

Department of Medicine

COVID-19 Information Bulletin

October 13, 2021

Calgary Zone COVID-19 Hospital Admission Data

Calgary Zone COVID 19 Status of Patients on Site as of October 13 2021*



ICU admissions: 45

Pending + Isolation: 20 | Pending, Non-Iso: 20

Confirmed: Inpatients (including ICU) with an active Isolation order *and* either (1) Positive Covid-19 test up to 30 days prior to admission *or* (2) CD/OM Confirmed up to 30 days prior to admission

Pending: patients with Covid-19 test pending in SCM or ProvLab

Isolation: patient has an active SCM Isolation order

Non-Iso: patient does not have active Isolation order

* Data from [Calgary Zone COVID 19 Operational Reporting Tableau Database](#) as of: 2021-10-6 8:31 am

All Patient Census by Site for Oct 13, 2021 as of 8: 16 am[‡]

	GIM	HEMA	NEPH	RESP	GI	CARD	COVID	GERI	HOSP	ID
FMC	67	32	31	10	8	80	12		258	
PLC	72	7		17	1	10	9		137	
RGH	66			1	2	17		27	221	
SHC	45			7		9			86	
TOTAL	250	39	31	35	11	116	21	27	702	

COVID Patient Census by Site for Oct 13, 2021 as of 8:16 am[‡]

	GIM	HEMA	NEPH	RESP	GI	CARD	COVID	GERI	HOSP	ID
FMC	1		1				11		8	
PLC	5	2					9		18	
RGH	9								10	
SHC	4			2					14	
TOTAL	19	2	1	2			20		50	

[‡] Data from [CMS Attending Groups Hourly Census](#) Tableau workbook as of: 2021-10-13 8:16 am (confirmed and pending)

COVID-19 Outbreaks

Zone Outbreak Summary for Oct 13, 2021

- Acute Care: 2 (decrease of 1)
- Continuing Care: 19 (decrease of 4)
- Shelters: 0

FMC

- Units on outbreak: 1 (Units 41A)

PLC

- Units on outbreak: 2 (Unit 44, 51)

RGH

- Units on outbreak: 0

SHC

- Units on outbreak: 0

ACH

- Units on outbreak: 0

PPE reminder: Eye protection requirement on outbreak units

Please remember that eye protection is required for all staff and physicians on outbreak and COVID units, regardless of vaccination status. Please note the “Stoggles” brand of eye protection does not meet criteria due to an opening in the brow area. [PPE FAQ's](#) | [AHS PPE Taskforce Guidance](#)

COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Every Albertan born in 2009 or before is currently eligible for first and second doses of vaccination. [Third doses are available for some](#) people most at risk of severe illness. As well, third dose boosters are now available for Albertans 75 and older (and all First Nations, Metis and Inuit individuals 65 and older) whose second dose was at least 6 months ago. For more information on vaccines and vaccination: [COVID-19 Vaccine Program](#) | [Health Professional Immunization Information](#)

As of Oct 11: 76% of Albertans 12+ are fully vaccinated

For help facilitating discussions related to vaccine hesitancy please see: <https://www.19tozero.ca>
AHS also has helpful information for Albertans with fears or worries about needles: [Commitment to Comfort Webpage](#)

Vaccine Wallet Card and QR Codes: Albertans are now able to print a copy of their card-sized COVID-19 proof of vaccination or show it on their phone or tablet. Vaccine records with QR codes are also now available, and work is underway to enable individuals to confirm proof of vaccination through scanning of these QR codes at Alberta businesses. For more information see the [Alberta Health Proof of Vaccination FAQ](#)

AHS Immunization Policy & AHS Got My COVID-19 Immunization Form

SUBMIT YOUR PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION for COVID-19. Accurate proof of immunization status must be submitted to AHS (or an exception requested) by **October 16, 2021.**

Please view the official Immunization of Workers for COVID-19 Policy.

