



Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partnership

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RE: COVID-19 Update 64 (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 office remains are now 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.

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.

Cases in Alberta and Vulcan County

Total confirmed cases with Alberta are 8067, with 559 active cases, and 7,354 recoveries. There has been a total of 154 fatalities as a result of COVID-19 in Alberta. Testing has been completed on 442,253 Alberta residents. There are [three active](#) cases 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.

General relaunch guidance, including sector-specific recommendations, can be found at 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.

Federal Government

- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced [the Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program will be extended by one month.](#)
- Federal health officials [released updated public health modeling](#) on June 29, 2020. It shows lingering hotspots across the country, notably in Toronto and Montreal but also in pockets of Saskatchewan and southern Ontario, and indicates an increase in young people age 20-39 contracting COVID-19 since late May.



- PM Trudeau announced the federal government will reduce media updates to twice times a week rather than providing daily updates. If urgent updates are required, additional media updates will be provided.
- The federal government is [reviewing COVID-19 aid](#) in an effort to prepare for a potential second wave.
- On Saturday, June 27, Minister of International Development Karina Gould announced a **commitment of \$120 million in support of the activities of the Access to COVID-19 (ACT) Accelerator.**
 - \$20 million of that total is for the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).
 - The Government of Canada will invest an additional \$180 million to address the immediate humanitarian and development impacts of the COVID-19 crisis, helping communities in developing countries mitigate and address the challenges they are currently facing. The funding will support programming align with international response plans on priorities, such as essential food security, nutrition, and education initiatives.

Alberta

- The Government of Alberta released [Alberta's Recovery Plan](#) details yesterday. Alberta's Recovery Plan includes a \$10 billion investment in infrastructure and a plan to create 50,000 jobs this year.
 - Alberta will launch a series of large-scale infrastructure projects this summer at a total cost of \$612 million. These are designed to create at least 2,500 jobs and the projects have been chosen to improve long-term economic growth and to encourage investment across the province. Projects will include:
 - Highway twinning projects;
 - Agricultural sector growth projects;
 - Gas line extensions for northern residents;
 - Treatment facilities for Albertans recovering from addictions.
 - On July 1, Alberta will drop the corporate income tax rate to eight percent.
 - The Government of Alberta will ask the federal government to remove most occupational categories under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program for Alberta in an effort to put Albertans, including recently arrived new Canadians, first. At the same time, the Government of Alberta will help connect employers with unemployed Albertans, make job training programs more responsive, and accelerate the Fairness for Newcomers Action Plan.
 - The Government of Alberta will reduce by at least one-third this year's targeted admissions under the Alberta Immigration Nominee Program while moving ahead with key platform commitments like the Foreign Graduate Startup Visa Program to support growth in the tech and innovation sectors.
 - In addition to the \$50 million announced for municipalities through the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) to fund bridge improvements, upgrades to roads and community airports and other initiatives and a further \$150 million for water infrastructure grants through the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership, the Government of Alberta has identified up to \$500 million in further funding for municipalities that is expected to be matched by the federal government. This is almost a 30 percent increase in municipal infrastructure funding.
 - Alberta's Recovery Plan will focus on sector strategies for diversifying the economy. The Government of Alberta will build on its advantages in energy, agriculture, technology and tourism and will support additional growth in sectors such as value-added petrochemical manufacturing, minerals and rare earth minerals, pharmaceuticals, the financial sector,



logistics and aviation. Additional details on these sector strategies will be announced this summer and fall.

- The Government of Alberta is making a commitment to diversification through a re-capitalization of the Alberta Enterprise Corporation (AEC), and is investing \$175 million over the next three years in capital funds that support the technology sector in Alberta
- The Invest Alberta corporation will boost investment attraction efforts in key markets with major partners around the globe. The Government of Alberta has allocated \$6 million a year over three years for its operations. This funding is part of the \$75 million allocated to implement the Investment and Growth Strategy over the next three years to rebuilt Alberta's reputation as a destination for business and investment.
- The Government of Alberta is introducing an Innovation Employment Grant targeted to smaller companies that will encourage investment in Alberta's technology sector.
- Starting today, Alberta businesses, cooperatives, and non-profit organizations that faced restrictions or closures from public health orders, and that experienced a revenue loss of at least 50 percent due to the COVID-19 pandemic can apply for up to \$5,000 from the Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant.
- The Government of Alberta is extending supports put in place during the spring to protect at-risk Albertans. This includes \$14.2 million a month (more than \$170 million total) in additional funding to help keep residents and staff safe in long-term care, designated supportive living facilities, and seniors lodges.
 - Funding will continue until the orders from Alberta's chief medical officer of health are lifted.

811 Health Link

Once again, people experiencing 7 symptoms 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,

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