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

North Zone

- George McDougall – Smoky Lake Healthcare Centre
- Queen Elizabeth II Hospital
- Seton - Jasper Healthcare Centre
- William J. Cadzow Healthcare Centre – Lac La Biche
- St. Therese – St. Paul Healthcare Centre
- High Prairie Health Complex

Edmonton Zone

- Alberta Hospital Edmonton (AHE)
- Cross Cancer Institute
- Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital (GRH)
- Grey Nuns Community Hospital
- Leduc Community Hospital (LCH)
- Misericordia Community Hospital (MCH)
- Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH)
- University of Alberta Hospital (UAH) / Walter C. Mackenzie Sites
- Villa Caritas

Central Zone

- Lloydminster Hospital
- Ponoka Hospital & Care Centre
- Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre
- St. Mary’s Hospital
- Wetaskiwin Hospital & Care Centre

Calgary Zone

- Didsbury Hospital
- Foothills Medical Centre
- Peter Lougheed Centre (PLC)
- South Health Campus (SHC)
- Strathmore Hospital
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George McDougall – Smoky Lake Healthcare Centre

- An outbreak was declared at George McDougall – Smoky Lake Healthcare Centre on Dec. 9, 2020.
  - To date, 12 individuals associated with the facility have tested positive.
  - To date, four deaths are associated to this outbreak. We offer our deepest condolences to the family 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.

Seton - Jasper Healthcare Centre

- An outbreak was declared at Seton – Jasper Healthcare Centre on Nov. 27, 2020.
  - To date, seven individuals associated with the facility have tested positive.

Visitation to the hospital is 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 Dec. 3, 2020.
  - To date, nine cases are associated to this outbreak.

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

William J. Cadzow Healthcare Centre – Lac La Biche

- An outbreak was declared at William J. Cadzow Healthcare Centre on Dec. 7, 2020.
  - To date, six individuals associated with the facility have tested positive.
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Visitors to the hospital are restricted. We encourage families to continue to meet virtually with their loved ones.

**Mayerthorpe Healthcare Centre**

- An outbreak was declared at the Mayerthorpe Healthcare Centre on Dec. 19, 2020.
  - To date, two individuals associated to the facility have tested positive.

We encourage families to continue to meet virtually with their loved ones.

**St. Therese – St. Paul Healthcare Centre**

- An outbreak was declared at St. Therese-St. Paul Healthcare Centre on Dec. 26, 2020.
  - To date, 12 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.

**High Prairie Health Complex**

- An outbreak was declared at High Prairie Health Complex on Dec. 28, 2020.
  - 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.

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**Edmonton Zone**

**Alberta Hospital Edmonton (AHE)**

One unit is on outbreak at the AHE.

- An outbreak was declared on one unit at the AHE on December 14, 2020.
  - One patient has tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
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Cross Cancer Institute (CCI)

- A new outbreak was declared on one unit at the CCI on December 24, 2020.
  - Four patients tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - To date, one death is associated with this outbreak. This is an increase of one since our last update.
  - We extend our condolences to the families of this individual, and to all who have lost loved ones during this time.

Devon General Hospital (DGH)

Note: The outbreak declared on one unit at the DGH on November 22, 2020 has been declared over and restrictions have been lifted. One patient and one healthcare worker linked to that outbreak tested positive for COVID-19.

Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital (GRH)

Two units are on outbreak at the Glenrose.

- An outbreak was declared on one unit at the Glenrose on Dec. 29, 2020.
  - Three patients tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
- An outbreak was declared on one unit at the Glenrose on Dec. 25, 2020.
  - Seven patients tested positive for COVID-19. This is an increase of one since our last update.

Grey Nuns Community Hospital

- An outbreak was declared at the Grey Nuns Community Hospital on October 30, 2020. There are currently outbreaks on three units within the hospital.
  - There are currently 11 active cases in patients who have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - There are currently four active cases in healthcare workers related to these outbreaks.
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- There have been 17 deaths connected to this outbreak. On behalf of the entire Covenant family, we offer our deepest condolences to the patient’s 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.

Leduc Community Hospital (LCH)

One unit is on outbreak at the LCH.

- An outbreak was declared on one unit at the LCH on November 25, 2020.
  - One patient tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - Six healthcare workers have tested positive. This remains unchanged since our last update.

Misericordia Community Hospital (MCH)

- There are currently six units on outbreak at the Misericordia.
  - There are currently 24 active cases in patients who have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - There are currently 13 healthcare workers that have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - There has been one death connected to this outbreak. On behalf of the entire Covenant family, we offer our deepest condolences to the patient’s family and loved ones at this difficult time.

