



Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partnership (VCREMP)

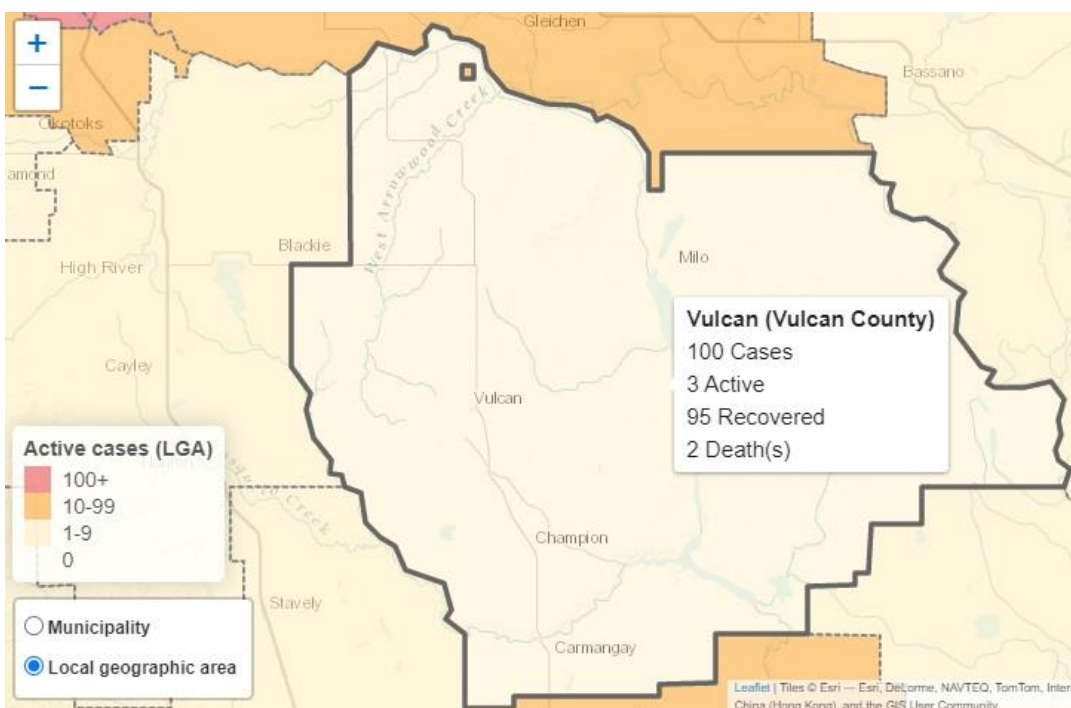
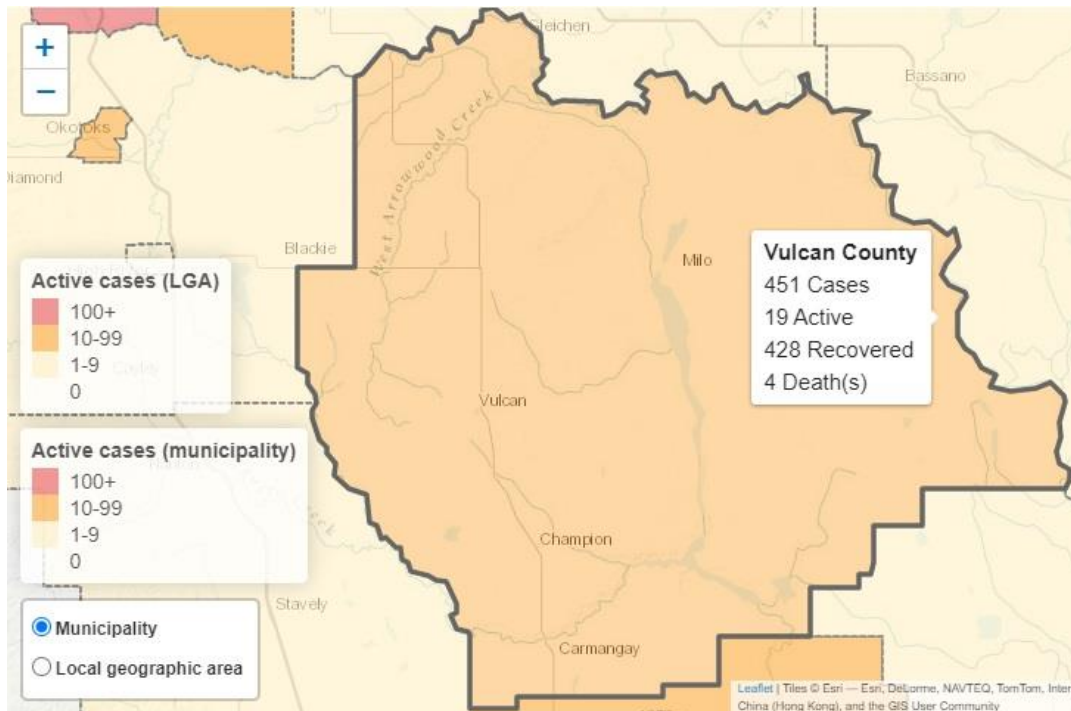
FEBRUARY 10, 2021

RE: COVID-19 Update 99 (RED text indicates web link & New Information in BLUE)

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The entire Province of Alberta is under enhanced status.

