

COVID-19 Status

We have confirmed 54 new cases of COVID-19 over the past 24 hours, bringing the provincial total to 6,017. Of the total cases, we suspect 704 cases may have been acquired in the community from an unknown source (these do not include those considered part of outbreaks), 255 have been hospitalized and 52 have been in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Currently, there are 85 cases in hospital, with 18 in an ICU. 3,809 cases have now recovered.

We must report two additional deaths in the past 24 hours, bringing the provincial total to 114 lives lost in Alberta related to COVID-19. We continue to offer our sympathies to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one to COVID-19 today.

3,818 tests were completed over the last 24 hours, bringing our total COVID-19 tests to 174,327 since the start of the pandemic.

Things You Need to Know

Implementation Begins on Single Site Order

In April, Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health put in place [an order on single site employment](#) for Long-Term Care and Designated Supportive Living (LTC/DSL) sites. The necessary planning and determination of staff assignments with all LTC/DSL operators across the province is well underway. Implementation is proceeding in a phased approach. We are now ready to implement the order with some local operators (including AHS sites) in North and Central Zones, and continue to work on planning with other operators and others zones. For more information, please see the [Staff FAQ on Single Site, Confirmed Outbreak and Exclusion Orders](#).

PPE Tip of the Day

Our daily tips feature quick and simple reminders you can make part of your practice, from shift to shift.

Mask removal:

Do not [remove your mask](#), and carry it around. Remove it, and immediately dispose of it and [wash your hands](#).

Here's a quick tip video, which provides you information on what to do and what not to do, related to wearing masks.



To see previous PPE Tips of the Day, please visit the PPE Tips archive, [here](#).

In the Zones

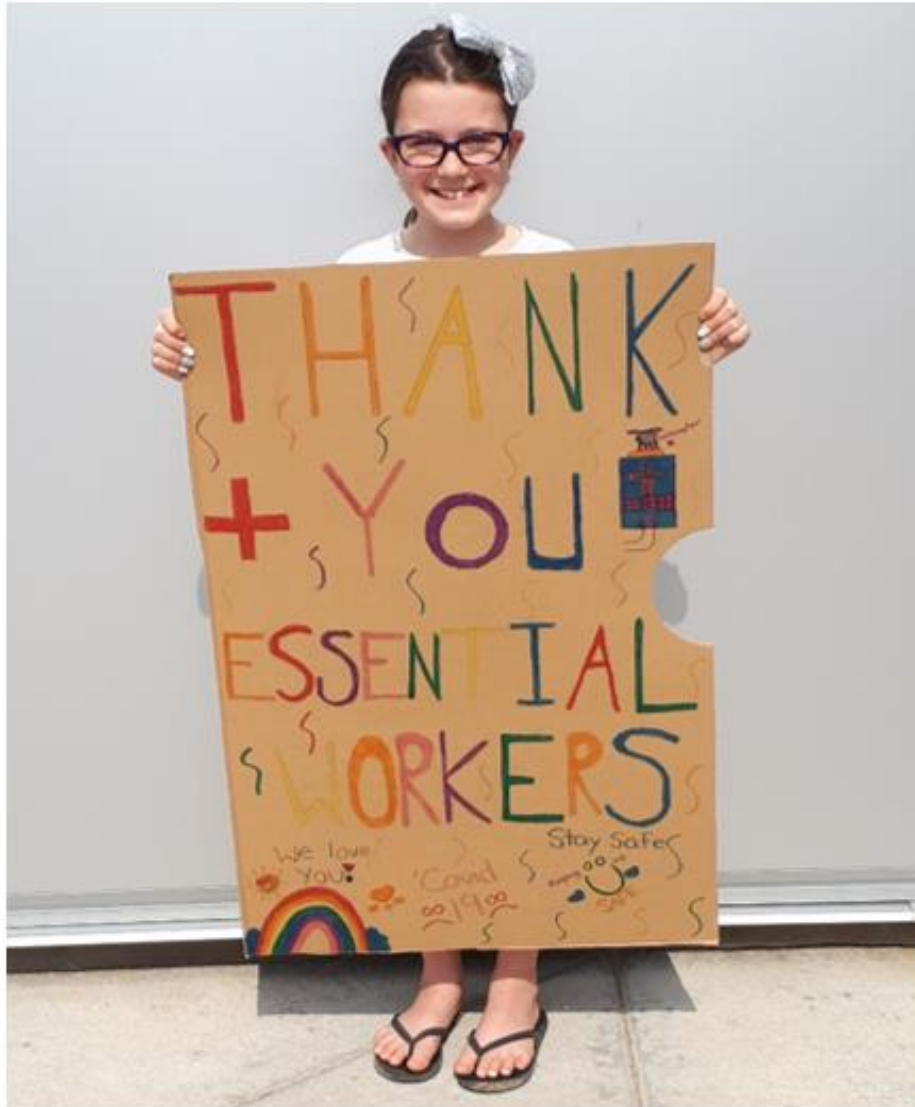
Zone Emergency Operations Centre (ZEOC) Update – Central Zone

Across the zone, we've seen an outpouring of support from the communities we serve, including parades of cars honking their horns, individuals donating to our foundation partners in different ways as a show of appreciation, or simply sharing words of encouragement, like those of young Ava in Wainwright, pictured below. Each gesture is appreciated and reaffirms the efforts of staff and physicians in the face of COVID-19.

In a number of communities, including Ponoka and Rocky Mountain House, staff have turned the tables to recognize the support of local residents, who have played an important role in following public health guidance to protect themselves and others.

Staff from multiple disciplines, along with physicians, EMS and community first responders organized a vehicle parade through the streets of Ponoka as a way to thank residents. The parade was also an opportunity to share words of encouragement and acknowledge that the community's hard work and sacrifices are making a difference to the medical community and first responders.

The staff at Rocky Mountain House Health Centre have been feeling the love from their community and are expressing their gratitude for that support through art. Administrative assistant, Janel Cadrain, had the idea to paint windows at the site, as she and her two small children loved to drive around looking at brightly-adorned windows in many buildings across town.



Ava, from Wainwright, offers words of encouragement to essential workers in her community.



Staff at the Rocky Mountain House Health Centre show love to their community with displays of art in windows of the health centre, which face the town's main street.

Be Well - Be Kind

We've talked before about this being a marathon and not a sprint. As we near the end of week nine in our provincial fight against COVID-19, it is becoming so clear that we will need to remain vigilant for weeks and months to come. The people of this province need us to stay strong, and we will continue to adapt to meet the needs of our patients and keep Albertans safe. We will get through this. It will get better. Please hold on.

Please Note: This message has been modified from the AHS Daily Updates.

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