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# COVID-19 info for Albertans

Actions to protect Albertans and prevent the spread of novel coronavirus.

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## Current situation

The COVID-19 outbreak was declared a global pandemic by World Health Organization (WHO). Alberta declared a public health emergency.

Confirmed cases: 871 in Alberta, 8,665 in Canada.

- [Complete information for Albertans](#)
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*Last updated: April 1 at 3:30 pm*



## Public health orders

To protect the health and safety of Albertans, law enforcement agencies now have full authority to enforce [public health orders](#) and issue fines for violations.

- Mandatory 14-day [self-isolation for returning international travellers](#) or close contacts of people with confirmed COVID-19.
- Mandatory 10-day [self-isolation for people with symptoms](#) that are not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition: cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat.
- [Restrictions on mass gathering and businesses](#) are now legally enforceable and subject to fines.
- New operational protocols, including limited visitation, are now enforceable for all nursing homes, designated supportive living and long-term care facilities, seniors lodges and any facility in which residential addiction treatment services are offered under the [Mental Health Services Protection Act](#).

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## Cases in Alberta

Location	Confirmed cases (April 1)	Deaths
In Canada*	8,665	98
In Alberta	871 (117 new)	11

*\*Updated April 1*

[View all case and testing data](#) →

Data reported in the table is based on a 24-hour period from 2 pm to 2 pm. Aggregate data reported in the interactive data application is based on calendar day.

## Prevent and prepare

Alberta implemented measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, including new mandatory self-isolation requirements and mass gathering restrictions. Find tips to prepare your household in case you need to self-isolate at home.

[Mandatory self-isolation requirements](#)

Self-isolation can help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Under public health order, you are legally required to self-isolate for:

- 14 days if you returned from international travel or are a close contact of a person with COVID-19, plus an additional 10 days from the onset of symptoms, should they occur
- 10 days if you have a cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat that is not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition

If you are self-isolating:

- Stay home - do not attend work, social events or any other public gatherings.
- Avoid close contact with other people, including household members but especially seniors and people with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
- Don't take public transportation like buses, taxis or ride-sharing. If you are under mandatory self-isolation, taking public transportation is legally prohibited
- Watch for symptoms of cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat that are not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition.

If you are in mandatory self-isolation:

- Do not go to school, work, other public areas or community settings.
- Do not go outside for a walk through your neighbourhood or park. This includes children in mandatory self-isolation.
- You can get fresh air in your backyard, if you have one, but must remain on private property not accessible by others.
- If you live in an apartment building or highrise, you must stay inside and cannot use the elevators or stairwells to go outside. If your balcony is private and at least 2 metres away from your closest neighbour's, you may go outside on the balcony.
- This directive is consistent with the new federal requirements under the *Quarantine Act*.

[Learn how to self-isolate and prepare →](#)

*Last updated: March 30 at 4 pm*

## Mass gathering restrictions

Albertans are prohibited from gathering in groups of more than 15 people in both indoor and outdoor spaces:

- All gatherings, indoor or outdoor, over 15 people must be cancelled.
- Gatherings in outdoor public spaces are limited to groups of 15 people in one location and must observe 2-metre physical distancing requirements.
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- Access to all public recreation facilities, private entertainment facilities, bars and nightclubs is prohibited.
- All dine-in services are prohibited.
- Retail, clothing and gaming stores are prohibited from offering services in facilities accessible by the public.
- Visitation to long-term care and other continuing care facilities is limited to essential visitors only
- Close contact personal services are restricted from providing services to Albertans.

[View all mass gathering restrictions →](#)

*Last updated: April 1 at 10 am*

## Help prevent the spread

All Albertans have a responsibility to [help prevent the spread](#). Take steps to protect yourself and others:

- practice [physical distancing](#)
- practice good hygiene: wash hands often for at least 20 seconds, cover coughs and sneezes, and avoid touching face
- monitor for symptoms: cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat
- self-isolate for the legally-required 10 days if you have any symptoms that are not related to a pre-existing illness or medical condition
- take the [COVID-19 self-assessment](#) [↗](#) if you're concerned about your health
- health care workers should follow [guidelines for personal protective equipment](#) [↓](#), (PDF, 69 KB) when caring for individuals who may have COVID-19. Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health has [endorsed these guidelines](#) [↓](#), (PDF, 109 KB).

