Acute Care Outbreaks in Alberta

novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Last Updated: May 7, 2021

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

North Zone

• Beaverlodge Municipal Hospital
• Fort Vermilion St. Theresa General Hospital

Edmonton Zone

• Grey Nuns Community Hospital
• Leduc Community Hospital
• Royal Alexandra Hospital
• Westview Health Centre – Stony Plain

Central Zone

• Drumheller Health Centre

Calgary Zone

• Foothills Medical Centre
• Rockyview General Hospital

South Zone

• Chinook Regional Hospital

North Zone

Fort Vermilion St. Theresa General Hospital

• An outbreak was declared at Fort Vermilion St. Theresa General Hospital on May 2, 2021.
  o One patient linked to this outbreak has tested positive for COVID-19.

Admissions are currently restricted and visitation is limited at this time.
Beaverlodge Municipal Hospital:

- An outbreak was declared at Beaverlodge Municipal Hospital on April 21, 2021.
  - One patient linked to this outbreak has tested positive for COVID-19.

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

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 four active cases in patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 associated with these outbreaks.
  - There are three healthcare workers that have tested positive for 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.
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- 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.
  - Nine 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 one death associated with this outbreak. We offer our deepest condolences to the patient’s family and loved ones at this difficult time.

Royal Alexaneda Hospital (RAH):

There is currently one outbreak at RAH.

- An outbreak was declared at RAH on April 16, 2021.
  - Five patients have tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - No healthcare workers have tested positive in this outbreak.

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.
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Drumheller Health Centre:
Note: The outbreak at the Drumheller Health Centre has been declared over.

Calgary Zone

Foothills Medical Centre:
There is one unit on outbreak at Foothills Medical Centre.

- An outbreak was declared on a unit May 3, 2021.
  - Four patients have tested positive for COVID-19. This is an increase of three since the last report.

Rockyview General Hospital:
There is one unit currently on outbreak at Rockyview General Hospital.

- An outbreak was declared on a unit May 5, 2021.
  - One patient has tested positive for COVID-19.
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South Zone

Chinook Regional Hospital:

One unit is currently on outbreak at Chinook Regional Hospital. This outbreak involves at least one variant case.

- An outbreak was declared on one acute care unit on April 30, 2021.
  - Five patients have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - No healthcare workers have tested positive in this outbreak.

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.
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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.