

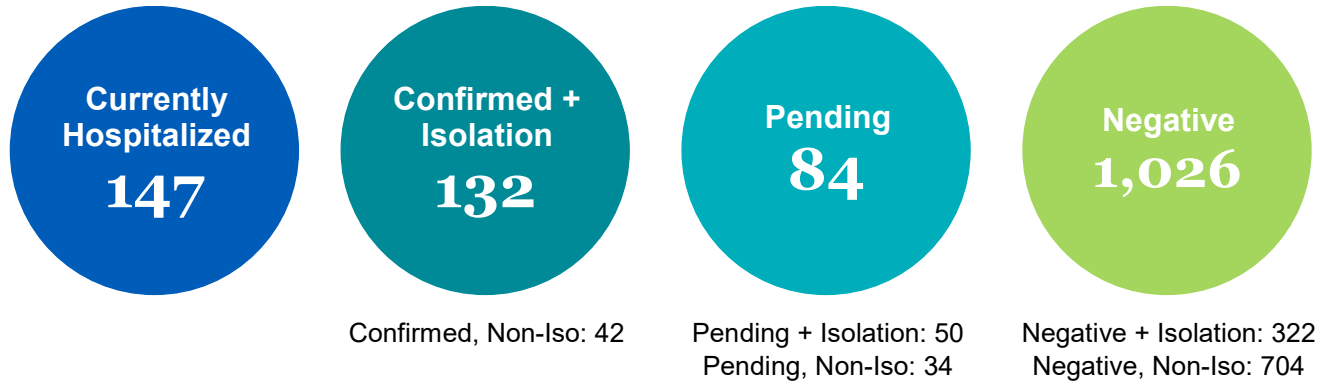
Department of Medicine

COVID-19 Information Bulletin

November 27, 2020

Calgary Zone COVID 19 Hospital Admission Data

Calgary Zone COVID 19 Status of Patients on Site as of 27 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 27 November 2020*

	FMC		PLC		RGH		SHC	
	Confirmed	Pending	Confirmed	Pending	Confirmed	Pending	Confirmed	Pending
Cardiac Sciences	1	1			1			
Hospitalist	14	4	21	2	32	14	12	4
Med / Oncology / Hematology	1	5		1				
Medical Teaching Unit	2		4	4			1	
Medicine	5	5	9	4	11	16	3	

* Data from [Calgary Zone COVID 19 Operational Reporting Tableau Database](#) as of: 2020-11-27 8:45 am

Calgary Zone Confirmed COVID 19 Patient Census Over Time[^]

	Nov 22		Nov 23		Nov 24		Nov 25		Nov 26	
	Non-ICU	ICU	Non-ICU	ICU	Non-ICU	ICU	Non-ICU	ICU	Non-ICU	ICU
ACH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	1.0	0
FMC	29.4	1.0	28.7	1.0	25.6	1.9	23.6	2.0	24.2	2.0
PLC	18.5	7.5	18.2	6.2	17.9	6.3	20.0	6.8	20.8	6.0
RGH	30.1	0	30.9	0.6	28.5	2.0	28.0	2.0	30.8	2.0
SHC	21.8	0.2	20.3	1.0	21.1	2.0	22.2	2.0	21.3	2.0
TOTAL	99.7	8.7	98.1	8.8	93.1	12.2	94.1	12.8	98.0	12.0

Calgary Zone COVID 19 Hospital Admissions by Day[^]

	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26
ACH	0	0	0	1	0
FMC	1	3	1	6	4
PLC	1	3	5	4	2
RGH	3	0	1	2	3
SHC	0	1	4	2	1
TOTAL	5	7	11	15	10

[^] Data from [Calgary Zone COVID 19 Daily Activity & Outcomes Tableau Dashboard](#) as of: 2020-11-27 00:00 pm

COVID-19 Outbreaks**ACH**

- Units on watch: **1** (Unit 3)

FMC

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

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: **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.

RGH

- Units on outbreak: **4** (Units 58, 59, 74, 94)
- Units on watch: **1** (Unit 82)

NEW Units 59 and 94 on Outbreak. Unit 59 Single Unit Order enacted 11/23.

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)

Claresholm Centre for Addictions and Mental Health

- **Units on outbreak: 2** (Extended Transition Unit, Administration)

Rural Health Update

- **Sites on watch: 1** (Oilfields Acute Care)

Senior’s Health Update

- **Outbreaks: 44 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, Bethany Calgary, Clifton Manor)

Indigenous Health Update

- Siksika 106 cases, Tsuu T’ina 4 cases, Eden Valley 24 cases

NEW Alberta Government Update

A state of Public Health Emergency has been declared for the province of Alberta. Enhanced public health measures went into effect on November 24, 2020. These include new restrictions to gatherings, business and schools, including a mandatory masking for indoor workspaces.