Regardless of your personal views and approach to vaccination, it is absolutely essential that you either complete the "[Got my COVID-19 Immunization Form](#)" OR an exception request as soon as a practically possible. Doing so will ensure you are compliant with the AHS policy. **This is required, even if you submitted this form prior to the policy implementation date (Sept. 14).**

If you believe you have reasons for exception to this policy, please follow the exception process to advise us by completing and submitting the non-employee [Medical and Midwifery Staff Exception Request](#) form as soon as possible.

If you have questions about COVID-19 immunization, the following links may help you:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions | Alberta Health Services](#)
- [COVID-19 Immunization FAQ for Community Physicians \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccines and records | Alberta.ca](#)

Ethics Spotlight – Special Edition

Mandatory Vaccination: An Ethics Perspective for Calgary Zone staff and Physicians

If you have not already attended one of these sessions there is one tomorrow, Thursday, October 14.

Thursday, October 14: 9am – 10am 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. (South Zone)

[Zoom Meeting](#) (call in by phone 1 587 328 1099 Meeting ID: 915 4812 6999, passcode: 042489)

Thursday, October 14, 2021: 5pm – 6 am. (open)

[Zoom Meeting](#) (call in by phone 1 587 328 1099 Meeting ID: 943 0572 8996, passcode: 890573)

UofC COVIDSafe Campus:

You are now invited to **upload your vaccination proof into Thrive Health**. Please visit ucalgary.ca/covidsafe-campus and follow the appropriate link to Thrive Health to upload your vaccination status. You will be asked to upload proof of having received Health Canada approved vaccinations.

Rapid testing

If you attested that you are not fully vaccinated, then please continue to complete your regular rapid tests and uploading your results into Thrive Health.

Also, be advised that all UCalgary students, faculty and staff will have to **be fully vaccinated** or have an approved accommodation under protected grounds **to be on campus as of January 1, 2022**. In 2022, rapid testing will no longer be an acceptable method of COVIDSafe Campus compliance.

AHS Critical Care Triage Protocol

Resources can be found on the [Critical Care Triage Protocol page on Insite](#).

To view the recording from the training sessions please see here:

<https://buzzstream.albertahealthservices.ca/videos/Watch.aspx?v=tms-cccn-cc-qim-triage-education>

Return to work decision charts

The [Return to Work Decision Chart](#) and [Return to Work Guide](#) provide guidance to staff and physicians regarding when to return to work in the context of international travel, symptoms and/or COVID-19 exposures. The guide uses FAQ format and complements the content of the COVID-19 Return to Work Decision Chart.

Please also remember to continue to complete your daily [Fit for Work](#) questionnaire.

COVID-19: New / Updated Resources and Information

The **Department of Medicine** has recently updated our **COVID-19 Resources** page with links to important educational and point of care resources, as well as Physician Wellness resources: <https://www.departmentofmedicine.com/meoc-resources/>

COVID-19 Updates & Documents can be found on AHS Insite: [COVID-19 | Insite \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](#). Updates and new items highlighted below.

UPDATED: [COVID-19 CATCO Study Order Set](#) (October 2021)

