



Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partnership

August 26, 2020

RE: COVID-19 Update 73 (RED text indicates web link & New Information in BLUE)

Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partnership updates will now be release once (1) day a week, on Wednesday's unless urgent messaging comes from Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health or Government Officials, or AHS on regional cases.

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>

Vulcan County Protective Services is open by appointment only. Fire Halls are closed to the public until further notice. **Municipal offices remain are open**, however, **we are urging the public to use municipal websites, email and telephone** to answer their inquiries.

As cases have now been confirmed within the Vulcan County region, it is imperative to follow proper personal hygiene and cleaning practices. Please follow these [guidelines](#) and watch your municipal websites for further updates. **Significant cases have been recorded in municipalities bordering Vulcan County. The interactive map can be found [here](#).**

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](#)

With the confirmation of a confirmed cases within our region, please remain vigilant in the practices that have been established. CASE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO RISE WITHIN OUR AREA, PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE TAKING PROPER PRECAUTIONS.

What YOU can do to HELP:

- Wear a mask in public
- Download/Use the ACTraceTogether App
- Wash hands often
- Use gloves properly if you choose to wear them
- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissue or your elbow
- Avoid touching your face
- Avoid travel outside of Canada
- Watch for COVID-19 symptoms
- GET TESTED IF YOU FEEL SICK



Cases in Alberta and Vulcan County

As of August 26th there have been 13,210 confirmed cases and 11,799 recoveries of COVID-19 in Alberta. There has been a total of 235 fatalities as a result of COVID-19 in Alberta. Testing has been completed on 912,302 Alberta residents. As of 15:30 on August 26th there are 3 active cases and 32 recoveries and 1 fatality within Vulcan County or the urban municipalities within its region. Vulcan County is in the [Calgary Health Zone](#).

Wearing a mask shows...



Kindness

Know Your Masks

N95 Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should be reserved for the frontline healthcare workers - N95 masks with a valve will not filter out the virus if you are a carrier
Surgical Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should be saved for the medical professionals - SINGLE USE – DISPOSE AFTER USING
DIY Cloth Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protects others from you - Can make at home and re-wear – WASH AFTER EACH USE
NO Mask	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offers no protection - Doesn't help slow or stop the spread of COVID-19

Provincial Measures and Indicators of COVID-19 Regional Risks

There are two indicators the Province is using as measures on how regions are doing, with three classifications:

Open

- low level of risk, no additional restrictions in place
- less than 50 active cases per 100,000

Watch

- the province is monitoring the risk and discussing with local government(s) and other community leaders the possible need for additional health measures
- at least 10 active cases and more than 50 active cases per 100,000

Enhanced

- risk levels require enhanced public health measures to control the spread
- informed by local context

Currently our regions now falls within the OPEN category.



Gathering Restrictions

A gathering is any situation that brings people together in the same space at the same time for the same purpose. Check with your local municipality for additional restrictions in your area.

Unless otherwise identified in public health orders, the following gathering restrictions are in place:

- 200 people maximum for audience-type community outdoor events, such as festivals, firework displays, rodeos and sporting events, and outdoor performances
- 100 people maximum for other outdoor events and indoor seated/audience events, including wedding ceremonies, funeral services, movie theatres, indoor arts and culture performances and other indoor spectator events where people remain seated
- 50 people maximum for indoor social gatherings, including wedding and funeral receptions and birthday parties
- No cap on the number of people (with public health measures in place):
 - worship gatherings
 - restaurant, cafes, lounges and bars
 - casinos and bingo halls
 - trade shows and exhibits

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.**

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,

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