



Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partnership (VCREMP)

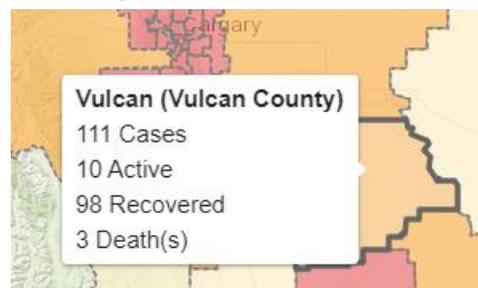
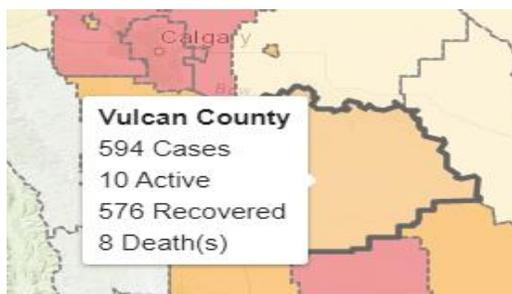
April 7, 2021

RE: COVID-19 Update 107 (**RED text** indicates web link & New Information in **BLUE**)

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The entire Province of Alberta is under enhanced status.

COVID Numbers within Vulcan County are as follows:



Numbers accurate as of end of day April 6.

There are currently **TEN (10) Active Cases** within the region all which are within the borders of Vulcan County.

Cases have increased by 6 cases in the past week in Vulcan County. Please keep following proper personal hygiene and cleaning practices. Please follow these [guidelines](#) and watch your municipal websites for further updates.

Active cases within the Province now stand at 11,464 as of end of day April 6, 2021. Recoveries within the Province now stand at 142,010

Vaccine Progress to Date

As of April 6:

- 755,831 doses administered
- 16,906.5 doses per 100,000 population
- 133,401 Albertans fully immunized (2 doses)
- 205 adverse events following immunization reported ([learn about vaccine safety](#))

The Province has also released an online portal for vaccination sign-up. Currently the Province is taking bookings for Albertans age 75 and older. Other Albertans can still sign up to get notified when they are eligible to receive a vaccination. To participate in these programs please go to:

<https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx>

Transportation to Vaccination Appointments

Vulcan and Region FCSS Courtesy Drivers are providing free transportation for low-income seniors in need of a ride for their vaccinations, to the Vulcan Health Center, from one of the villages, roundtrip. To arrange a booking for these services, please phone Vulcan Region FCSS at (403) 485-2192 Extension 101 to discuss pick up options and book a driver.



Approved Vaccines

Vaccines approved by Health Canada:

- Pfizer BioNTech, approved Dec. 9, 2020
- Moderna, approved Dec. 23, 2020
- Astra-Zeneca, approved Feb. 26, 2021 (Temporarily suspended for anyone under the age of 55)
- Johnson and Johnson March 5, 2021

Further information on vaccinations from AHS Community Engagement on Vaccines can be found [here](#).

Restrictions

Alberta returned to Step 1 on April 6. Additional restrictions for restaurants take effect April 9 at noon. Step 1 restrictions will remain in place until further notice.

Gathering restrictions

- Alberta declared a State of Public Health Emergency to protect the health care system from COVID-19. Social gatherings are the top source of transmission.
- Effective Dec. 8, all indoor and outdoor social gatherings are prohibited. This will be enforced with \$1,000 fines.

Workplaces

- Effective Dec. 8, masks are mandatory in all indoor public spaces and workplaces.
- Effective Dec. 13, working from home is mandatory when physical presence is not required.

Business and service restrictions

- Retail services and shopping malls must limit customer capacity to 15% of fire code occupancy (not including staff) or a minimum of 5 customers.

Effective April 9 at noon, in-person service is not permitted indoors.

- Restaurants, pubs, bars, lounges and cafes can open for outdoor patio dining, takeout, curbside pickup and delivery only.
- Patio seating must be limited to a maximum of 6 people per table – individuals must be from the same household or the 2 close contacts for a person living alone.
- Tables and dining parties must be 2 metres apart or separated by an impermeable barrier that will prevent droplet transmission.
- Individuals must stay seated with their dining party unless using the washroom, paying, or entering/exiting the facility. Masks must be worn indoors.
- Contact information must be collected from one person of the dining party.
- Liquor service ends at 10 pm.
- Patio dining must close by 11 pm.
- No entertainment allowed (VLTs, pool tables, live music, etc.).

What Else You Can Do

Continue following existing public health measures to keep ourselves and others safe:

- Keep 2 meters apart when you can, wear a mask when you can't
- Practice good hygiene: wash your hands often and cover coughs and sneezes
- Monitor your symptoms every day
- If sick, stay home, get tested, and follow mandatory isolation requirements while waiting for results:
 - if positive, isolate from others for 10 days or until symptoms are gone, whichever is longer
 - if negative, stay home until you are better



- Avoid non-essential travel
- Get the flu shot to keep influenza cases low so health workers can focus on the COVID-19 pandemic

Community Resources

The VCREMP has put together [a series of videos on COVID-19](#) related themes:

- [Tips for Wearing Masks](#)
- [Tips for Washing Hands and Surfaces](#)
- [Tips on Public Distancing, Touching Your Face and Wearing Gloves](#)
- [When to See the Doctor](#)
- [Protect Our Communities](#)
- [Here for You](#)

The VCREMP has created [recommended mask use](#) posters available for businesses to download.

- [Face Coverings Recommended](#)
- [How To for Mask Use](#)

Program Availability If You Have Been Effected by COVID-19

There are a number of programs available through the Federal Government as a response to COVID-19. These programs are available for businesses, individuals, or families. For a complete list of programs please visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>

Local assistance can also be provided through the Vulcan & Region Family Community Support Services. Program information can be found on their website at <http://www.vulcanandregionfcss.com> or by phoning their office at (403)485-2192 during regular business hours.

811 Health Link

Once again, people experiencing symptoms are to take the [online](#) self-assessment. As a further reminder, **811-health link is for those who are feeling ill and seeking advice.**

If you, or someone you care about, are feeling overwhelmed with emotions like sadness, depression, or anxiety, or feel like you want to harm yourself or others

- Mental Health Help Line at 1-877-303-2643
- Addiction Help Line at 1-866-332-2322

Above information sourced from: <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans>

Sincerely,

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