



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

February 3, 2022

## **Alberta Health Services**

### [COVID-19](#)

February 3, 2022:501,347 Total Cases | 3,608 Deaths | 463,860

[CMO SMOH Notice for AHS Medical Staff - January 28 2022](#)

[DynaLIFE to begin providing community lab service across Alberta](#)

[New Edmonton Zone Gastroenterology Referral Pathway Now Available](#)

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[AHS and United Nurses of Alberta ratify collective agreement](#)

[New Addiction & Mental Health program supports youth in crisis](#)

[Lethbridge public health team boosts morale with thoughtful gift to acute care colleagues](#)

[AHS loves our volunteers, and we are recruiting!](#)

[Medical staff - Bylaws and rules](#)

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

[New physician now practising in High Prairie](#)

[New High Prairie Dialysis Unit to open in February](#)

[Pediatric COVID-19 immunization appointments available in Vegreville](#)

[Swan Hills emergency department closures in February](#)

[New physician now practising in Mayerthorpe](#)

[U of A precision health and entrepreneurship platforms get a boost to accelerate innovation](#)

[Elk Point Healthcare Centre ED to resume normal hours throughout February](#)

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

[Pediatric COVID-19 immunization appointments open in Rimbey](#)

[Doctor to Canadian men's Olympic hockey team: 'It's an absolute privilege'](#)

[Your guide to members of the UCalgary family in Beijing for 2022 Winter Olympics](#)

[UCalgary students, faculty and staff honoured as changemakers](#)

[Pediatric COVID-19 immunization appointments open in Provost](#)

[Red Deer peer-support program helps staff through pandemic stress](#)

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

[\*AHS Update Active cases down provincewide, hospitalizations hit all-time high, Edmonton pandemic response unit opens, collective agreement struck with UNA\*](#)  
- Message from Dr. Verna Yiu, AHS President and CEO and Dr. Laura McDougall, January 28 2022

[\*EMS System Pressure and Mitigation\*](#)

- Message from Dr. Mark MacKenzie & Darren Sandbeck

[\*Latest updates - COVID-19 & Staff & Physician Resources\*](#)

- As of February 3: 501,347 total, 3,608 deaths, and 463,860 recovered in Alberta

[\*AHS Interchange February 3 2022\*](#)

[\*AHS Interchange January 27 2022\*](#)

[Work Safe Blog - Dare to know each other](#)

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

[Province of Alberta makes multimillion-dollar investment to accelerate research innovation](#)

[University of Calgary - Most-read stories of the year](#)

[UCalgary named a top 5 research university for the first time](#)

[Connect Care Update – Delivery Results, Connect Care Identifiers, and Launch Sequencing](#)

[Free, easy-to-use tool could reduce unnecessary prostate cancer biopsies](#)

[New research chair uses artificial intelligence to accelerate precision health care in Alberta](#)

[Getting to the root of historical wellness issues in the health-practitioner community](#)

[Short-term exposure to smoke from 2016 Fort McMurray wildfires affected lung function of RCMP officers](#)

[UCalgary students, faculty and staff honoured as changemakers](#)  
2022 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Award winners announced

[UCalgary researchers link fertility hormone to risk of heart disease in women with chronic kidney disease](#)

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

[Target of new cancer treatment valid for breast as well as blood cancers: study](#)

[More support for Alberta children living with diabetes](#)

[Alzheimer's research at U of L gets significant funding boost](#)

## **National and International News**

[Globally, as of 6:02pm CET, 3 February 2022, there have been 383,509,779 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 5,693,824 deaths, reported to WHO. As](#)

[of 2 February 2022, a total of 10,040,766,359 vaccine doses have been administered.](#)

[What the new anti-harassment law means for doctors](#) - Canadian Medical Association (CMA)

[Time to increase efforts to ensure equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines globally: CMA](#)

[COVID-19 in 2022: 10 things you need to know now](#) - CMA

[Determining COVID-19 vaccine dosing regimens](#) - CMA

[Statements and speeches from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada](#)

[World Health Organization](#)

[cmaj](#) - The Canadian Medical Association Journal

[the bmj](#) - The British Medical Journal

[JAMA](#) - Journal of the American Medical Association

[The New England Journal of Medicine](#)

[From veteran to rookie: Dr. Hayley Wickenheiser shares her resident wellness strategies](#) - Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

[Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada - News highlights](#)

## **Provincial News**

[Advocating to heal our health system and JPAC on the job](#)

- AMA President's Letter, February 3 2022

[Province of Alberta makes multimillion-dollar investment to accelerate research innovation](#)

[Eating disorders rose dramatically among young Canadians during COVID's first wave](#)

[For amplifying the voices of others, we salute them](#)

Two UCalgary students' leadership recognized by Alberta Council for Global Cooperation

[The story behind the launch of the Azrieli Accelerator](#)

A national research vision, motivated by philanthropy from the heart, intersects with UCalgary's research strengths

[Turning health innovations into reality](#)

An investment of more than \$6 million through Alberta Innovates will give innovators access to resources to improve patient care and outcomes.

[Supporting first responders' mental health](#)

The Alberta government is helping equip first responders and emergency health-care workers to manage post-traumatic stress injuries.

[Stand up for Albertans who step up for seniors](#)

Nominations are now open to recognize the dedicated and energetic efforts of Albertans who serve seniors with a 2022 Minister's Seniors Service Award.

[Court of Appeal Decision: Associate Minister Ellis &](#)

Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Mike Ellis issued the following statement on the Jan. 31 decision by Alberta's Court of Appeal:

[Clarifying supervised consumption sites quality standards: Associate Minister Ellis](#)

Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Mike Ellis issued a statement to clarify the new quality standards for supervised consumption sites

[New at-home COVID-19 treatment on its way to Alberta](#)

[Addressing emergency medical services pressures](#)

Immediate action and a future-oriented advisory committee will enhance emergency medical services (EMS) provided to Albertans.

**Family Medicine News Highlights**

[Family physicians continue providing care despite burnout, COVID-19 challenges](#)

[Preparing our future family physicians](#) - College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)

[COVID-19 Information and Resources](#) - CFPC

[CFPCLearn Clinic: A new way of learning for family physicians](#)

[Connect Care Update – Delivery Results, Connect Care Identifiers, and Launch Sequencing](#)

- Alberta College of Family Physicians

[President's Message: January 2022](#)

[ACFP Networks](#)

[67th Family Medicine Summit](#)

[Department of Family Medicine](#)

## **Rural Medicine**

[Rural communities will attract new doctors](#)

Applications open Feb. 1 for a program providing benefits to bring new family physicians to rural Alberta. &

[Media release: Rural communities will attract new doctors](#) &

[RESIDE Program](#)

The Rural Education Supplement and Integrated Doctor Experience (RESIDE) program is designed to address challenges in physician distribution and patient access to health services in rural and remote areas of the province by supporting new-in-practice physicians to explore living and working in rural Alberta.

[Alberta General Practitioner in Oncology Training Program](#)

[Psychiatric nursing students experience slice of northern life during placement](#)

[Rural VIP No. 23: Mental Health during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

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