Acute Care Outbreaks in Alberta

novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Last Updated: December 10, 2021

There are currently COVID-19 outbreaks at these AHS and Covenant Health acute care facilities.

North Zone

- Grande Prairie Regional Hospital
- Hinton Healthcare Centre
- St. Therese- St. Paul Healthcare Centre

Edmonton Zone

- Grey Nuns Community Hospital
- Royal Alexandra Hospital
- University of Alberta Hospital

Central Zone

- Olds Hospital and Care Centre
- Vermillion Health Centre

Calgary Zone

- Peter Lougheed Hospital (PLC)

North Zone

Grande Prairie Regional Hospital

- An outbreak was declared on a unit at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital on Nov. 2, 2021. This unit has now been moved to Grande Prairie Regional Hospital. To date, nine individuals associated to this outbreak have tested positive for COVID-19.

Hinton Healthcare Centre

- An outbreak was declared on a unit at the Hinton Healthcare Centre on December 8, 2021. To date, one individual associated to the outbreak has tested positive for COVID-19.
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St. Therese-St. Paul Healthcare Centre

- An outbreak was declared on one unit at the St. Therese- St. Paul Healthcare Centre on December 10, 2021. To date, one individual associated to the outbreak has tested positive for COVID-19.

Edmonton Zone

Grey Nuns Community Hospital

There are three units currently on outbreak at Grey Nuns Community Hospital.

- An outbreak was declared November 29, 2021 on one acute care inpatient unit. To date, one individual has tested positive for COVID-19.
- An outbreak was declared November 29, 2021 on one acute care inpatient unit. To date, five individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - Sadly, one death is associated to this outbreak. We offer our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of these individuals at this difficult time.
- An outbreak was declared November 30, 2021 on one acute care inpatient unit. To date, one individual has tested positive for COVID-19.

Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH)

An outbreak was declared on one unit on November 30, 2021.

- Two patients have tested positive for COVID-19.

University of Alberta Hospital (UAH)

There is one unit currently on outbreak at University of Alberta Hospital.

An outbreak was declared over on December 10, 2021.

An outbreak was declared on one unit on December 6, 2021.

- One patient has tested positive for COVID-19.
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Central Zone

Olds Hospital and Care Centre

- An outbreak was declared in acute care on November 24. To date, four individuals have tested positive.

Vermillion Health Centre

- An outbreak was declared November 7, 2021 on one acute care inpatient unit. To date, four individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.

Calgary Zone

Peter Lougheed Hospital (PLC)

There are two units currently on outbreak at Peter Lougheed Hospital.

An outbreak was declared on one unit on November 21, 2021.
- Nine patients have tested positive for COVID-19.
- One healthcare worker has tested positive for COVID-19.

An outbreak was declared on one unit on December 8, 2021.
- Three patients have tested positive for COVID-19.

Foothills Medical Centre

This outbreak was declared over on December 10, 2021.

Outbreak Protocols

Outbreak control measures have been implemented on each of the affected units. Any patient with symptoms, or who has tested positive for COVID-19, is isolated and treated in designated rooms.
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All at-risk patients on each unit have been tested. Contact tracing for patients and healthcare workers potentially exposed to these individuals is ongoing.

All AHS facilities follow rigorous Infection Prevention and Control standards and practices. All healthcare workers are asked to self-assess for COVID-19 symptoms and exposure risk using a screening tool before reporting to a site for their shift, and our frontline teams are practicing continuous masking and diligent hand hygiene practices while at work.

Designated family/support persons and visitors entering AHS facilities are instructed to follow all appropriate measures. Visitation restrictions are in place to minimize risk of transmission to and from outside of the hospital.

If you are feeling unwell, please do not visit friends and loved ones in hospital at this time.

For visitation information and restrictions at our AHS healthcare facilities please see the Family Support & Visitation page.

Note: As of Apr. 22, all healthcare worker COVID-19 cases still under investigation, or where the source of infection is inconclusive or indeterminate, will be counted as part of an acute care outbreak case count.

Thus, as cases are under investigation, numbers may fluctuate as cases are resolved.