[Learn more ways to prevent the spread →](#)

*Last updated: March 27 at 8:00 pm*

## Symptoms and risks

You are [legally required to self-isolate](#) for 10 days if you have a cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat that is not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition.

COVID-19 can cause serious respiratory illness. Because it is a new virus with no treatment or immunity in people, it is critical for people with any symptoms to stay home and self-isolate to keep it from spreading.

## Symptoms

### Symptoms

COVID-19 symptoms are similar to influenza and other respiratory illnesses.

- Common symptoms can be mild: cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat
- Symptom of serious illness: difficulty breathing or pneumonia

If you have symptoms:

- [self-isolate for at least 10 days](#) - this is a mandatory legal requirement
- [take the COVID-19 self-assessment](#) [\[↗\]](#)
- [call Health Link 811](#) [\[↗\]](#) for further instructions if directed by the self-assessment tool
- do not go to an ER or clinic - if you need immediate medical attention, call 911 and inform them you may have COVID-19

### Risks

Most people - about 80% - recover without needing special treatment. However, it can cause serious illness in some, and there is a risk of death in severe cases.

While we are still learning about COVID-19, serious illness appears to develop more often in people who are older or have pre-existing conditions, such as high blood pressure, heart disease, lung disease, cancer or diabetes.

*Last updated: March 25 at 3:30 pm*

## How it spreads

COVID-19 is transmitted through person-to-person spread by:

- larger droplets, like from a cough or sneeze
- touching contaminated objects or surfaces and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth

COVID-19 is not airborne and cannot spread through the air over long distances or times, like the measles.

Studies suggest that the virus generally only survives for a few hours on a surface, though it may be possible for it to survive several days under ideal conditions.

*Last updated: March 15 at 5 pm*

## Treatment

There is no specific vaccine for COVID-19 at this time. The virus is new and different, so needs its own

vaccine – which researchers around the world are now working to develop.

Supportive care is being used to treat patients with COVID-19 and some medications are being tested to see if they can help severely ill patients.

*Last updated: March 16 at 5 pm*

## COVID-19 vs. Influenza

### Coronaviruses

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. Some cause respiratory illness in people, ranging from mild common colds to severe illnesses.

Novel coronaviruses, like COVID-19, are new strains of the virus that have not been previously identified in humans. This means people have no immunity against it, and it has no specific vaccine or treatment.

### COVID-19 vs. Flu

In some ways, COVID-19 is similar to influenza (also known as the flu), but there are also key differences.

#### Similarities

- Both cause respiratory disease.
- Both are spread by small droplets from the nose and mouth.
- Neither is spread through the air over long distances and times, unlike the measles.

#### Differences

- COVID-19 does not have a specific vaccine or treatment available.
- COVID-19 does not appear to transmit as efficiently as influenza:
  - only people with symptoms seem to be spreading the disease, but symptoms may be very mild, so transmission is possible even if the person is feeling well
  - controlling its spread is possible when people with symptoms are isolated
- COVID-19 causes severe disease and mortality in more cases than the flu. On average:
  - COVID-19 has resulted in 1 to 2 deaths per 100 cases
  - Flu results in 1 death in every 1,000 flu cases

Because COVID-19 can cause serious illness, it is critical to keep it from spreading by having [people with symptoms follow mandatory self-isolation requirements](#).

*Last updated: March 25 at 3:30 pm*

## Mental health

The COVID-19 pandemic can have a significant impact on Albertans' mental health.

Resources are available if you need a little extra support, advice on handling stressful situations, or ways to talk to children.

