



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

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## **National and International News**

[Globally, as of 5:29 pm CEST, 9 July 2021, there have been 185,291,530 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 4,010,834 deaths, reported to WHO. As of 8 July 2021, a total of 3,078,787,056 vaccine doses have been administered.](#)

[Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on July 9, 2021](#)

[WHO recommends life-saving interleukin-6 receptor blockers for COVID-19 and urges producers to join efforts to rapidly increase access](#)

[New recommendations for screening and treatment to prevent cervical cancer - WHO](#)

[WHO pledges extensive commitments towards women's empowerment and health](#)

[Joint COVAX Statement on the Equal Recognition of Vaccines](#)

[World Health Organization - News and Events](#)

[CMA letter to Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland on budget commitments to health - July 8 2021](#)

[The Canadian Institute for Health Information \(CIHI\) is releasing updated data that explores how the pandemic has affected emergency department visits, access to hospital care — including surgeries and intensive care units — and how Canadians received care from physicians.](#)

[Sustainability 101: Building an app to help hospitals reduce their ecological footprint](#)

[August 22: A day to strengthen the medical profession - CMA Health Summit Series](#)

Thriving in a reimagined culture of medicine: What does it mean to be “healthy”?

[Pride 2021: Inclusion and equity make us stronger](#)

[The CFPC expresses sorrow following discovery of unmarked graves of Indigenous children at a second residential school site](#)

[CFPC Statement re Canadian Family Physician editorial](#)

[Statement on the discovery of graves at former residential schools - Message from the President, CIHR](#)

**Alberta Health Services (AHS) - *Items italicized are for authorized AHS users only***

[As of July 8: 232,359 total, 2,307 deaths, and 229,355 recovered in Alberta.](#)  
*- COVID-19 information, updates and resources for staff and physicians*

[AHS Update: COVID-19 numbers keep falling, designated support/visitation access to change Monday, update on PPE guidelines](#)

*Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall, July 2 2021*

[Read Our New Anti-Racism Position Statement](#)

*Message from Board Chair David Weyant & CEO Dr. Verna Yiu*

[Supports in light of another discovery at residential schools](#)

*Message from Dr. Verna Yiu, AHS President and CEO, June 25 2021*

## **Provincial News**

[COVID-19 Cases in Alberta](#) - Government of Alberta

[Patient's access to lab results; the remaining 5% and your practice](#) - AMA President's Letter, July 9 2021

[Real time release of labs to patients: What this means to your practice](#)  
*- July 21, 2021*

[Real time release of complex labs to patients: What this means to your practice](#)

[A joint announcement with government and continued member engagement](#) - AMA President's Letter, July 2 2021

[Why YOU should run for CPSA Council](#)

[CPSA establishes Indigenous Health Advisory Circle](#)

[From the Medical Examiner's office: Common errors in death certification](#)

[Stage 3 reopening July 1: a joint statement from the AMA and CPSA](#)

[AMA Virtual Annual General Meeting: Save the Date: September 28, 2021](#)

[Media Relations 101 - Hosted by Shannon Rupnarain](#)

July 15 or October 7, 2021, AMA

[Expanding EMS transport locations to reduce wait times](#)

Albertans requiring emergency medical services (EMS) can now be transported to alternative care locations instead of emergency departments so more ambulances can get back on the road faster.

[Collaboration with AMA ongoing](#)

Alberta's government and the Alberta Medical Association are working together on a range of initiatives as the province continues to renew its relationship with physicians.

[A Message from the CPSA Council President: The ripple effects of kindness](#)

[6,000 new beds for Alberta's seniors](#)

[Alberta is officially Open for Summer](#)

[First Open for Summer Lottery prizes awarded](#)

One vaccinated Albertan is \$1 million richer while hundreds more will enjoy Calgary Stampede prizes.

[Update 234: COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta \(June 29, 3:45 p.m.\)](#)

[More than half of eligible Albertans now fully vaccinated](#)

More than 1.9 million Albertans are fully vaccinated as Alberta's COVID-19 vaccine program reaches another significant milestone.

