



## Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partnership

July 22, 2020

### **RE: COVID-19 Update 67 (RED text indicates web link & New Information in BLUE)**

Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partnership updates will now be release once (1) day a week, on Wednesday's unless urgent messaging comes from Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health or Government Officials, or AHS on regional cases

Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partners are continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation in Alberta. The latest Government of Alberta media releases can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/news.aspx>

Vulcan County Protective Services is open by appointment only. Fire Halls are closed to the public until further notice. **Municipal offices remain are open**, however, **we are urging the public to use municipal websites, email and telephone** to answer their inquiries.

As cases have now been confirmed within the Vulcan County region, it is imperative to follow proper personal hygiene and cleaning practices. Please follow these [guidelines](#) and watch your municipal websites for further updates. **Significant cases have been recorded in municipalities bordering Vulcan County. The interactive map can be found [here](#).**

Everyone, even persons not exhibiting symptoms or requiring mandatory self-isolation, is strongly encouraged to limit outings to a minimum and stay home; **observe social distancing** and avoid touching your face without first washing your hands.

The Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partnership has put together [a series of videos on COVID-19](#) related themes:

- [Tips for Wearing Masks](#)
- [Tips for Washing Hands and Surfaces](#)
- [Tips on Public Distancing, Touching Your Face and Wearing Gloves](#)
- [When to See the Doctor](#)
- [Protect Our Communities](#)
- [Here for You](#)

**With the confirmation of a confirmed cases within our region, please remain vigilant in the practices that have been established. CASE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO RISE WITHIN OUR AREA, PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE TAKING PROPER PRECAUTIONS.**

### **Cases in Alberta and Vulcan County**

As of July 21<sup>st</sup> there have been 9,861 confirmed cases and 8,436 recoveries of COVID-19 in Alberta. There has been a total of 174 fatalities as a result of COVID-19 in Alberta. Testing has been completed on 606,465 Alberta residents. As of 16:30 on July 22<sup>nd</sup> there is 1 active cases and 15 recoveries within Vulcan County or the urban municipalities within its region. Vulcan County is in the [Calgary Health Zone](#).



### More Albertans Can Attend Outdoor Community Events

The outdoor gathering limit has been increased from 100 to 200 people.

The increase applies to attendees at community outdoor events such as festivals, fireworks displays, rodeos and sporting events, and outdoor performances.

All public health measures, including physical distancing, remain in place. Seated outdoor events will still require the necessary space between families and cohorts within stadium-style seating.

Any large gathering increases the risk of transmission. Evidence suggests that outdoor events have a lower risk of transmission, provided other public health guidance is followed. Alberta Health will continue to monitor case numbers and adjust as necessary.

For more information on outdoor and indoor gathering restrictions, visit [alberta.ca/restrictions-on-gatherings](https://alberta.ca/restrictions-on-gatherings).

General relaunch guidance, including sector-specific recommendations, can be found at [alberta.ca/guidance-documents](https://alberta.ca/guidance-documents).

### Provincial Measures and Indicators of COVID-19 Regional Risks

There are two indicators the Province is using as measures on how regions are doing, with three classifications:

#### **Open**

- low level of risk, no additional restrictions in place
- less than 50 active cases per 100,000

#### **Watch**

- the province is monitoring the risk and discussing with local government(s) and other community leaders the possible need for additional health measures
- at least 10 active cases and more than 50 active cases per 100,000

#### **Enhanced**

- risk levels require enhanced public health measures to control the spread
- informed by local context

Currently our regions falls within the open category.

### 811 Health Link

Once again, people experiencing 7symptoms are to take the [online](#) self-assessment.

As a further reminder, **811-health link is for those who are feeling ill and seeking advice.**

If you, or someone you care about, are feeling overwhelmed with emotions like sadness, depression, or anxiety, or feel like you want to harm yourself or others

- Mental Health Help Line at 1-877-303-2643
- Addiction Help Line at 1-866-332-2322



**Local Programs and Initiatives**

**Vulcan County – Health & Wellness Foundation**

**Vulcan – Medical Recruitment**

**Vulcan Regional Food Bank Society**

Above information sourced from: <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nels Petersen'.

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