- [Mental health and coping with COVID-19](#) <sup>[↗]</sup> (CDC)
- [Talking with children about COVID-19](#) <sup>[↗]</sup> (CDC)
- [Help in Tough Times](#) <sup>[↗]</sup> (AHS)

If you need help, call the Mental Health Help Line at [1-877-303-2642](tel:1-877-303-2642) day or night, seven days a week.

You can also access help and advice through the Addiction Help Line at [1-866-332-2322](tel:1-866-332-2322).

## Family violence

If you or someone you know is at risk of family violence, help is available.

- Call our 24-hour Family Violence Info Line at 310-1818 to get anonymous help in over 170 languages.
- [Find information on shelter and financial supports](#)
- [Learn how to recognize and prevent family violence](#)

## Child neglect and abuse

Children are at a higher risk for neglect and abuse during times of uncertainty and crisis.

- Call [1-800-387-KIDS](tel:1-800-387-KIDS) (5437) toll-free, 24/7 if you think a child is being abused, neglected or sexually exploited.
- [Learn the signs of abuse](#)

# Info for Albertans

Effective March 25, all travellers returning from outside Canada are legally required to self-isolate for 14 days and monitor for symptoms.

### Info for renters

New protections are in place for residential and mobile homes site tenants facing financial hardship due to COVID-19:

- Tenants cannot be evicted for non-payment of rent and/or utilities before May 1, 2020.
- Rents on residential properties or mobile home sites will not increase while Alberta's State of Public Health Emergency remains in effect.
- Late fees cannot be applied to late rent payments until June 30 and cannot be collected retroactively

for this time.

- Landlords and tenants need to work together to develop payment plans while COVID-19 is being managed.
- Landlords can still file applications and receive orders for possession if the reason for the eviction is unrelated to rent and/or utility payments, or if a tenant refused to negotiate or comply with a payment plan.

Resources:

- [Suspending Eviction Enforcement](#) ↓
- [Rent Payment Plans](#) ↓
- [Ministerial Orders](#) ↗

### Info for travellers and airline passengers

An official global travel advisory is in effect. Albertans should follow all travel recommendations.

- Avoid all non-essential travel outside Canada and all cruise ship travel.
- Canadians abroad should return home immediately.
- Returning travellers must:
  - follow mandatory 14-day self-isolation requirements and monitor for symptoms
  - check recent domestic and international flights for confirmed cases (info updated as cases are confirmed)

[View all travel advice](#) ↗

*Last updated: March 25 at 3:30 pm*

### Info for seniors and other vulnerable groups

Individuals over 60 years of age and those with pre-existing health conditions are most at risk of severe symptoms from COVID-19.

### Continuing care, long-term care and seniors lodges

To prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including COVID-19, among seniors and vulnerable groups:

- Visitors to any continuing care, long-term care and seniors lodges in Alberta are limited to essential visitors only.
- Each essential visitor must be verified and undergo a health screening prior to entering the facility. This includes a temperature check and a questionnaire.
- Facilities must have security staff or a greeter to conduct this screening and verify the visitor is designated.



- Exceptions to these essential visitor rules will be made for family members to visit a person who is dying, so long as only one visitor enters the facility at a time.

See [guidance on visitation restrictions for continuing care, long-term care and seniors lodges](#) ↓ (PDF, 554 KB) for more information.

Updated operational standards for facilities

Updated requirements have been established for licensed supportive living, long-term care facilities and service providers licensed under the [Mental Health Services Protection Act](#) ↗.

These expectations are for all operators or service providers, residents, staff, as well as any essential visitors of these facilities.

See [Updated Operational Standards](#) ↓ (PDF, 620 KB) for more information.

## Support for seniors at home

Seniors can contact 211 if they need help finding resources in their community. 211 is a comprehensive referral system accessible to all Albertans.

Call or text 2-1-1, or visit [ab.211.ca](http://ab.211.ca).

