

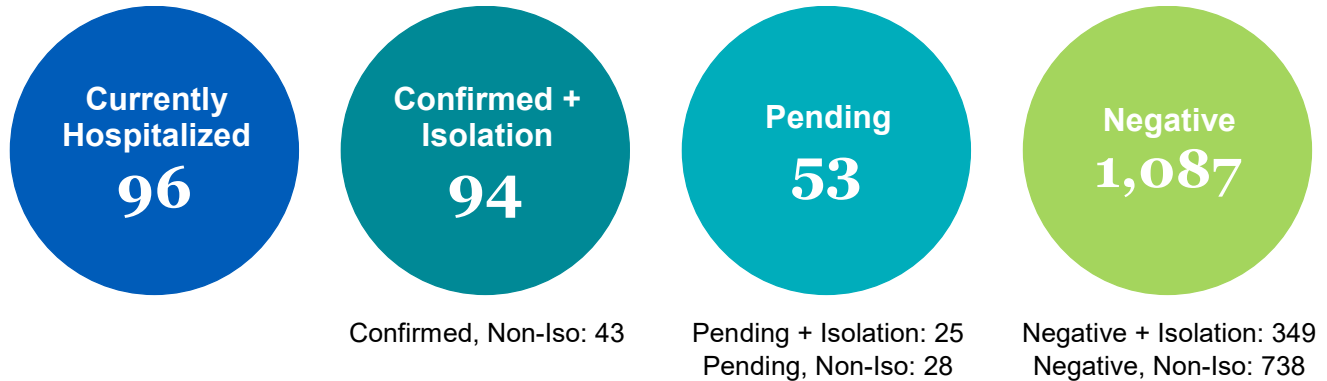
## Department of Medicine

### COVID-19 Information Bulletin

November 23, 2020

#### Calgary Zone COVID 19 Hospital Admission Data

##### Calgary Zone COVID 19 Status of Patients on Site as of 23 November 2020\*^



- Confirmed:** patients with a positive Covid-19 test in SCM or ProvLab, or CDOM status 'Confirmed'
- Pending:** patients with Covid-19 test pending in SCM or ProvLab
- Negative:** patients not 'Confirmed' or 'Pending', and most recent SCM test is negative, or CDOM status 'Not a case'
- Isolation:** patient has an active Isolation order
- Non-Iso:** patient does not have active Isolation order

##### COVID 19 Status of Patients by Attending Group as of 23 November 2020\*

	FMC		PLC		RGH		SHC	
	Confirmed	Pending	Confirmed	Pending	Confirmed	Pending	Confirmed	Pending
Cardiac Sciences	4	4		1		1	1	1
Hospitalist	15	2	14		23	5	9	3
Med / Oncology / Hematology		2						
Medical Teaching Unit	2		1	1				
Medicine	6	3	8	1	9	3	5	1

\* Data from [Calgary Zone COVID 19 Operational Reporting Tableau Database](#) as of: 2020-11-23 11:15 am

**Calgary Zone COVID 19 Patient Census<sup>^</sup>**

	Nov 18		Nov 19		Nov 20		Nov 21		Nov 22	
	Non-ICU	ICU	Non-ICU	ICU	Non-ICU	ICU	Non-ICU	ICU	Non-ICU	ICU
ACH	1.8	0	1.0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	0
FMC	31.4	1.0	29.7	1.6	28.5	1.0	28.0	1.0	28.4	1.0
PLC	18.6	8.0	19.2	7.1	16.4	8.0	18.0	7.5	18.5	6.5
RGH	21.1	2.9	23.7	0.9	23.6	0	23.0	0	22.7	0
SHC	13.9	2.8	15.8	1.6	20.1	0	20.0	0	19.0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>88.9</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>7.5</b>

**Calgary Zone COVID 19 Hospital Admissions by Day<sup>^</sup>**

	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22
ACH	0	0	0	0	0
FMC	1	1	2	0	1
PLC	3	2	2	3	1
RGH	1	3	1	0	1
SHC	2	3	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

<sup>^</sup> Data from [Calgary Zone COVID 19 Daily Activity & Outcomes Tableau Dashboard](#) as of: 2020-11-23 00:00 pm

**COVID-19 Outbreaks****FMC**

- Units with dedicated COVID beds: **2** (Units 64 and 54)
- Units on outbreak: **2** (Units 47 and 22)
- Units on watch: **4** (Units 42, 46, 112, and NICU)

**Medical Learners on Units:**

- At FMC, medical students (clerks) are **not allowed** on any units designated as on “watch” or “outbreak”.

**NEW FMC Unit 47 on Outbreak; Unit 112 on Watch**

External FMC outbreak webpage for information: [ahs.ca/covidfmc](https://ahs.ca/covidfmc)

**PLC**

- Units on outbreak: **3** (Units 39, 49 and 51)
- Units on watch: **1** (Unit 53)

**Medical Learners on Units:**

- At PLC, the decision to allow medical students (clerks) to be on units designated as on “watch” or “outbreak” will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- Currently student groups will **continue to take a pause** on the outbreak units.

**NEW PLC U39 Outbreak and U53 On Watch**

- PLC Unit 39 is now on outbreak. This is a mixed pulmonary and MTU unit. This unit is currently limiting admissions to complex pulmonary patients until further notice. Transplant and chronic

ventilator patients will be put on contact and droplet isolation for their admissions. Resident trainees are allowed to work on Unit 39 but medical students cannot take care of any patients on that unit.

- Unit 53 is on Watch status. Unit 53 will continue to admit, discharge and transfer patients as needed.

