



## Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partnership (VCREMP)

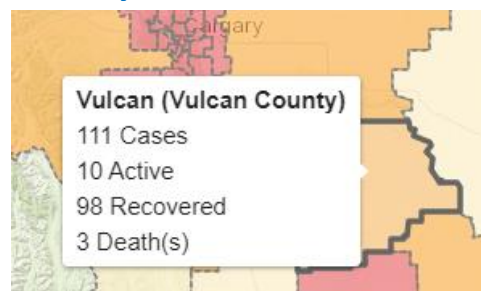
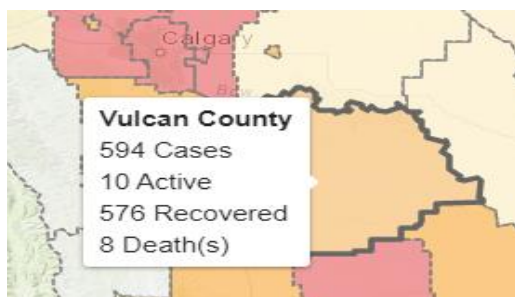
April 7, 2021

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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