## Resources

- [Record of decision 03-2020 by the Chief Medical Officer: limits visitation to facilities to essential visitors](#) ↗ (March 20, 2020)
- [Record of decision 06-2020 by the Chief Medical Officer: updated protocols for facilities](#) ↗ (March 25, 2020)

*Last updated: April 1 at 10 am*


## Info for daycares

### Licensed child care

- All licensed child care facilities in Alberta are closed at this time. This includes daycare, out-of-school care and preschool programs.

### Child care for core service workers

- Select licensed child care centres have begun reopening to provide child care for core service workers.
  - In addition to the previously eligible front-line health-care workers, critical infrastructure workers, and first responders, anyone who works in the critical areas outlined as essential by government can now access child care in licensed programs.
  - Find the [full list of those essential service positions](#)

- Parents who work in these areas can directly contact the [child care centres that have reopened](#)  (PDF, 258 KB) in their communities. This list will be updated as new centres become available.
- Currently, child care centres have reopened in Calgary, Edmonton, Devon, Fort McMurray, Fort Saskatchewan, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Red Deer and Stony Plain.
- Children's Services will contact the centres that will be reopening directly.
  - Government is working to reopen spaces in four other communities immediately and working to identify areas of need elsewhere.
- Reopened centres will be limited to 30 people, including staff, and will have to adhere to strict sanitization practices based on specific instructions from the chief medical officer of health.
- Parents who qualify for subsidy will receive it and centres will charge their typical rate, within reason.

Parents who are eligible should only access this child care if it is the only way they will be able to go to their work in a core service sector.

## Home-based child care

- Home-based child care providers are exempt from the closure since they have fewer children in care, but should use enhanced sanitation practices.
- The Alberta government has temporarily changed the maximum number of children allowed in approved family day homes to 6, not including their own children.
  - This change allows approved family day home to provide additional child care spaces for people who need to continue to go into work or have children at home due to school closures.
  - This also gives approved day home providers flexibility in keeping their own children at home and brings them in alignment with private providers, who can also provide care for up to six children, not including their own, at any one time.
- Government does not monitor private child care providers but can issue closures if they are over this limit.
- Any home-based child care provider – approved or private – should routinely clean and disinfect surfaces that people regularly touch, like toys, door handles, keyboards, toilets and tables.
- Visitors and children should not enter if they are feeling unwell.
- Regardless of where a child is being taken care of (family, friends or day home) handwashing facilities or hand sanitizer must be available to children, and visitors are encouraged to wash their hands frequently.

## Resources

- [Record of decision by the chief medical officer of health](#)  (March 20, 2020)

*Last updated: April 1 at 3:30 pm*

- All classes in K to 12 schools are cancelled until further notice
- All Grade 6 and 9 provincial achievement tests and Grade 12 diploma exams are cancelled
- School authorities will offer at-home learning opportunities for all kindergarten to Grade 12 students
- Each student will get final grades and a report card appropriate to their grade level
- High school students on track to receive 100 or more credits will still be eligible to graduate

Student learning during COVID-19 →

## Resources

- [Record of decision by the chief medical officer of health](#) <sup>[↗]</sup> (March 16, 2020)

*Last updated: March 20 at 7pm*

### Info for post-secondary institutions

Effective immediately, in-person classes at post-secondary institutions are cancelled until further notice. Campuses remain open.

We are working with post-secondary institutions to ensure that these extraordinary circumstances do not prevent students from being eligible for admission to post-secondary studies for the upcoming school year.

Resources:

- [Record of decision by the chief medical officer of health](#) <sup>[↗]</sup> (March 16, 2020)

*Last updated: March 15 at 5 pm*

### Info for municipalities

We are providing advice based on current evidence and [public health recommendations](#) <sup>[↗]</sup> from the Public Health Agency of Canada.

## Helping local organizations plan for an outbreak


- [Business continuity planning](#) <sup>[↓]</sup> (PDF, 319 KB) is essential in preparing critical operations for potential interruptions.
- [Alberta Emergency Management Agency](#) field officers are available to support municipalities, First Nations and Metis Settlements with their emergency management and business continuity planning.

