Acute Care Outbreaks in Alberta

novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Last Updated: May 21, 2021

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

North Zone

- Bonnyville Health Centre

Edmonton Zone

- Grey Nuns Community Hospital
- Leduc Community Hospital
- Westview Health Centre – Stony Plain

Central Zone

- Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre

Calgary Zone

- Foothills Medical Centre
- Peter Lougheed Centre
- Rockyview General Hospital

South Zone

- Chinook Regional Hospital

North Zone

Bonnyville Health Centre

- An outbreak was declared at Bonnyville Health Centre on May 13, 2021.
  - One patient linked to this outbreak has tested positive for COVID-19.

Admissions are currently restricted and visitation is limited at this time.
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Edmonton Zone

Grey Nuns Community Hospital:

There is currently one unit on outbreak at Grey Nuns Community Hospital. The outbreak involves at least one variant case.

- An outbreak was declared at the Grey Nuns Community Hospital on March 13, 2021.
  
  - There are no active cases of COVID-19 associated with this outbreak.
  - Sadly, we have to report four deaths have been associated with this outbreak. On behalf of the entire Covenant family, we offer our deepest condolences to the patients’ family and loved ones at this difficult time.

All patients and healthcare workers connected to the affected unit are being tested. The unit is closed to admissions and transfers and visitation is restricted.

Leduc Community Hospital (LCH):

There are currently two outbreaks at LCH.

- An outbreak was declared on one unit at LCH on May 4, 2021.
  
  - Three patients linked to this outbreak have tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - Two healthcare workers linked to this outbreak have tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.

- An outbreak was declared on one unit at LCH on April 8, 2021.
  
  - Ten patients linked to this outbreak have tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - Two healthcare workers linked to this outbreak have tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - Sadly, we have to report three deaths associated with this outbreak. We offer our deepest condolences to the patient’s family and loved ones at this difficult time.
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**Westview Health Centre - Stony Plain (WHC):**
One unit is currently on outbreak at the WHC. This outbreak involves at least one variant case.

- An outbreak was declared on one unit at the WHC on April 10, 2021.
  - Four patients linked to this outbreak have tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - Sadly, we have to report one death associated with this outbreak. We offer our deepest condolences to the patient’s family and loved ones at this difficult time.

**Central Zone**

**Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre (RDRHC):**
There is currently one outbreak at RDRHC

- An outbreak was declared on one unit on May 4, 2021
  - One patient has tested positive for COVID-19.

**Calgary Zone**

**Foothills Medical Centre (FMC):**
There are two units on outbreak at Foothills Medical Centre.

- An outbreak was declared on a unit May 18, 2021.
  - Two patients have tested positive for COVID-19.
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- An outbreak was declared on a unit May 16, 2021.
  - Two patients have tested positive for COVID-19. This is an increase of one since our last report.

**Peter Lougheed Centre (PLC):**
There is one unit currently on outbreak at the Peter Lougheed Centre.
- An outbreak was declared on a unit on May 15, 2021.
  - One patient has tested positive for COVID-19.

**Rockyview General Hospital (RGH):**
There are three units currently on outbreak at Rockyview General Hospital.
- An outbreak was declared on a unit May 5, 2021
  - Two patients have tested positive for COVID-19.
- An outbreak was declared on a unit on May 11, 2021.
  - One patient has tested positive for COVID-19.
- An outbreak was declared on a unit on May 12, 2021.
  - One patient has tested positive for COVID-19.
  - One healthcare worker has tested positive for COVID-19.

**South Zone**

**Chinook Regional Hospital (CRH):**
One unit is currently on outbreak at Chinook Regional Hospital.
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- An outbreak was declared on one unit on May 10, 2021.
  - Two patients have tested positive for COVID-19.

Note: The outbreak declared on one acute care unit on April 30, 2021 has been declared over.

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.

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.