For more information, please visit alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx

NEW Guidance for Designated Family/Supports during Outbreak and High Community Transmission

NEW [Memo: Guidance for Designated Family/Supports during Outbreak and High Community Transmission](#) (25 Sept 2020)

Due to the raising cases of COVID-19 and rate of community transmission, Alberta Health Services (AHS) has made the difficult decision to limit designated family/support and visitation at some healthcare facilities.

Effective November 25, 2020, we have made some changes to our designated family support and visitation Guidelines for **facilities on outbreak and in communities where COVID-19 transmission is high**, as evidenced by an [Alberta Health designation of watch or enhanced status](#). These changes include:

- Only one designated family/support person is permitted under [specific circumstances](#) for patients admitted into the hospital. Speak with the care team at the site to determine exceptions.
- In addition, there is guidance for specific patient care areas:
 - **Maternity and Postpartum:** one designated family/support person is permitted. A doula or a surrogate, in addition to the designated family/support person, will be allowed when this is part of a birth plan and the facility has the ability to support this safely.
 - **Pediatrics and NICU:** up to two designated family/support persons are permitted.
 - **Critical Care:** up to two designated family/support persons are permitted.

- **End-of-Life:** one designated family/support person. The presence of visitors must be pre-arranged with the site/unit.
- **Ambulatory (Outpatient):** one designated family/support person, where possible.
- **Emergency Department:** one designated family/support person, where possible.

ZEOCs are responsible in determining when restrictions shall be enacted and lifted. Restrictions will be valid for 14 days and then reviewed and reassessed.

We recognize that these restrictions are very difficult for patients, families, loved ones, staff and physicians. These are temporary measures to help reduce exposure and spread of COVID-19 during a current outbreak or where community transmission is high.

Here are additional resources to support your work:

- [Guidance for Designated Family/Supports during Outbreak and Enhanced Community Transmission](#)
- [Summary \(printable version\): Supporting & Visiting during Outbreak and Enhanced Community Transmission](#) – sites can print this out and make available at site screening stations
- [Letter for Patients & Families](#) – sites can share this letter with patients and families, if they so choose
- [Poster: Outbreak Measures in Place](#) – these posters can be used in any setting where outbreak measures are in place. Also available in different sizes [here](#).

Additionally, we are encouraging staff, patients/residents, and designated family/support persons to work together to reduce the amount of time spent in AHS facilities by considering what support needs to be provided in person and what can be provided virtually. Designated family/support persons should assess their risk of exposure and transmission of COVID-19 before they enter an AHS site. To support this, the taskforce has created two brochures for designated family/support persons: [Know Your Risk](#) and [Know Your Role](#). Please share these resources with acute and continuing care staff to review with patients, residents and support persons.

We encourage you to review the updated restrictions in full at ahs.ca/visitation.

Thank you for your continued support as we weigh the risk of welcoming family presence while ensuring the health and safety of other patients, staff and physicians providing their care.

The COVID-19 Family Presence and Visitation ECC Taskforce

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) for further details.

COVID-19: New / Updated Resources and Information

NEW [Memo: Easy Access to Interpretation for COVID-19 Screening](#) (26 Nov 2020)

NEW [Transfers from Acute Care to Continuing Care Facilities](#) (25 Nov 2020)

NEW [Changes to AHS Follow-Up Communications to Albertans who Test Positive for COVID-19](#) (25 Nov 2020) **Not for public posting**

UPDATED [COVID-19 FAQs – Healthcare Providers and Staff](#) (25 Nov 2020)

NEW [Guidelines for Continuous Mask and Eye Protection Use in Home Care & Congregate Living Settings](#) (24 Nov 2020)

- [Poster: Information for Home Care Clients About Continuous Mask Use](#)

NEW [Province-wide Tele-Advice for Primary Care](#) (24 Nov 2020)

NEW [Memo: Release from Isolation and Contact Tracing Backlog](#) (23 Nov 2020)

NEW [Memo: Dry Oxygen Administration Clarification](#) (23 Nov 2020)

UPDATED [COVID-19 Non-Clinical Screener Information Package](#) (23 Nov 2020)

- Please see updates to the COVID-19 Non-Clinical Screener Package which includes separate questionnaires for staff and visitors, as well as for continuing care and non-continuing care. Two new Fit for Work Questionnaires – *Staff Screening Questionnaire for Congregate Living Facilities Licensed Under MHSPA* and *Daily Fit for Work Screening Questionnaire for Non-Continuing Care Staff of Confirmed COVID-19 Outbreak Unit/Area* – have been added. New recommendations for COVID-19 AHS Facilities Non Clinical Screeners have been added and all hyperlinks have been updated.

NEW [Memo: PPE Safety Coach Program](#) (20 Nov 2020)

UPDATED [Compassionate Exemptions](#) (website; 17 Nov 2020)

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.

Physician Wellness



Cultivating Wellness

How are your workplace interactions during these times of added stress?

Click on the link to this education bulletin from Well Doc Alberta about civility and respect.

[Civility and Respect: How We Can Be at Our Best During the Pandemic and Beyond](#)

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