Acute Care Outbreaks in Alberta

novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

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

North Zone

- Athabasca Healthcare Centre
- Boyle Healthcare Centre
- Grimshaw/Berwyn and District Community Health Centre
- Queen Elizabeth II Hospital
- Valleyview Health Centre

Edmonton Zone

- Misericordia Community Hospital
- Sturgeon Community Hospital (SCH)

Calgary Zone

- Didsbury Hospital
- Strathmore Hospital

South Zone

- Cardston Health Centre
- Chinook Regional Hospital

North Zone

Athabasca Healthcare Centre

- An outbreak was declared at the Athabasca Healthcare Centre on January 31, 2021
  - To date, three individuals associated with the facility have tested positive.

Visitors to the hospital are restricted. We encourage families to continue to meet virtually with their loved ones.
Boyle Healthcare Centre

- An outbreak was declared at the Boyle Healthcare Centre on February 11, 2021. To date, two individuals associated with the facility have tested positive.
  - To date, one death is associated with this outbreak. We offer our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of these individuals at this difficult time.

Visitors to the hospital are restricted. We encourage families to continue to meet virtually with their loved ones.

Grimshaw/Berwyn and District Community Health Centre

- An outbreak was declared at the Grimshaw/Berwyn and District Community Health Centre on February 26, 2021.
  - To date, one individual associated with the facility has tested positive.

Visitors to the hospital are restricted. We encourage families to continue to meet virtually with their loved ones.

Queen Elizabeth II Hospital (Grande Prairie)

- An outbreak was declared on one unit at the QEII on Feb. 1, 2021.
  - To date, three cases are associated to this outbreak.

Visitation to the unit is restricted. We encourage families to continue to meet virtually with their loved ones.

Valleyview Health Centre

- An outbreak was declared at the Valleyview Health Centre on February 25, 2021.
  - To date, one individual associated with the facility has tested positive.

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**Misericordia Community Hospital (MCH)**

An outbreak was declared at the MCH on February 18, 2021.

There are three units on outbreak, as of February 23, 2021

- There are currently 15 active cases in patients who have tested positive for COVID-19.
- There are four healthcare workers that have tested positive for COVID-19 associated with these outbreaks.
- Sadly, we have to report two deaths have now 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 units are being tested. The units are closed to admissions and transfers and visitation is restricted.

**Sturgeon Community Hospital (SCH)**

An outbreak was declared on one unit at the SCH on Feb. 19, 2021.

- One patient has tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.

Visitors to the hospital are restricted. We encourage families to continue to meet virtually with their loved ones.

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Calgary Zone

Didsbury Hospital
The Didsbury outbreak was declared over in the afternoon of March 3, 2021.

The facility is now open to admissions and associated visitation restrictions have been lifted.

Strathmore Hospital
One unit is currently on outbreak at Strathmore Hospital.

- An outbreak was declared on the acute care unit on February 7, 2021.
  - Six patients linked to this unit have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - Two healthcare workers linked to this unit have tested positive for COVID-19.

At this time visitation to this hospital unit is restricted to end-of-life situations. We encourage families to continue to meet virtually with their loved ones. Restrictions are in place to minimize any risk of transmission to and from outside of the hospital. See the Family Support & Visitation page for more information.

South Zone

Cardston Health Centre

- An outbreak was declared at the Cardston Health Centre on February 25, 2021
  - To date, three patients associated with the facility have tested positive. (corrected from four patients)
  - To date, one death is associated with this outbreak. We offer our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of these individuals at this difficult time.
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Chinook Regional Hospital (CRH)

One unit is currently on outbreak at Chinook Regional Hospital.

- An outbreak was declared on the acute care unit on February 28, 2021.
  - To date, one patient associated with this unit has tested positive.

At this time visitation to this hospital unit is restricted to end-of-life situations. We encourage families to continue to meet virtually with their loved ones. Restrictions are in place to minimize any risk of transmission to and from outside of the hospital. See the Family Support & Visitation page for more information.

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.