[Over 4 million vaccine doses administered in Alberta](#)

[CPSA annual report – 2020: leading through tough times](#)

[Surgery volumes exceed pre-pandemic levels](#)

Alberta is now exceeding 100 per cent capacity for surgical volumes and is leading the country in eliminating the COVID-19 surgical backlog.

[Strengthening Alberta Health Technology Companies](#)

[Practice Checkup: An opportunity to reflect, learn and grow in your practice](#)

[July-August 2021 issue of Alberta Doctors' Digest](#)

**Clinical, Research and Education News**

[Network Environments for Indigenous Health Research - Featured research for Indigenous Health Month](#)

[Research proves that testing hospital wastewater for COVID-19 can help catch localized outbreaks faster](#)

Wastewater monitoring has potential to revolutionize how we track public health

[UCalgary, The City of Calgary and AHS team up in the fight against COVID-19](#)

Wastewater samples will help identify local outbreaks, fast

[Investing in science-based solutions to improve health and well-being in urban areas - CIHR](#)

[Microbiome researcher Kathy McCoy awarded Killam Memorial Chair](#)

[Alberta Precision Laboratories - Bulletins](#)

[U of A launches safe data-sharing and analytics platform to boost AI, machine learning and digital health research](#)

[Investing in the future of vaccines](#)

[Acclaimed Neuroscientist Dr. Tali Sharot to open Inventures 2021 Conference](#)

[Fecal transplant plus fibre supplements improve insulin sensitivity in severely obese patients, clinical trial shows](#)

[Online resource will speed up development of new approach to treating genetic diseases](#)

[New mindset needed to better address the growing prevalence of childhood obesity and the weight stigma that comes with it](#)

## **Alberta Health Services**

[Fairview Health Complex emergency department \(ED\) will be temporarily without physician coverage overnight Friday, July 9, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the next morning.](#)

[Emergency Co-ordination Centre winds down as COVID-19 numbers fall](#)

[Indigenous Reconciliation Garden opens at Canmore General Hospital](#)

[First and second dose drop-in COVID-19 immunization clinics in Calgary for those born in 2003 or earlier](#)

[Investments in High River hospital to improve healthcare delivery](#)

[New family physician now practising in Whitecourt](#)

[New family physician setting up practice in Fairview](#)

[Three family medicine physicians have accepted permanent positions in La Crete and High Level.](#)

[Current Blue Green Algae Advisories](#)

[More than \\$1.6 million will be spent on upgrades to the ambulance garage at the Claresholm General Hospital thanks to the Alberta government's Rural Health Facilities Revitalization Program.](#)

[Temporary reduction in acute care beds at Rocky Mountain House Health Centre, beginning July 5](#)

[Changes to children's mental health services enhance care in Red Deer](#)

[Police and Crisis Team partnership expands staff, hours](#)

[Senior's newsletter goes global, brings laughter and cheer to his peers](#)

[Alberta Kidney Care South achieves life-saving milestone](#)

[Alberta Health Services' COVID-19 immunization clinic at the Edson Community Health and Wellness Clinic \(3837 6 Ave.\) will be closed Monday, July 12, to facilitate a move to a new location.](#)

[AHS News Releases](#)

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

### [Stampede in the era of COVID-19](#)

UCalgary physician and vaccine advocate overseeing the safe return of a pared-down 2021 Calgary Stampede

### [UCalgary lifting mandatory mask requirement on campus](#)

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

### [Continuing care centre opens its doors - Fort McMurray](#)

[Royal Alex peace officers hand out bottled water in community outreach effort](#) - AHS

### [Dialysis expansion supports more patients in Wetaskiwin](#) - AHS

### [Dr. Alanna Supersad: UofA's 2021 Marnie Hinton Resident Health Award Recipient](#)

## **Family Medicine News Highlights**

[Canadians are seven times more likely to want care from their own family physician rather than a family physician they do not know.](#)

### [COVID-19 information and resources - College of Family Physicians of Canada](#)

### [CFPC Renewal Advisory](#)

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

## **Rural Medicine**

### [Program promoting healthy habits comes to rural Alberta](#)

[Let's Go Rural! Nursing students share secrets to successful transition to post secondary](#)

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