

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19

SPECIAL Update for Chiefs: *September 17th, 2021*



New vaccine requirements and COVID-19 measures in Alberta:

The entire province is now under a state of public health emergency and have implemented new health measures to expand capacity, increase vaccination rates and reduce transmission of COVID-19. A Vaccine Passport-like program will begin September 20, allowing businesses or event organizers who choose to implement a program checking patrons for government-issued proof of vaccination or a recent negative privately purchased COVID-19 test to have an [exemption to restrictions](#). The following measures were implemented on September 16:

- Mandatory work-from-home measures are in place unless the employer has determined a physical presence is required
- Indoor private gatherings for vaccine-eligible, fully vaccinated individuals are limited to a single household plus one other household to a maximum of 10 people, with no restrictions on children under the age of 12.
- Attendance at any indoor private social gathering is not permitted for vaccine-eligible individuals who are unvaccinated.
- Outdoor private social gatherings are permitted to a maximum of 200 people, with two-metre physical distancing maintained at all times (for outdoor events and facilities with no indoor portion, there are NO attendance restrictions, however two-metre physical distancing must be in place.)
- Places of worship must limit attendance to one-third fire code capacity and face masks will be mandatory and there must be two-metre physical distancing between households or two close contacts for those living alone
- For children's sports/performance/recreation: indoor activities are permitted, with requirements for two-metre physical distancing and masking where possible, and symptom screening for participants. Youth aged 18 and under are not required to mask or maintain physical distancing during a physical activity, such as a team sport. Spectator attendance is limited to one-third fire code capacity. Attendees must be masked and ensure physical distancing between different households or an individual who lives alone and their two close contacts, but no restrictions on outdoor activities.

The following measures take effect **SEPTEMBER 20:**

- Restaurants are limited to outdoor dining only with a maximum of six individuals per table (one household or two close contacts for those living alone). Liquor sales and consumption restrictions (10 p.m. sales and 11 p.m. consumption) apply, but they are eligible to implement the [Restrictions Exemption Program](#).
- Weddings and funerals that are indoors re limited to 50 attendees or 50 per cent fire code capacity, whichever is less. No indoor receptions are permitted unless they apply for Exemption. All outdoor ceremonies and services for weddings and funerals must be limited to 200 attendees. Outdoor receptions are required to follow liquor sales and consumption restrictions (i.e., sales end at 10 p.m. and consumption ends by 11 p.m.).
- For retail, entertainment and recreation facilities, attendance is limited to one-third fire code capacity and attendees are only permitted to attend with their household or two close contacts for those living alone. Attendees must be masked and have two-metre physical distancing between households. These facilities are eligible to implement the Restrictions Exemption Program
- For those over 18 involved in sport, fitness, performance and recreation activities: no indoor group classes or activities are permitted. One-on-one training or individual workouts are permitted but three-metre physical distancing is required. No contact between players; indoor competitions are paused except where vaccine exemptions have been granted. There are no restrictions on outdoor activities. Specific exemptions may also be granted on a case-by-case basis.

We urge all of you to review the full details [here](#). ISC's Medical Officers of Health in Alberta support Nations in Alberta implementing a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy in certain contexts. We are available to work with leadership to answer any questions or concerns about the development of such a policy or implementation of any policy that will keep your Nation members as safe as possible.

Alberta Cases:

as of Sep 16th, 3:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (Sep 15 th –1,718 new cases)	275,538
AB Recovered Cases	254,327
Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases	10,800
On-reserve Recovered Cases	9,919
On-Reserve Active Cases	783
Calgary Zone Confirmed	108,052
Central Zone Confirmed	26,250
Edmonton Zone Confirmed	90,066
North Zone Confirmed	34,080
South Zone Confirmed	17,025
Unknown Confirmed	65
Deaths due to COVID-19	2,505
On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19	97
Active Variants of Concern	11,236

Recall notice for Eco-Med Prevent + Hand Sanitizer

<https://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2021/76383r-eng.php>

Affected lots of Eco-Med Prevent + Hand Sanitizer may contain the presence of bacterial contamination. For more information on this recall, as well as what to do if you purchased any Eco-Med health products, please visit Potential contamination of health product manufactured by Eco-Med Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Regional Snapshot

275,538

cases

39%

Calgary Zone

51%

males

11,551

Hospitalized ever

2,230

ICU ever

2,505

deaths

More Alberta case data can be found [here](#)

Vaccination and public health

measures High rates of vaccination remain vital to controlling the impact of COVID-19, particularly with the increased threat of variants of concern, and as Canada reopens its economy and returns to schools and workplaces.

It is important that everyone get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as they are eligible. It's the best way to protect themselves, their families and their communities against COVID-19. It is also important to continue following local public health advice and public health measures, regardless of vaccination status.

Public health measures such as continuing to wear a mask indoors, remain effective in slowing the spread of COVID-19 and are still needed in the context of the Delta variant now becoming the predominant strain in Canada.

Brand Name Changes for Vaccines:

Health Canada has announced that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine will now be named Comirnaty, the Moderna vaccine will be named SpikeVax, and the AstraZeneca vaccine will be named Vaxzevria. These are only name changes. **There are no changes to the vaccines themselves.** The name changes have been updated at

[COVID-19 Vaccines: Authorized vaccines - Canada.ca](#)