

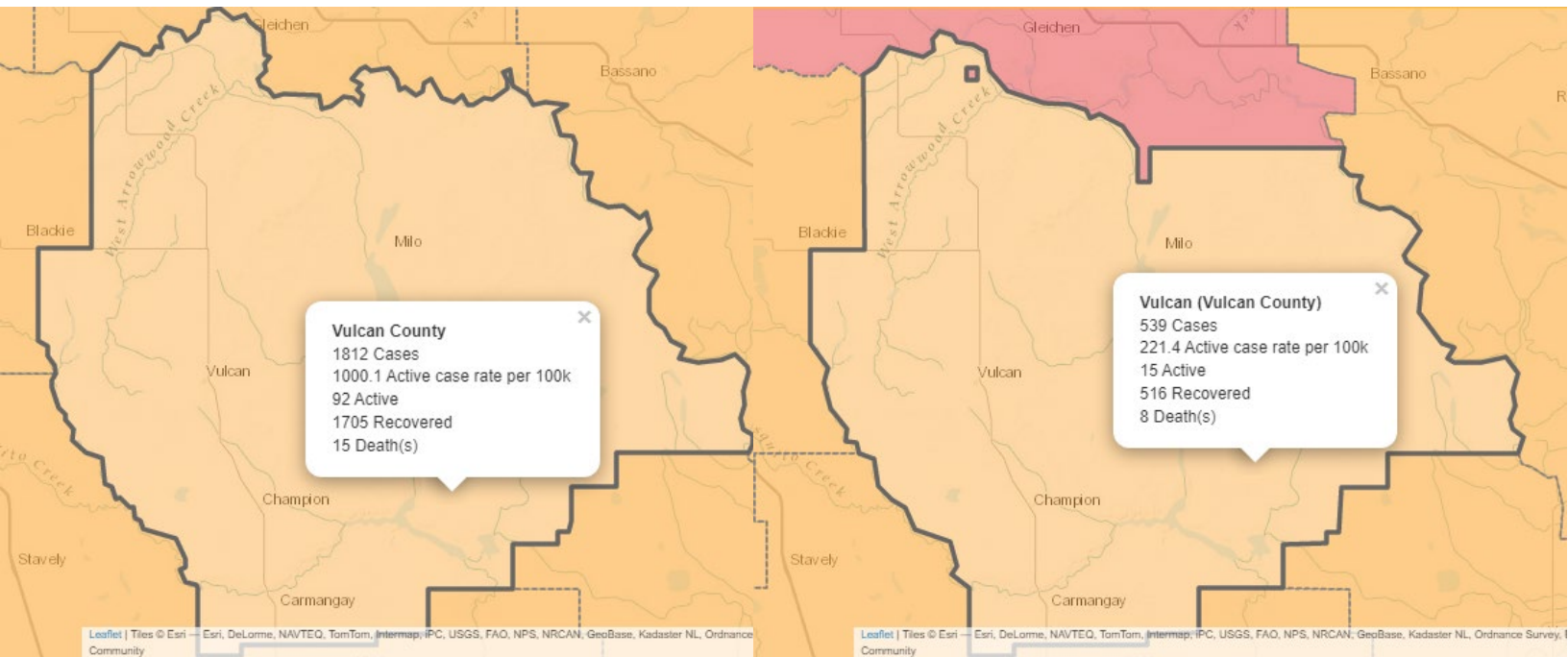


## Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partnership (VCREMP)

February 28, 2022

RE: COVID-19 Update 119 ([BLUE](#) indicates web link)

### IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



COVID Numbers within Vulcan County are as follows:

- There are currently ninety-two (92) Active Cases within the region;
- Fifteen (15) are within the borders of Vulcan County.

[Active Cases in Alberta](#) now stand at 10,112 as of end of day February 24, 2022. Actual cases are likely higher due to testing capacity. There have been 510,371 recoveries since the start of the pandemic.

As Alberta shifts to an endemic approach to COVID-19, we remind residents to follow proper personal hygiene and cleaning practices as outlined in these [guidelines](#).

### COVID-19 Safely Return to Normal – Step 2 Overview

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

On February 8, Alberta began its careful and prudent plan to phase out public health measures. The three-step approach began with lower-risk activities while maintaining protections for the health-care system, including continuing care facilities.

**Beginning February 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m., Alberta will move to Step Two**, which includes the removal of the majority of remaining public health restrictions. This phase will see changes to working from home, masking requirements, and large venue capacity limits and indoor social gathering limits.

Effective March 1, public health restrictions will only include mandatory isolation for positive cases and COVID-specific measures in continuing care facilities.



## 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.

The final step will remove 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 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](http://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

Sincerely,

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