

# Department of Medicine

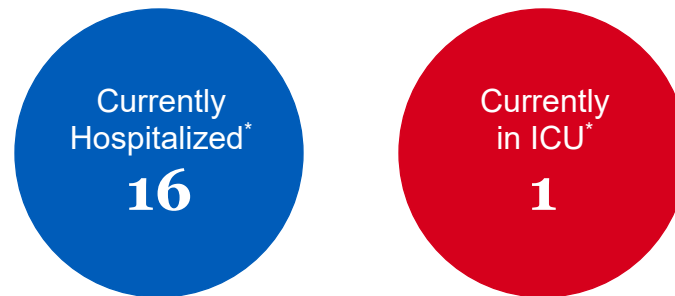
## Information Bulletin

August 18, 2020

### Frequency of Department of Medicine Communications

Due to the reactivation of ZEOC and ECC activities, Information Bulletin, the Department of Medicine will be moving to bi-weekly communications. As such, the next Information Bulletin will be issued the week of August 31, 2020.

### Calgary Zone COVID Case Report – August 17, 2020



### Calgary Zone Capacity Assessment – August 17, 2020\*

Urban Inpatient Sites	Current Hospitalization	Currently in ICU
ACH	0	0
FMC	3	0
PLC	4	1
RGH	3	0
SHC	5	0
High River General Hospital	1	0

### Calgary Zone Historic Summary (previous 5 days)\*

	August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16
# COVID+ admitted	17	17	18	17	17
Total ICU Cases	0	0	0	0	0

\* Data from [Provincial COVID 19 Hospitalizations: Daily Census Counts Tableau Database](#) updated to: 2020-08-17 11:59 pm

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

### AHS COVID-19 Staff & Physician Resources

#### Relaunch Information

- **NEW** [Relaunch Playbook V 2.0](#) (12 August 2020)
- **NEW** [COVID-19 Relaunch Resources](#) (website)

**UPDATED** [AHS, Covenant Health and APL Healthcare Worker COVID-19 Testing](#) (12 August 2020)

**UPDATED** [Use of Portable Fans and Air Conditioners in Healthcare during COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (11 August 2020)

**UPDATED** [COVID-19 Healthcare Worker / Staff Q&A](#) (7 August 2020)

#### Acute Care COVID-19 Expanded Testing

- **UPDATED** [Acute Care COVID-19 Expanded Testing Algorithm](#) (29 July 2020)
- **UPDATED** [Communicable Disease \(Respiratory\) Initial Screening](#) (Form 21615(2020-07))

#### COVID-19 Designated Family/Support and Visitor Guidance

- **UPDATED** [Family Support & Visitation of Patients & Residents](#) (website; last updated 12 August 2020)
- **UPDATED** [Family Support & Visitation Guidance](#) (30 July 2020)
- **NEW** [Clinical Ethics Support During COVID-19](#) (24 July 2020)
- **NEW** [Directive: Designated Family/Support Access and Visitation in Designated Living Option and Hospice Settings During COVID-19](#) (21 July 2020)
- **NEW** [CMOH Order 29-2020 which rescinds CMOH order 14-2020: 2020 COVID-19 response](#) (16 July 2020)
- **NEW** [Designated Living Option and Hospice Designated Family/Support Access and Visitation Process Template](#) (Form 21664(2020-07))
- **UPDATED** [Guidance Summary](#)

**NEW** [Guideline: Home Detox and Virtual Opioid Agonist Therapy During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (6 August 2020)

**UPDATED** [Management Strategies for the Wandering COVID-19 Patient in Acute Care](#) (1 August 2020)

**UPDATED** [Nasopharyngeal and Throat Swab Collection COVID-19](#) (31 July 2020)

#### Harm Reduction and COVID-19 Printable Handouts (30 July 2020):

- **NEW** [Clean and Disinfect to prevent COVID-19](#)
- **NEW** [Safer Use During COVID-19](#)
- **NEW** [What You Can Do to Prepare for COVID-19](#)

**UPDATED** [COVID-19 and Pregnancy, Birth, Postpartum and Breastfeeding](#) (29 July 2020)

**UPDATED** [COVID-19, Influenza and other Novel Viral Respiratory Infections, Artificial Airways of the Neck: Best Practice Recommendations – Calgary Zone](#) (28 July 2020)

**UPDATED** [Non-invasive Ventilation in Adult Acute Care during COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (27 July 2020)

**UPDATED** [COVID-19 Testing: Frequently Asked Questions](#) (21 July 2020)

**Infection, Prevention & Control (IP&C)**

**UPDATED** [Handling, Cleaning, and Disinfecting Mobile DI Devices](#) (8 August 2020)

**UPDATED** [Cleaning and Disinfection during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Addressing Disinfectant Supply Challenges](#) (8 August 2020)