## Supporting the health system




Communities should:

- refer anyone with health-related concerns to [Health Link 811](#) <sup>[↗]</sup> and promote it as a reliable source of

information

- promote the [Respiratory Viruses and the Workplace guide for workplaces](#) 
- review business continuity plans to ensure disruptions from staff shortages have been considered, especially for critical operations
- stay informed about the current situation in Alberta via this web page


## Resources

- [OHS: Respiratory viruses and the workplace](#) 
- [Business continuity planning](#)  (PDF, 319 KB)
- [Help Prevent the Spread posters](#) 

*Last updated: March 15 at 5 pm*

### Info for homeless shelters and service providers

On March 30, the Chief Medical Officer of Health recognized operators of shelters and temporary or transitional housing facilities provide an essential service in Alberta during this time of emergency.

- These facilities are exempt from the mass gathering public health order and may provide shelter to more than 15 people – as long as risk mitigation strategies are followed, including maintaining a minimum of 2 metres distance from one another. Read the [exemption letter](#)  for more information.
- All non-essential gatherings inside or outside these facilities must include no more than 15 people.

We are working with community-based organizations, homeless shelters and women's shelters to:

- update pandemic plans with guidelines and information specific to COVID-19
- expand shelter capacity and help current service providers to maintain physical distancing practices by finding additional space to house people

\$30 million has been committed to adult homeless shelters and women's emergency shelters to support their COVID-19 response.

*Last updated: March 31 at 3 pm*

### Info for charities and not-for-profit organizations

\$30 million has been committed to charities, non-profits and civil society organizations to support their COVID-19 response. More information on [emergency funding for charities and not-for-profit organizations](#)

*Last updated: March 30 at 11:00 am*

### Consumer complaints and cyber security

We're receiving two types of complaints related to consumer exploitation resulting from COVID-19:

- retail outlet stores raising prices for high-demand products (i.e. toilet paper, hand sanitizer)
- private individuals purchasing mass quantities of supplies and reselling them at an inflated premium

The *Consumer Protection Act* prevents suppliers from grossly raising prices with no explanation beyond what is reasonable for goods that are readily available.

Unlike commercial sales, the *Consumer Protection Act* does not explicitly cover private sales. We urge all Albertans to act with consideration and caution and to find ways to help support each other in this time.

## File a consumer complaint

If people see prices for products or services in Alberta skyrocket because of COVID-19, you can report it through our [Report-a-Ripoff submission form](#) or by calling 1-877-427-4088.

## Cyber security

Cyber security incidents involving malware and fraudulent activities, including identity theft, are being reported across Alberta in the wake of COVID-19.

- Anyone who receives a call asking for credit card information should hang up immediately and call the non-emergency line for local law enforcement.
- Albertans are encouraged to continue to exercise caution when clicking on links or providing personal information to people and organizations that request that information, unsolicited.

*Last updated: March 21 at 5:55 pm*

# Government service changes

## Corporate Registry changes

### Corporate Registry changes

In keeping with public gathering restrictions, deadlines are suspended for corporations, partnerships, cooperatives and non-profit organizations to hold annual general meetings and file their annual returns

These groups will remain active in Alberta, and will not have their corporations, partnerships, cooperatives or non-profit organizations dissolved due to failing to file annual returns.

[Learn more →](#)

## Temporary office closures

Some Alberta government office locations have temporarily closed to the public.

To find out how to access affected government services, visit the program's web page or call Alberta

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[View list of temporary office closures →](#)

## Road tests, driver's licence, ID cards and vehicle registration changes

Upcoming expiry dates for Alberta drivers' licences, identification cards, vehicle registrations, other permits and certificates are being extended until May 15.

### Medical evaluations

Effective immediately, Transportation has extended the timeline to 90 days for most drivers requiring a medical evaluation to provide their completed medical form when applying for or renewing their licence.