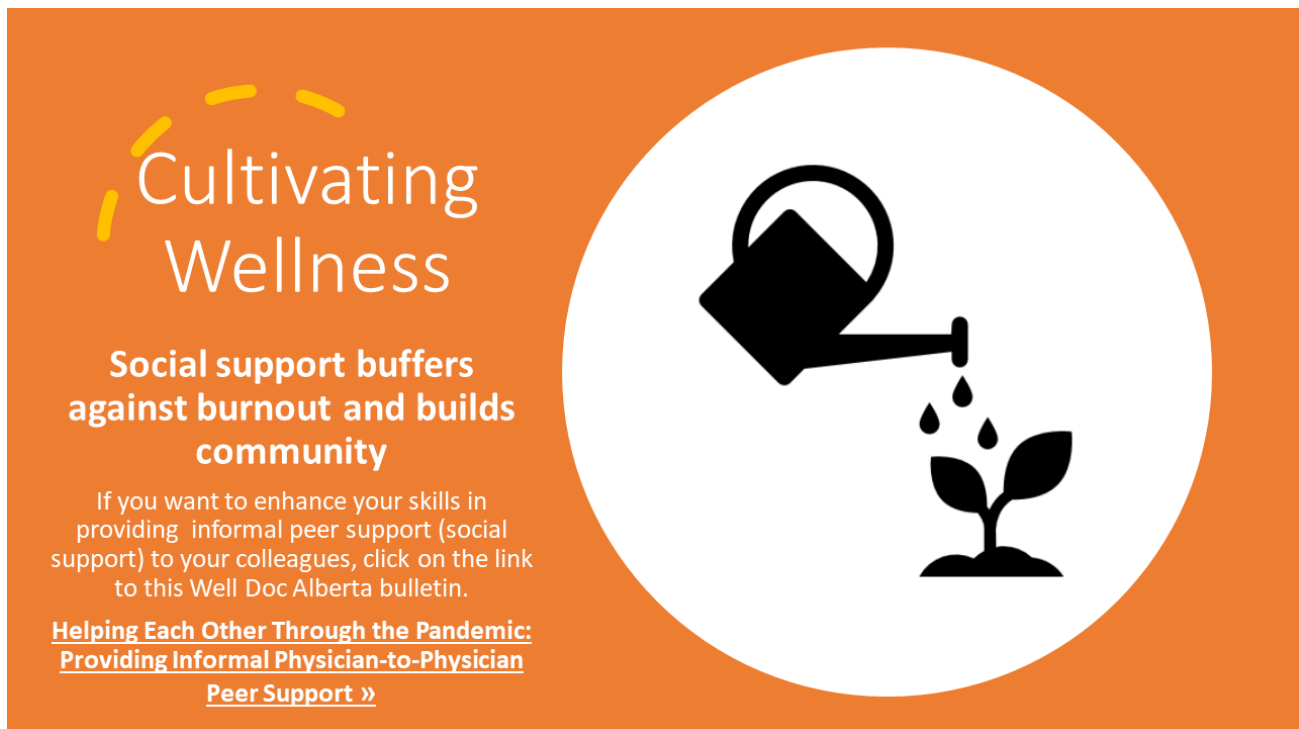
NEW: [Dysphagia Intervention during COVID](#) (October 6, 2021)

NEW: [Indications for publicly funded PCR Testing](#) (October 7, 2021)

UPDATED: [Invermectin Evidence Review – AHS Scientific Advisory Group](#) (October 5, 2021)

UPDATE: [Anti Coagulation for Admitted COVID-19 Patients](#) (October 6, 2021)

Physician Wellness



Cultivating Wellness

Social support buffers against burnout and builds community

If you want to enhance your skills in providing informal peer support (social support) to your colleagues, click on the link to this Well Doc Alberta bulletin.

[Helping Each Other Through the Pandemic: Providing Informal Physician-to-Physician Peer Support »](#)

COVID Volunteers and COVID ARP

We are looking for volunteers to help with non-ICU COVID care across the four Calgary zone adult acute care sites. If you have not already signed up to volunteer earlier in the pandemic, please let your Section/Division Head know you are interested and also reach out to the DOM Site Lead at your primary Site:

FMC: Caley.Shukalek@albertahealthservices.ca; PLC: Mitesh.Thakrar@albertahealthservices.ca; RGH: Kathryn.Watson@albertahealthservices.ca; SHC: Jolene.Haws@albertahealthservices.ca

If you plan to volunteer and you have not done so already, please consider joining the **COVID ARP**. Both FFS and AMHSP members can join (with AMHSP members only submitting time sheets to the COVID ARP for hours worked on evenings/nights/weekends/stat holidays that are over and above your AMHSP contract). Please contact Darcy Andres (Darcy.Andres@albertahealthservices.ca) within CZ Medical Affairs for further details.

Time sheets for COVID ARP Shifts completed should be submitted to Darcy Andres within sixty (60) days of completing the shift.

For AMHSP members who do COVID shifts as part of the clinical deliverables within their AMHSP contract, please remember to submit related shadow billings to help ensure this clinical work is captured.

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