

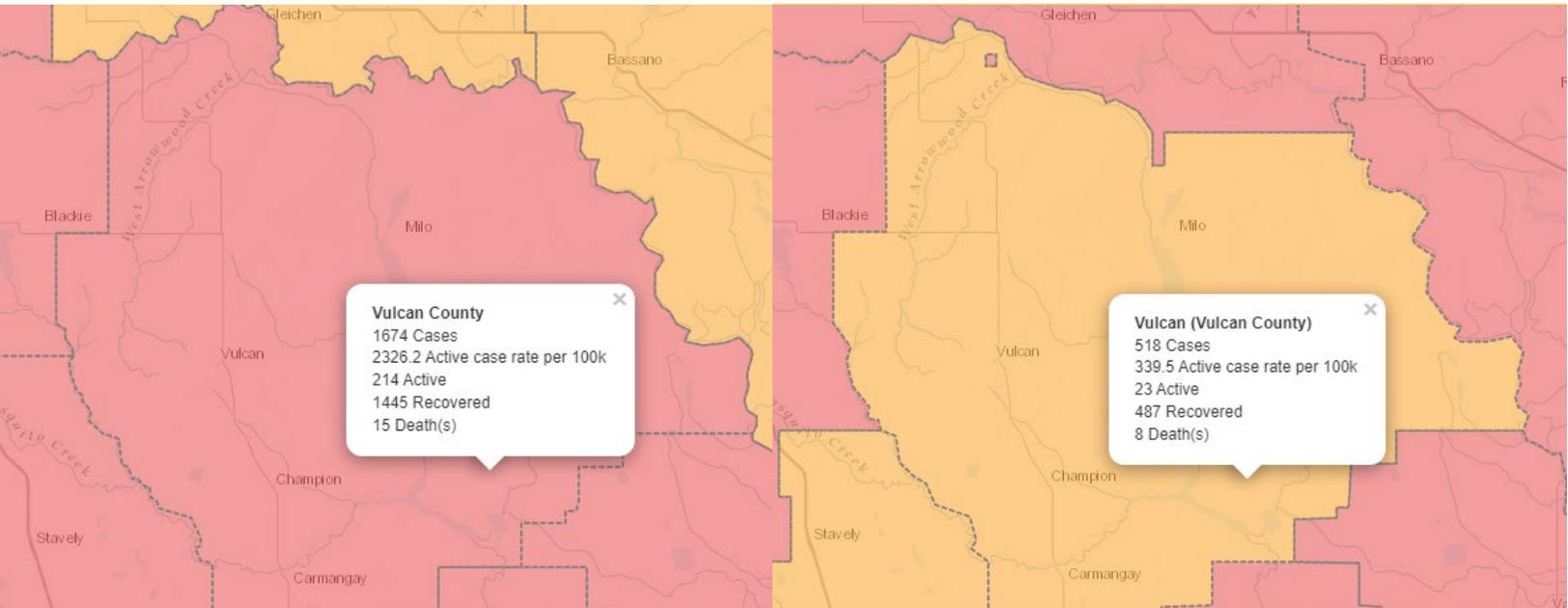


Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partnership (VCREMP)

February 8, 2022

RE: COVID-19 Update 118 ([BLUE](#) indicates web link)

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



COVID Numbers within Vulcan County are as follows:

- **There are currently two hundred-fourteen (214) Active Cases within the region;**
- **Twenty-three (23) are within the borders of Vulcan County.**

[Active Cases in Alberta](#) now stand at 28,265 as of end of day February 8, 2022. Actual cases likely ten times higher due to testing capacity. There have been 477,767 recoveries since the start of the pandemic.

As we have seen a recent rise in Covid-19 cases with the area, we remind residents to follow proper personal hygiene and cleaning practices as outlined in these [guidelines](#).

COVID-19 Safely Return to Normal

Overview

All information sourced from Government of Alberta Release on February 8, 2022

Alberta will begin a careful and prudent plan to phase out public health measures, starting Feb. 8. The three-step approach will begin with lower-risk activities while maintaining protections for the health-care system, including continuing care facilities.

Beginning Feb. 8 at 11:59 p.m., Alberta will move to step one, which includes the removal of the Restrictions Exemption Program and capacity limits on venues under 500 capacity, including libraries and places of worship, and allows for food and beverage consumption in seated audience settings for large events and entertainment venues. Mandatory masking for children and youth in schools, and for youth aged 12 and under in any setting will end Feb. 13 at 11:59 p.m.



Subsequent steps will see changes to working from home, masking requirements, large venue capacity limits and indoor social gathering limits, with a final step removing isolation requirements and COVID-specific measures in continuing care settings. The lifting of restrictions will progress once pressures on the health-care system have sufficiently eased.

Step One

Effective Feb. 8 at 11:59 p.m.:

- Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) ends, along with most associated restrictions.
- Entertainment venues will continue to have some specific rules in place:
 - Restrictions on sale of food and beverages and consumption while seated in audience settings will be removed.
 - Restrictions on closing times, alcohol service, table capacity in restaurants and interactive activities will remain in force.
- For all businesses, venues and facilities – whether they were previously eligible for the REP or not – capacity limits are removed, except for:
 - Facilities with capacity of 500 to 1,000, which will be limited to 500.
 - Facilities with capacity of 1,000-plus, which will be limited to 50 per cent.

Effective at 11:59 p.m. on Feb. 13:

- Masks will no longer be required for all children and youth in schools.
- Masks will no longer be required in any setting for children aged 12 and under.

Step Two

Effective March 1:

- Any remaining provincial school requirements (including cohorting) will be removed.
- Screening prior to youth activities will no longer be required.
- Capacity limits will be lifted for all venues.
- Limits on social gatherings will be removed.
- Provincial mask mandate will be removed.
- Mandatory work from home removed.

Step Three

To be determined based on hospitalization rates continuing to trend downwards

- COVID-specific measures in continuing care will be removed.
- Mandatory isolation becomes a recommendation only.

Additional details on all restrictions and measures in place will be released prior to each step at alberta.ca/CovidMeasures.



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/release.cfm?xID=8185996876395-A336-5B57-A82D6FEE916E1060>

Sincerely,

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