COVID Numbers within Vulcan County are as follows:





3 Active Cases within the borders of Vulcan County, and 19 Active Cases within the region including all lands south of the Bow River, including Siksika First Nation.

Regions are defined by municipal boundaries when population exceeds 10,000. When population is less than 10,000, the region is defined by municipal district or county, including towns, villages and First Nations (adjacent or otherwise).

Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partnership has purview over the “Local Geographic Area” and not the “Municipality” as defined by the Province. Siksika First Nation is coordinating their own emergency response.

Cases have remained flat over the past week in Vulcan County, regional cases have decreased by 17. Please keep up the hard work in following proper personal hygiene and cleaning practices.

Please follow these [guidelines](#) and watch your municipal websites for further updates.

The Province announced beginning December 15th, they will begin refining the geospatial data used to create the case count maps. This attempts to provide better data on regional cases counts while still protecting personal privacy. No changes in the way this data is displayed is available for our region.

Active cases within the Province now stand at 5,706 as of end of day February 9, 2021. Of the 421 hospitalizations, 77 are in the intensive care unit. 1,728 deaths have been attributed to Covid-19.

Vaccine

Alberta is receiving vaccine doses as they are approved by Health Canada.

Vaccine is being distributed through a phased immunization program. Our goal is to immunize Albertans as safely and effectively as possible.

As part of ongoing efforts to reduce community transmission of COVID-19, Alberta will be offering second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine within 42 days after the first dose. This aligns with the approach recommended by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) and the World Health Organization statements on vaccines for COVID-19. This will allow as many Albertans as possible to receive the vaccine in the coming weeks.

Progress to Date

As of February 2:

- 129,452 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Alberta. This is 2,927.5 doses per 100,000 population.
- 36,999 Albertans have been fully immunized with 2 doses.
- 60 adverse events following immunization (AEFI) have been reported to Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services.

Updated figures will be shared regularly. Additional public reporting will be released in 2021.

Restrictions

As of February 8, 2021, “Step 1” restriction changes are not in effect:

- Restaurants can open for in-person dining
- Children and youth can participate in limited school and team sport activities
- One-on-one indoor fitness training is permitted, by appointment only



As of December 8, 2020, the restrictions below were announced. These mandatory restrictions apply province wide and will be in place until further notice.

Gathering restrictions

- Alberta declared a State of Public Health Emergency to protect the health care system from COVID-19. Social gatherings are the top source of transmission.
- Effective Dec. 8, all indoor and outdoor social gatherings are prohibited. Enforcement entails \$1,000 fines.

Workplaces

- Effective Dec. 8, masks are mandatory in all indoor public spaces and workplaces.
- Effective Dec. 13, working from home is mandatory when physical presence is not required.

Business and service restrictions

- Effective Dec. 13, some businesses will be required to close, lower service capacity or limit their in-person access.

What Else You Can Do

Continue following existing public health measures to keep ourselves and others safe:

- Keep 2 meters apart when you can, wear a mask when you can't
- Practice good hygiene: wash your hands often and cover coughs and sneezes
- Monitor your symptoms every day
- If sick, stay home, get tested, and follow mandatory isolation requirements while waiting for results:
 - if positive, isolate from others for 10 days or until symptoms are gone, whichever is longer
 - if negative, stay home until you are better
- Avoid non-essential travel
- Get the flu shot to keep influenza cases low so health workers can focus on the COVID-19 pandemic

Community Resources

The VCREMP 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](#)

The VCREMP has created [recommended mask use](#) posters available for businesses to download.

- [Face Coverings Recommended](#)
- [How To for Mask Use](#)



Program Availability If You Have Been Impacted by COVID-19

There are programs available through the Federal Government in response to COVID-19. These programs are available for businesses, individuals, or families. For a complete list of programs please visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>

Local assistance can also be provided through the Vulcan & Region Family Community Support Services. Program information can be found on their website at <http://www.vulcanandregionfcss.com> or by phoning their office at (403)485-2192 during regular business hours.

811 Health Link

Once again, people experiencing 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

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

Sincerely,

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