AHS dietitians promote better nutrition for seniors during pandemic

## **National and International News**

[Globally, as of 7:25pm CET, 25 March 2021, there have been 124,535,520 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 2,738,876 deaths, reported to WHO. As of 24 March 2021, a total of 431,895,992 vaccine doses have been administered.](#)

[COVID-19 highlights urgent need to reboot global effort to end tuberculosis](#)

[Statement of the WHO Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety \(GACVS\) COVID-19 subcommittee on safety signals related to the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine](#)

[Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on March 24, 2021](#)

[Government of Canada invests in new COVID-19 research projects across the country](#)

[Get answers from Canada's doctors: CMA COVID-19 vaccine campaign tackles top questions from Canadians](#)

[New study: Cost and demand for elder care to double in the next 10 years](#)

[CMA extends deadline for leadership position nominations](#)

[Joint Statement from the Co-Chairs of the Special Advisory Committee on the Epidemic of Opioid Overdoses – Latest National Data on the Overdose Crisis](#)

## **Provincial News**

[Update 207: COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta \(March 25, 4:15 p.m.\)](#)

[Update on COVID-19 – March 25, 2021](#)

Alberta's chief medical officer of health and officials provide an update on COVID-19 and the ongoing work to protect public health.

[Half a million vaccines administered: Minister Shandro](#)

[Massive expansion of rapid testing in Alberta](#)

[New overdose prevention app coming to Alberta](#)

[More than 250 pharmacies now offering vaccines](#)

[Community physicians will soon administer vaccines](#)

[Health Quality Council of Alberta](#)

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**Family Medicine News Highlights**

[Collaborative Mentorship Network for Chronic Pain and Addiction](#)

- Alberta College of Family Physicians

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[RhPAP Feature – The CMN Benefits for Rural Physicians](#)

[Updated! COVID-19 Vaccination: Free Learning Modules](#)

[Annals of Family Medicine - March/April 2021](#)

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

[2021 ACFP Awards – Call for Nominations](#)

[Alberta College of Family Physicians - News and events](#)

[Department of Family Medicine - Calgary](#)

**Clinical, Research and Education News**

[UCalgary - Precision Health](#)

[Pediatric heart transplant method developed by U of A doctors allows for more surgeries, better outcomes: study](#)

[Gary Lopaschuk earns university's highest faculty honour](#)

The internationally renowned cardiac scientist has been awarded the 2020 University Cup.

[Top ten most-read COVID-19 articles in 2021, identified by the editors at Elsevier](#)

[COVID-19 Immunization Toolkit](#)

[A Toolkit for Primary Care Offices in Canada](#)

The new Pan-Canadian Primary Care COVID-19 Immunization Toolkit is now available! The toolkit will offer practices specific guidance on delivering COVID-19 vaccines as well as supporting patients in vaccination decisions. The dynamic resource is updated as new information becomes available.

[CIHR funds UCalgary study to prevent COVID spread during critical medical procedures](#)

[Vet Med grad student conducts first-ever study on disease-carrying ticks in Bhutan](#)

[UCalgary microbiologists develop platform for rapid infection diagnostics](#)

[Experiential learning and mental health top of mind in national student engagement survey](#)

[As COVID-19 vaccines roll out, clean hands remain a priority](#)

[UCalgary in Qatar creates a moving tribute to nurses worldwide](#)

[2021 Helios UCMG Post Fellowship Training Awards](#)

[The Precision Health Program - Leading the Future of Healthcare Innovation](#)

[In the News: Cumming School of Medicine](#)

[Too much of a good thing: researchers warn of unintended poisonings from hand sanitizer, cleaning products during COVID-19](#)

U of A's Injury Prevention Centre notes a 73 per cent increase in calls to Alberta Poison and Drug Information Service in 2020.

[Ultrasound may have potential for treating pain after chemotherapy, U of A study shows](#)

['Germ hunters' discover rare lung disease in rural Alberta](#)

[Nurse Researcher Honoured with International Hall of Fame Award](#)

[Antiviral monoclonal antibody therapy for COVID-19 – does it work?](#)

[Hacking medicine: How two young innovators are rethinking ways of manipulating the body](#)

[FoMD researchers receive \\$13.7 million from CIHR](#)

[Caregivers for family living with dementia need support: survey](#)

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

[In Memoriam: Dr. John Dawson, Cumming School of Medicine](#)

[First recipient of Support A Med Student award inspired by her journey](#)

[COVID-19 swabbing and immunization moving under one roof \(Red Deer\)](#)

[Cumming School of Medicine - News and Events](#)

[Emergency Department reopening at Consort Hospital](#)

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

[Obesity: A chronic disease, not a choice](#)

Alberta Diabetes Institute's seminar series marking 100 years of insulin begins with an examination of obesity's complexity.

[Fort Saskatchewan Community Hospital resumes labour and delivery services](#)

[University of Alberta School of Medicine and Dentistry - News and Events](#)

[Fox Creek Healthcare Centre uses human factors to enhance efficiency and safety](#)  
- Health Quality Council of Alberta

[New EMS station for Slave Lake to provide better, faster service](#)

## **Rural Medicine**

[RhPAP News and Events](#)

[Budget 2021: Revitalizing rural health facilities](#)

A \$50-million commitment from Alberta's government will modernize and improve rural health facilities across the province to ensure all Albertans have access to top-quality health services.

[Rural Alberta students keen to learn how to get into medicine](#)

[Recycling helps RhPAP be lean and green](#)

[Mentorship network provides peer-to-peer support and resources for treating chronic pain and addiction](#)

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