### **NEW Point Prevalence Testing at PLC**

- PLC is conducting point prevalence testing on all HCWs on any of the units with COVID+ staff on Monday and Tuesday from 0700 – 2300hrs in Room 4849. Any staff who have been on Unit 39, 49, 51, 53 or 44 in the last 2 weeks are asked to be tested.
- If you are symptomatic **\*\*\*DO NOT COME TO SITE TO BE SWABBED\*\*\*** Contact 811 or complete the online booking for health care workers and provide the applicable outbreak number (see below). If you are having issues booking this in a timely manner, please contact your management for other arrangements to be made. Staff are not required to isolate for point prevalence swabs.
  - EI Number for Units 39, 44 and 53: 2020-6193
  - EI Number for Unit 49: 2020-5311
  - EI Number for Unit 51: 2020-5310

### **NEW PLC SCP Phone Line Coverage**

- To respond to any urgent COVID-19 site outbreak concerns or issues, the PLC SCP phone line (**403-943-4499**) will be manned from 0800-1600hrs 7 days a week.

### **RGH**

- **Units on outbreak: 3** (Units 58, 72, 74)
- **Units on watch: 2** (Units 71, 82)

#### **Medical Learners on Units:**

- At RGH, the decision to allow medical students (clerks) to be on units designated as on “watch” or “outbreak” will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- RGH U82 is on watch; however, there are no actual cases there, so at this time, site leadership has agreed that **it is okay** for clerks to continue working on that unit. If any COVID cases develop, this could change things.

### **SMCUC**

- **Units on outbreak: 1** (iOAT)

### **AMH**

- **Units on outbreak: 3** (Renfrew Detox, Claresholm Centre for Addictions and Mental Health – Extended Transition Unit, Administration)

### **Rural Health Update**

- **Sites on watch: 3** (Oilfields Acute Care, Strathmore Acute Care, Didsbury Acute Care)

### **Senior’s Health Update**

- **Outbreaks: 34 Sites** (Sites of note: Rivera Mount Royal, AgeCare Skypointe, Carewest George Boyak, Spruce Lodge, Sage Hill, Wing Kei, Manor Village, Cedars Villa, Rivera Bow Crest)

### **Indigenous Health Update**

- Eden Valley: 16 cases (12 active). Siksika: experiencing surge of cases. Completing ~150 swabs/day. 22 clusters on the Nation.

## NEW Decreasing COVID Transmission through Fomites







In addition to frequently wiping down communal high-touch surfaces (such as computer keyboards), department members are also reminded to frequently wipe down their personal items such as cell phones, stethoscopes, reflex hammers, and pagers. Here is a link to an interesting article about cell phone contamination: <https://www.healthitoutcomes.com/doc/infection-control-in-the-era-of-smartphones-and-covid-0001>


## Ensuring You Are Safe to be Present at Work

Presenting my ID badge at the door to come in...  
 What does that mean? COVID-19 Daily Fit for Work Screening Tool  
 Answer - you have screened yourself by the app, or by reviewing questions individually and you are *safe to be present at work*.

- Do you have any of the following symptoms which are new or worsened if associated with allergies, chronic or pre-existing conditions:
  - ❖ Fever
  - ❖ Cough
  - ❖ Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
  - ❖ Sore throat
  - ❖ Runny nose
- Have you Travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days.
- Have you had close contact with a person who is probable or positive for Covid -19
- Did you have close contact? (with a person who had acute respiratory illness who returned from travel outside of Canada in the 14 days before they became sick)

Please stop, think and act  
to keep us all safe



## COVID ARP

If you bill **FFS** and you have not done so already, please consider joining the COVID ARP. Please contact Christopher Jappert ([ChristopherT.Jappert@ahs.ca](mailto:ChristopherT.Jappert@ahs.ca)) for further details.

## COVID-19: New / Updated Resources and Information

### NEW COVID-19 Order Sets:

- [COVID-19 Adult Admission Order Set](#) (Form #21614(Rev2020-09)) Print on Demand
- [COVID-19 Admission Adult Order Set – Reference Only](#) (20 Nov 2020)
- [COVID-19 Long Term Care & Supportive Living Medical Management Adult Order Set – Reference Only](#) (20 Nov 2020)

### NEW [Provincial PPE Safety Coach Program](#) (website)

### NEW [APL Laboratory Bulletins](#):

- Changes to Respiratory Viral Testing: Influenza/RSV, and Respiratory Pathogen Panel (RPP) (19 Nov 2020) *please see attached; document is not yet available on the Laboratory Services website*
- COVID-19 and other respiratory virus testing changes (19 Nov 2020) *please see attached; document is not yet available on the Laboratory Services website*

### NEW [Quick Guide: Resources for Primary Care to Support COVID-19 Care in Communities](#) (17 Nov 2020)

- Contains information and resources for Community and Primary Care physicians

## Upcoming Events

### COVID Corner – Update on the Inpatient Management of Patients with COVID-19

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

7:00 – 9:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

**Moderators:** Drs. Kelly Burak and Doug Woodhouse

**Speakers:** TBD

#### Learning Objectives:

By the end of this session participants will be able to:

1. Recognize factors identified with worse outcomes and use new prognostic scoring systems
2. Summarize the current evidence for pharmacologic treatment of COVID-19, including when to use dexamethasone and remdesivir
3. List important considerations if a hospitalized patient is deteriorating and when to consult specialists, including ICU
4. Use the Specialist Link Discharge Pathway to link patients to ongoing care in the community

For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

## COVID-19 Research Trials

### [Canadian Treatment of COVID-19 Trial \(CATCO\) / WHO Solidarity Trial](#)

COVID19 treatment trials available for any adult patient admitted with COVID-19 illness to Calgary Adult hospital sites. Please page 01815 during daytime hours 7 days a week if your patient is agreeable to be contacted by our team to get more information about enrolling.

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