



Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partnership

June 4, 2020

RE: COVID-19 Update 58 (**RED text** indicates web link & New Information in **BLUE**)

Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partnership updates will now be release two (2) days a week. All updates moving forward will be released on Tuesday and Thursday of each week, unless urgent messaging comes from Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health or Government Officials during their daily updates.

Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partners are continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation in Alberta. The latest Government of Alberta media releases can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/news.aspx>

All Vulcan County Fire Halls are closed to the public until further notice. The municipal offices of Vulcan County, the villages of Arrowwood, Carmangay, Champion, Lomond and Milo remain closed to the public while business operations are continuing. The Town of Vulcan municipal office remains open, however, **we are urging the public to use municipal websites, email and telephone** to answer their inquiries.

While the number of daily confirmed cases is remaining relatively flat, it is imperative to follow proper personal hygiene and cleaning practices. Please follow these **guidelines** and watch your municipal websites for further updates.

Everyone, even persons not exhibiting symptoms or requiring mandatory self-isolation, is strongly encouraged to limit outings to a minimum and stay home; **observe social distancing** and avoid touching your face without first washing your hands.

The Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partnership 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**

Cases in Alberta and Vulcan County

For today, 19 new cases have been confirmed bringing the total to 7,076. There are no new reported fatalities as a result of COVID-19. A total of 271,298 Albertans have been tested. There have been a total of 6,587 recoveries to date, with 344 active cases. There are no confirmed cases within Vulcan County or the urban municipalities within its region, although testing has been



undertaken for those with symptoms. Vulcan County is in the **Calgary Health Zone**. Alberta uses **modelling** to anticipate the number of COVID-19 cases over the coming months. **Revised modeling** was provided on April 28th.

Canada/US Border Closure

An agreement has been reached between Canada and the United States to keep the border closed to all non-essential travel for another month.

The extension on the existing agreement means that the border restrictions will stay in place until June 21, even as parts of both countries begin gradually reopening. The agreement, as it stands, exempts the flow of trade and commerce, as well as vital health-care workers such as nurses who live and work on opposite sides of the border. Tourists and cross-border visits remain prohibited.

Guidance on Outdoor Activities

With the weather warming up, everyone is eager to go outside for fresh air.

Albertans are encouraged to enjoy outdoor activities, as long as you follow all public health orders to protect yourself and others from the spread of COVID-19.

- **Limit outdoor gatherings** to no more than 50 people
- Stay home and away from others if **exhibiting symptoms**
- If participating in activities with people from outside your household or **cohort family**
 - maintain a physical distance of 2 metres at all times
 - refrain from sharing equipment

Federal Updates:

- The Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, announced the names of nine business leaders who will join the new and recently announced Industry Strategy Council. The Council provides a forum for the Government to hear from and collaborate with well-respected industry leaders to assess the scope and depth of COVID-19's impact on industries and to understand specific sectoral pressures.
- The Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, announced the launch of a call for proposals under the newly modernized Enabling Accessibility Fund – small projects component. The modernization of the program will help to better meet the needs of persons with disabilities in building more accessible communities and workplaces, and provide more flexibility to organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

811 Health Link

Once again, people experiencing 7symptoms are to take the **online** self-assessment.

As a further reminder, **811-health link is for those who are feeling ill and seeking advice**. DO NOT call 811 to report non-compliance of Public Health Orders; these can be reported to the **Environmental Health Complaint Link** or by calling (403) 943-2288.

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

Local Programs and Initiatives



Vulcan County – Health & Wellness Foundation

Vulcan – Medical Recruitment

Vulcan Regional Food Bank Society

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nels Petersen".

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