

Department of Medicine

COVID-19 Information Bulletin

January 25, 2021

Calgary Zone COVID-19 Hospital Admission Data

Calgary Zone COVID 19 Status of Patients on Site as of 25 January 2021*



Confirmed: inpatients 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 + Isolation: 18 | Pending, Non-Iso: 12

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: 2021-01-25 10:30 am

All Patient Census by Site for 25 January 2021 as of 09:00[‡]

| | GIM | HEMA | NEPH | RESP | GI | CARD | COVID | HOSP | ID* |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| FMC | 67 | 40 | 29 | 11 | 10 | 45 | 16 | 269 | |
| PLC | 57 | 7 | | 18 | | 19 | 10 | 165 | |
| RGH | 65 | | | | | 21 | 6 | 231 | |
| SHC | 38 | | | 4 | | | 10 | 104 | |
| TOTAL | 227 | 47 | 29 | 33 | 10 | 95 | 32 | 769 | 1 |

COVID Patient Census by Site for 25 January 2021 as of 09:00[‡]

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|--------------|-----------|------|------|----------|----|----------|-----------|-----------|----|
| FMC | 4 | | | | | 1 | 15 | 24 | |
| PLC | 4 | | | 1 | | | 10 | 12 | |
| RGH | 5 | | | | | | 5 | 15 | |
| SHC | 3 | | | | | | | 11 | |
| TOTAL | 16 | | | 1 | | 1 | 30 | 62 | |

[‡] Data from [CMS Attending Groups Hourly Census](#) Tableau workbook as of: 2021-01-25 9:00 am

COVID-19 Outbreaks

Zone Outbreak Summary for 21 January 2021

- **Total: 171** (153 Confirmed, 18 Under Investigation)
 - Acute Care: 9
 - Long Term Care: 26
 - Supportive / Home Living: 38
 - Other Congregate Living: 63
 - Non-Congregate Living: 35

FMC

- **Units on outbreak: 2** (Units 32 and 62)
- **Units on watch: 1** (Unit 61)

Serial COVID-19 Testing for Prevalence (Staff and Physicians)

For any staff and physicians that have spent time on the following units since the dates indicated, surveillance testing is strongly recommended. If you have previously tested positive for COVID-19 you do not need to be re-tested.

- Unit 32 – Dec 21 onwards, serial testing every 5 days until further notice. If you have not been on Unit 32 for 14 days, you can stop testing.
- Unit 62 – New recommendation Jan 7 onwards, serial testing every 5 days until further notice. If you have not been on Unit 62 for 14 days, you can stop testing. (this is a change from one-time surveillance test)

On-site testing for asymptomatic staff and physicians is available on the sixth floor of the main building in the old lab space, and will run from 0600 to 2200. If you are tested elsewhere, please ensure EI number 2020-4456 is on the requisition. Staff or physicians who are symptomatic should not be tested on site.

Medical Learners on Units:

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

PLC

- **Units on outbreak: 5** (Units 38, 42, 52, 53, and ED)
- **Units on watch: 0**

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.

Staff/Physicians Residents/Fellows can still work on the PLC – Emergency Department provided that:

- They do not have ANY of the following COVID-19 symptoms: chills, fever, sore throat/painful swallowing, stuffy nose or runny nose, headache, muscle or joint ache, feeling unwell/fatigue/severe exhaustion, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or unexplained loss of appetite, loss of sense of smell or conjunctivitis);
- They were not identified as an exposed contact of confirmed or probable COVID-19 cases by telephone call from AHS Workplace Health and Safety and they do not have reason to believe they were in direct face-to-face unprotected (i.e. no personal protective equipment) contact with a case of COVID-19;

- They abide by the current Infection Prevention and Control measures at their designated site. These measures apply to **ALL AHS, university and student healthcare workers at all times.**

RGH

- Units on outbreak: **0**
- Units on watch: **0**

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.

SHC

- Units on outbreak: **2** (Unit 68 and 78)
- Units on watch: **0**

Holy Cross

- Units on outbreak: **0**
- Units on watch: **1** (Oncology Ambulatory Clinic)

AMH

- Units on outbreak: **3** (PChAD, RSD, Renfrew Recovery Centre)
- Units on watch: **0**

Rural

- Sites on outbreak: **1** (Strathmore Acute Care)

Senior's Health Update

- Sites on outbreak: **50**

COVID-19: Vaccination Update

All first dose vaccination appointments are currently on hold, given limited vaccine supply. Second dose vaccination appointments are continuing as able.

If you are within a group already prioritized for vaccination (i.e. COVID volunteer; work within acute care and are a member of a DOM Section with MRP roles or Section of ID) and you did not get a notice to book a vaccination appointment (call or email) prior to first dose appointments being put on hold, please email: cmo@ahs.ca.

Please see email updates from AHS CMO for further vaccination updates.

COVID-19: New / Updated Resources and Information

UPDATED [PPE FAQ](#) (21 Jan 2021)

UPDATED [Communicable Disease Control Department Standard Operating Procedure](#) (18 Jan 2021)

NEW [Memo: Surgery and Ambulatory COVID Recovery Plans and Out of Province \(OOP\) Patients](#) (21 Jan 2021)

UPDATED [Q & A: COVID-19 immunization information for 'blended' DSL/LTC and non-DSL/LTC sites](#) (18 Jan 2021)

UPDATED [AHS Standardized Approach to Medical Student Placement During COVID](#) (20 Jan 2021)

- [Overview](#)

UPDATED [COVID-19 Guidance for Designated Support and Visitor Access in Acute, Ambulatory and Emergency/Urgent Care](#) (20 Jan 2021)

UPDATED [Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Frequently Asked Questions – Healthcare Workers & Staff](#) (25 Jan 2021)

UPDATED [Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Frequently Asked Questions – Public](#) (25 Jan 2021)

UPDATED [Family Support & Visitation of Patients & Residents](#) (Website; 21 Jan 2021)

UPDATED [COVID-19: Family support & visitation of patients & residents](#) (Posted; 22 Jan 2021)

UPDATED [Designated Family Support Person Brochure: Know Your Risk](#) (Posted; 22 Jan 2021)

UPDATED [Designated Family Support Person Brochure: Know Your Role](#) (Posted; 22 Jan 2021)

UPDATED [Department Standard Operating Procedure \(DSOP\) - COVID-19 \(formerly 2019-nCoV\)](#) (18 Jan 2021)

COVID-19 Research Trials

Medical Mask vs N95 Respirators Study

Why enroll in this study?

- There are shortages of medical masks and N95 respirators worldwide.
- A randomized trial at McMaster found there was no significant difference in coronavirus infection rates among nurses wearing N95 respirators compared to medical masks.
- This national study will evaluate the use of medical masks vs N95 respirators for routine care of COVID patients.

What will my responsibilities be if I take part in this study?

- Answer brief baseline questionnaire.
- Have baseline and end of study blood samples taken for antibody testing.
- Weekly text prompts for 10 weeks (regarding your adherence to hand hygiene and mask use and to report any signs and symptoms of COVID-19).

What are the possible benefits for me?

- This information could help better protect healthcare workers.
- If you consent to participate, you will receive a thermometer and be given a total value of \$75 in VISA gift cards for your time.

If you work at least a 0.6 FTE and are interested in learning more or signing up, please contact Linet Kiplagat at lkiplaga@ucalgary.ca or Darlene Sola at dsola@ucalgary.ca or call/text 403-614-9431.

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.

COVID ARP

If you plan to volunteer on a COVID team 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 Christopher Jappert (ChristopherT.Jappert@ahs.ca) for further details.

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