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

Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH)

- An outbreak has been declared on one pod of the Stollery NICU at the RAH on Dec. 25, 2020.
  - Two patients have tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
- An outbreak has been declared on one unit at the RAH on Dec. 23, 2020.
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- Five patients have tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
- Four healthcare workers have tested positive. This is an increase of two since our last update.
- An outbreak has been declared on one unit at the RAH on Dec. 22, 2020.
  - One patient has tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - Four healthcare workers have tested positive. This remains unchanged since our last update.
- An outbreak has been declared on one unit at the RAH on Dec. 21, 2020.
  - One patient has tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - One healthcare worker has tested positive. This remains unchanged since our last update.
- An outbreak has been declared on one unit at the RAH on Dec. 20, 2020.
  - Four patients have tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - Two healthcare workers have tested positive. This remains unchanged since our last update.
- An outbreak has been declared on one unit at the RAH on Dec. 16, 2020.
  - Nine healthcare workers have tested positive. This remains unchanged since our last update.
- An outbreak has been declared on one unit at the RAH on Dec. 16, 2020.
  - Eleven patients have tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - Six healthcare workers have tested positive. This is an increase of three since our last update.
- An outbreak has been declared on one unit at the RAH on Dec. 10, 2020.
  - Eleven healthcare workers have tested positive for COVID-19. This is an increase of two since our last update.
- An outbreak has been declared on one unit at the RAH on Dec 7, 2020.
  - One patient tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - One healthcare worker tested positive. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - To date, one death is associated with the outbreak. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - We extend our condolences to the families of this individual, and to all who have lost loved ones during this time.
- An outbreak has been declared on one unit at the RAH on Dec 8, 2020.
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- Three patients tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
- Four healthcare workers tested positive. This remains unchanged since our last update.
- To date, one death is associated with the outbreak. This remains unchanged since our last update.
- We extend our condolences to the families of this individual, and to all who have lost loved ones during this time.

- An outbreak has been declared on one unit at the RAH on Dec 4, 2020.
  - One patient tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.

- An outbreak has been declared on one unit at the RAH on Nov 30, 2020.
  - Twenty-nine patients tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - Thirty healthcare workers tested positive. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - To date, eight deaths are associated with the outbreak. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - We extend our condolences to the families of these individuals, and to all who have lost loved ones during this time.

- An outbreak was declared on one unit at the RAH on Nov 17, 2020.
  - Two patients tested positive. This remains unchanged since our last update.

- An outbreak was declared on one unit at the RAH on Nov 12, 2020.
  - Thirty healthcare workers tested positive. This remains unchanged since our last update.

Visitation to the affected units is restricted at this time. We encourage families to continue to meet virtually with their loved ones.

University of Alberta Hospital (UAH) / Walter C. Mackenzie Sites

Eight units are on outbreak at the UAH.

- A new outbreak has been declared on one unit at the UAH on Dec. 25, 2020.
  - Two patients have tested positive for COVID-19. This remains the same since our last update.

- A new outbreak has been declared on one unit at the UAH on Dec. 25, 2020.
  - Four patients have tested positive for COVID-19. This is an increase of two since our last update.
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- An outbreak has been declared on one unit at the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute on Dec. 20, 2020.
  - One patient has tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
- An outbreak has been declared on one unit at the UAH on Dec. 20, 2020.
  - Thirteen patients have tested positive for COVID-19. This is an increase of five since our last update.
- An outbreak has been declared on one unit at the UAH on Dec 8, 2020.
  - One patient tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
- An outbreak has been declared on one unit at the UAH on Dec 8, 2020.
  - Two patients have tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
- An outbreak has been declared on one unit at the UAH on Dec 7, 2020.
  - Eight healthcare workers tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
- An outbreak was declared on one unit at the UAH on November 21, 2020.
  - Ten patients tested positive for COVID-19. This remains unchanged since our last update.
  - Seven healthcare workers tested positive. This remains unchanged since our last update.

Visitation to the affected units is restricted at this time. We encourage families to continue to meet virtually with their loved ones.

Villa Caritas

- Outbreaks on four units are currently being investigated at Villa Caritas.
  - There are 21 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. There are two active patients who have tested positive for COVID-19.

Visitation to the affected units is restricted at this time. We encourage families to continue to meet virtually with their loved ones.

Central Zone
Lloydminster Hospital

- An outbreak was declared at the site on Dec. 15, 2020.
  - There are eight active cases linked to this outbreak currently, including seven patients and one healthcare worker.

Note: Lloydminster Hospital is operated by the Saskatchewan Health Authority, but serves residents of both Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Ponoka Hospital & Care Centre

- An outbreak was declared for the acute care unit on December 9, 2020.
  - At this time there are 14 cases associated with this outbreak including five patients and nine healthcare workers.
  - Non-COVID positive admissions are being redirected to Wetaskiwin. Obstetrical patients are also being redirected.

Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre

- An outbreak was declared on December 28, 2020 for two inpatient units.
- At this time eight patients and three staff have tested positive between the units associated with the outbreak.

St. Joseph’s General Hospital

- The outbreak at St Joseph’s General Hospital was declared over today by the Medical Officer of Health.

St. Mary's Hospital (SMH)

- An outbreak was declared on units 2 & 5 December 3, 2020.
  - There are seven active cases linked to this outbreak currently, including five healthcare workers and two patients who have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - There have been three deaths connected to 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.
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Wetaskiwin Hospital & Care Centre

- An outbreak was declared for the Emergency Department on December 24, 2020, where there are five cases associated with this outbreak in healthcare workers.
  - On December 25, 2020, a COVID-19 outbreak was declared for all acute care areas at the site. At this time eight patients and 13 healthcare workers have tested positive. The site has temporarily paused admissions and transfers of non-COVID patients. Those patients that are COVID-19 positive or under investigation (PUI) continue to be admitted at this time to dedicated COVID-19 beds.
  - Obstetrical patients are temporarily being diverted to Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre (RDRHC). Emergency deliveries will continue to be supported in Wetaskiwin if it is unsafe to transport a patient.
  - The site is also temporarily postponing both inpatient and day surgical procedures. Urgent cases will be referred to alternative sites.
  - Visitor restrictions are in place.

Calgary Zone

Didsbury Hospital

One unit is currently on outbreak at Didsbury Hospital.

- An outbreak was declared on the acute care unit on Dec. 10, 2020.
  - One healthcare worker linked to this unit tested positive for COVID-19.
  - One patient linked to this unit tested positive for COVID-19.

At this time visitation to this hospital unit is restricted to designated support persons and 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.

Foothills Medical Centre (FMC)

One unit is currently on outbreak at Foothills Medical Centre.
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- An outbreak was declared on an acute medicine unit on Dec. 29, 2020.
  - Two patients linked to the unit have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - One healthcare worker linked to this unit has tested positive for COVID-19.

At this time visitation to these hospital units are restricted to designated support persons and 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.

**Peter Lougheed Centre (PLC)**

Seven units are currently on outbreak at the Peter Lougheed Centre.

- An outbreak was declared on a pulmonary unit on Nov. 21, 2020.
  - Three patients linked to the unit have tested positive for COVID-19. There has been one death associated with the outbreak. We extend our condolences to the family of this individual.
- An outbreak was declared on a medicine/geriatrics unit on Dec. 10, 2020.
  - Two patients linked to this unit have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - Two healthcare workers linked to this unit have tested positive for COVID-19.
- An outbreak was declared on a general medicine unit on Dec. 10, 2020.
  - Three patients linked to this unit have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - One healthcare worker linked to this unit has tested positive for COVID-19.
- An outbreak was declared on a seasonal influenza unit on December 14, 2020.
  - Two healthcare workers linked to this unit have tested positive for COVID-19.
- An outbreak was declared on a mental health unit on December 17, 2020.
  - One patient linked to this unit has tested positive for COVID-19.
- An outbreak was declared in the emergency department on December 19, 2020.
  - Twenty one healthcare workers linked to this department have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - Two patients linked with this unit have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - The emergency department remains open and is a safe and appropriate place to receive urgent and emergency care.
- An outbreak was declared on a hematology unit on December 23, 2020.
  - Two patients linked to this department have tested positive for COVID-19.

At this time visitation to these hospital units is restricted to designated family / support persons and 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.
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hospital. See the Family Support & Visitation page for more information. Updates are currently provided throughout the week.

South Health Campus (SHC)

Two units are currently on outbreak at South Health Campus.

- An outbreak was declared on an orthopedics unit on November 27, 2020.
  - Two patients linked to the unit have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - Two healthcare workers have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - To date, one death is associated with the outbreak. This is an increase of one since our last update. We extend our condolences to the families of this individual, and to all who have lost loved ones during this time.
- An outbreak was declared on a medicine/surgery unit on December 8, 2020.
  - One patient linked to this unit has tested positive for COVID-19.
  - Four healthcare workers linked to this unit have tested positive for COVID-19.

At this time visitation to these hospital units are restricted to designated support persons and 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.

Strathmore Hospital

One unit is currently on outbreak at Strathmore Hospital.

- An outbreak was declared on the acute care unit on December 29, 2020.
  - One patient linked to this unit has tested positive for COVID-19.

At this time visitation to this hospital unit is restricted to designated support persons and 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
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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.