**NEW** [Tip Sheet for Acute Care Patients and Designated Family/Supports during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (28 July 2020)

**UPDATED** [Update: Glidescope™ / Video Laryngoscopy Usage](#) (27 July 2020)

**UPDATED** [COVID-19 Screening and Management of Obstetrical Patients and Essential Support Persons](#) (24 July 2020)

**NEW** [COVID-19 Resource Summary](#) (20 July 2020)

**NEW** [Options and Adaptations for Healthcare Providers to address Patient Communication Challenges](#) (20 July 2020)

**UPDATED** [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) FAQ](#) (20 July 2020)

**UPDATED** [Respiratory \(ILI\) Algorithm: Assessing the Need for Additional Precautions](#) (17 July 2020)

**Scientific Advisory Group (SAG)**

**NEW** [COVID-19 Transmission in Condominiums and Apartments](#) (16 July 2020)

**UPDATED** [COVID-19 Asymptomatic Transmission](#) (Updated 13 July 2020)

**Sunrise Clinical Manager (SCM) Order Sets**

**UPDATED** [COVID-19 Long Term Care & Supportive Living Medical Management Adult Order Set](#) (Reference Only; 20 July 2020)

**DOM COVID-19 Research Opportunities****CATCO COVID-19 Trial access to Remdesivir**

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that we now have access to Remdesivir as part of the CATCO COVID-19 treatment trial at all 4 Calgary adult hospital sites. Any hospitalized (including ICU) patient with COVID-19 illness may qualify for the study. This drug has shown some promise in treating COVID-19 with a decrease length of stay, and had been approved for clinical use in Canada for patients who are hypoxemic. But as yet, it has not been shown to be effective with regards to hard endpoints such as mortality or need for mechanical ventilation and it remains unfunded and for the most part unavailable from the manufacturer in Canada. As an “adaptive” randomized trial, the hydroxychloroquine and Kaletra arms of the trial are now closed due to lack of efficacy. In the coming weeks, an Interferon B1a arm will be opened, and other drug treatments are in the planning phase as well.

**Please contact us through pager 01815** daytime 9-5 / 7-days a week if you are looking after a patient that may be interested in participating in this trial. We will need you to ask their permission for us to contact them.

In addition, the CONCOR-1 convalescent plasma trial is now opened (non-ICU patients, all sites except SHC. PI Dr. Dave Sidhu), and the same coordinators (at pager 01815) can screen patients for this trial which can co-enroll with the CATCO trial as well.

Keep in mind that hypoxemic COVID-19 patients should also be considered for treatment with dexamethasone (6mg PO or IV qday x 10) as this has been shown to reduce mortality in this population (NEJM July 17, 2020). This would not impact eligibility for the above trials.

Hopefully you will find these options helpful as you care for this patient population.

Thank you,

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

(ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04330690)

- Antiviral treatment trial available for any adult patient admitted with COVID-19 illness to Calgary Adult hospital sites. Please **page 01815** during daytime hours (9 am – 5 pm) 7 days a week if your patient is agreeable and has consented to be contacted by our team to get more information about enrolling. Patients eligible for this trial can also co-enroll with the CONCOR1 trial.

### [CONCOR-1 Convalescent Plasma Trial](#) (ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04348656)

- The CONCOR1 convalescent plasma trial is now available for non-ICU patients at all sites except SHC. Please **page 01815** during daytime hours (9 am – 5 pm) 7 days a week if your patient is agreeable and has consented to be contacted by our team to get more information about enrolling. Patients eligible for this trial can also co-enroll with the CATCO trial.

## **AHS Pharmacy Medication Posting – Salbutamol inhalers**

Please see the Medication Posting for [salbutamol metered dose inhaler – Change in supplied product](#). Due to the increased demand during the COVID-19 pandemic, Health Canada has authorized the import of alternative supply from the UK. **The UK-labelled supply is comparable to the Canadian product but differs in appearance, labelling and priming instructions.**

The Calgary Zone is affected by this shortage. **Please conserve stock and use alternatives where available.**

The most current information on drug shortages and medication postings can be found on the [AHS Pharmacy Services Back Order Database](#).

## **Fit for Work**

Fit for Work: [Online Questionnaire](#)

Fit for Work: [Protocols](#) | [Questionnaire](#)

Fit for Work: [Screening Implementation Guide](#)

Poster: [Fit for Work Screening](#)

Poster: [Fit for Work Online Screening Tool](#)

Poster: [Welcome to Work](#)