



AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

August 17, 2021

National and International News

[Globally, as of 6:28pm CEST, 17 August 2021, there have been 207,784,507 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 4,370,424 deaths, reported to WHO. As of 16 August 2021, a total of 4,462,336,040 vaccine doses have been administered.](#)

[Leaders. Innovators. Mentors. Meet the 2021 CMA Awards recipients](#)

[CFPC Position Statement on Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination for Health Care Workers](#)

[Government of Canada announces Expert Panel on Medical Assistance in Dying and Mental Illness](#)

[Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 13, 2021](#)

[Government of Canada negotiates additional agreement with Moderna for vaccine supply beyond 2021](#)

[Physicians support virtual care, plan to continue services after pandemic: national survey](#)

[Urgent need to address the growing impact of climate change on Canadians' health - CMA](#)

[Rated by Canada's physicians: 2020's top POEMs were about COVID-19 prevention](#)

- "patient-oriented evidence that matters"

[Canada's largest family medicine conference Family Medicine Forum \(FMF\) goes virtual](#)

[Government of Canada makes rapid antigen tests available to more small and medium-sized organizations through new pharmacy partners](#)

[Government of Canada announces new investment in diabetes research](#)

[Statement from the Minister of Health on Recommendations from the Expert Task Force on Substance Use - Health Canada](#)

[Government of Canada renews investment in largest Canadian study on aging](#)

[Thriving in a reimagined culture of medicine: What does it mean to be "healthy"? CMA Health Summit Series, August 22 2021](#)

[WHO Statement on advancing the next series of studies to find the origins of SARS-CoV-2](#)

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

[*As of August 17: 240,753 total, 2,336 deaths, and 232,790 recovered in Alberta.*](#)
- COVID-19, Latest Updates

[*Immunization - COVID-19*](#)

[*AHS Explores: Get Outdoors!*](#)

[*Message from David Weyant - New appointment to the AHS Board*](#)

[*Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall*](#)
[*Transition timelines extended, new directive clarifies work attendance for AHS workers, hospitalization and ICU numbers start to rise again*](#)

[*Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall*](#)
[*COVID-19 Transition Timelines Extended*](#)

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[*Province updates public health measures; impact on AHS staff, physicians and sites*](#)

[*AHS Interchange - August 12 2021*](#)

[*AHS Interchange - August 5 2021*](#)

[*AHS Interchange - July 29 2021*](#)

Alberta Health Services

[Business leader appointed to Alberta Health Services Board](#)

[Alberta Health Services \(AHS\) has launched a new webpage that provides information regarding short-term, temporary bed reductions. The webpage, which will be updated regularly, can be found here: \[www.AHS.ca/FacilityStatus\]\(http://www.AHS.ca/FacilityStatus\)](#)

[News releases](#)

[Active health advisories](#)

[Alberta Health Services \(AHS\) launches a public education campaign on the benefits of fluoridated tap water in advance of the City of Calgary's fluoride plebiscite this fall.](#)

[University of Alberta Hospital temporarily closing two of 14 operating rooms](#)

[Protecting vulnerable Albertans from COVID-19](#)

[Alberta Precision Laboratories - Bulletins](#)

Provincial News

[COVID-19 Updates - Government of Alberta](#)

- Cases in Alberta, August 17 2021

[Extending timelines for COVID-19 transition](#)

- Alberta will take additional time to implement its plan to bring the province's COVID-19 response in line with other respiratory viruses.

[\\$2M to kick-start new Edmonton children's hospital](#)

[Chief medical officer of health COVID-19 update - August 13 2021](#)

[Chief medical officer of health COVID-19 update - July 28, 2021](#)

[AMA Section of Pediatrics: COVID restrictions and testing in the community](#)

[Learning to live with COVID-19](#)

- Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Chief Medical Officer of Health in Alberta, provides information about living with COVID.

[CPSA 2021 Council Elections](#)

[Revolutionizing healthcare - Non-traditional solutions improve outcomes](#)
- Inventures 2021, September 22-24 2021

[A Message from Your Council President and Vice-President—Being a CPSA Councillor: Protecting the public while growing as a professional](#)

[Alberta's Digital Overdose Response System: Reducing the risk of opioid overdose deaths](#)

[CPSA Regional Tour is going virtual to connect with physicians in their communities this summer](#)

[Practice permit extensions for physicians affected by the cancellation of the MCCQEII](#)

[Are you up to standard? Ensuring quality care when providing or using locum services](#)

[MyHealth.Alberta.ca](#)

[Paper on government discussions and a member survey August 11, 2021](#) - AMA President's Letter

[Board meeting update and upcoming member engagement August 4, 2021](#) - AMA President's Letter

[Significant concerns: Changes to COVID-19 measures July 30, 2021](#) - AMA President's Letter

[Notice of Elections and Amendments to AMA Bylaws July 29, 2021](#) - AMA President's Letter

Clinical, Research and Education News

[Two researchers with the Snyder Institute garner national recognition](#)
Projects are aimed at better understanding the virus that causes COVID, how it attacks the body, and how to combat it. [Even mild COVID-19 may have long-term brain impacts](#)

[Robotics, AI key to faster cardiac ultrasound system under development](#)

[\\$2.85 million awarded to create new platform to accelerate and support ALS research](#)

[COVID-19: Depression and anxiety symptoms have doubled in youth, help needed, warn UCalgary clinical psychologists](#)

[UCalgary researcher is part of team receiving \\$2 million grant from Health Canada to fight overdose epidemic](#)

[COVID-19 Culture Shock](#)

[Nutrition researcher receives new funding to find out why diet affects immunity](#)

[U of A researchers pinpoint promising inhibitors that could lead to new antiviral drugs to treat COVID-19](#)

[Existing inequities intensify effect of COVID-19 on ethnocultural community members living in vulnerable conditions: study](#)

[Getting childhood health research into the hands of parents](#)

[Researchers find possible culprit of inflammation that causes death in COVID-19 patients](#)

[New laser equipment at U of A gives medical technology developers a boost](#)

[Women's Health Research Spotlight: Cheng-Han Lee](#)

[Biosensors embedded in bandages could monitor diabetic foot wounds to prevent amputations](#)

Calgary, Central & South Zone News/Programs

[Mobile outreach team provides compassionate medical care to underserved Calgarians](#)

[Consort emergency department to close temporarily beginning August 12](#)

Edmonton & Northern Zone News/Programs

[Willow Square Continuing Care Centre opens - Fort McMurray](#)

[Street Connect team helps homeless in Fort Mac](#)

["Patching Our Quilt" with positive vibes](#)

- Prairie Mountain Health Advisory Council gathers stories of pandemic resilience

Family Medicine News Highlights

[Canada's largest family medicine conference Family Medicine Forum \(FMF\) goes virtual](#)

[CFPC Position Statement on Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination for Health Care Workers](#)

[CELEBRATING 10 YEARS - Practical Evidence for Informed Practice \(PEIP\) Conference](#)

- Registration is now open

[Partners newsletter - Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine, August 2021](#)

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

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

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

Rural Medicine

[RhPAP provides free accommodations to health professions students learning in rural Alberta](#)

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