This will reduce the current strain on the healthcare system. Medically, high risk drivers will still be required to present their medical evaluation at the time of their application or renewal.

See [Medical conditions and driving](#) for more information.

### Vehicle registration

Vehicle registrations expire on an assigned month based on the registrant's surname or a company name.

- Albertans and companies with registrations expiring in March and April (including those whose last names begin with B, D, G, Y) will now have until May 15, 2020 to renew their vehicle registrations.

### Driver's licences and ID cards

Drivers' licences and ID cards expire on the holder's birthday in the year noted on the card.

- Albertans who have birthdays from March 17 through May 14 and whose cards expire this year, now have until May 15, 2020 to renew.
- Expiry dates can be found on your card and Albertans with birthdays from March 17 through May 14 are encouraged to confirm whether they need to renew this year.

### Road tests


Effective March 20, Alberta commercial and passenger road tests have been suspended for at least 4 weeks. Road tests will resume when it is safe to do so.

- Albertans who have a road test scheduled will be able to rebook online as of April 17, 2020 for a test on April 20, 2020 or later, at no additional charge.
- We are working with the commercial carrier industry to determine whether there are any urgent driving tests that need to be held in order to support maintaining delivery of essential goods, such as food and medical supplies.


## Court and justice services changes

The Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, the Provincial Court of Alberta and the Alberta Court of Appeal are limiting services to essential and urgent functions.


## Alberta Court of Queen's Bench

There are changes at the court because of COVID-19. Read more at [Alberta Court of Queen's Bench information](#) .

## Provincial Court of Alberta


There are changes at the court because of COVID-19. Read more at [Provincial Court of Alberta information](#) .

## Alberta Court of Appeal

There are changes at the court because of COVID-19. Read more at [Alberta Court of Appeal information](#) .

# Alberta government response

## Submit your offers of support

[Submit your offers of support or donations](#)  if you're interested in supporting the COVID-19 response.

If there is an emergency requirement for your product or service, you will be contacted by a representative of the Government of Alberta.

## Alberta government response

### Alberta government actions

- March 27 – Alberta announced new restrictions on [mass gatherings and services](#), protection for [residential renters](#), and [tax relief](#) for hotels and other lodging providers.
- March 25 – Alberta announced [new measures](#) to help stop the spread of COVID-19, including:
  - making self-isolation mandatory for returning travellers, close contacts of COVID-19 cases and people experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
  - giving law enforcement agencies the full authority to enforce public health orders and issue fines
- March 23 – Alberta announced new support for Albertans, employers and physicians, including:
  - An [education property tax](#) freeze, plus a six-month deferral for businesses.
  - [WCB premiums deferral](#) for private sector businesses and support for small and medium businesses
  - New temporary [physician billing codes](#) to help facilitate virtual care.

- March 21 – Alberta [amended the Emergency Management Act](#) to allow provincial and local states of emergencies to exist at the same time, helping communities
- March 20 – Alberta announced new measures to address the economic downturn, including:
  - providing immediate [relief for the energy sector](#)
  - establishing an [Economic Recovery Council](#)
- March 18 – Alberta announced immediate financial assistance for Albertans affected by COVID-19 pandemic, including:
  - [emergency isolation support](#) for working Albertans who must self-isolate
  - 90-day utility payment deferral for residential and business customers
  - 6-month student loan repayment deferral
  - corporate income tax changes and other [supports for employers](#)
- March 17 – Alberta declared a state of emergency under the [Public Health Act](#) [\[↗\]](#) to empower authorities to more effectively respond to public health concerns.
- March 17 – \$60 million in one-time emergency funding was provided to civil society organizations, adult homeless shelters, and women’s emergency shelters to:
  - enable physical distancing and sanitization of common areas
  - provide supports and services to at-risk seniors, people with disabilities and families facing homelessness, poverty and social isolation
- March 15 – \$500 million in additional health funding was commitment to the COVID-19 response to ensure front-line health professionals have the tools they need for testing, surveillance and treatment of patients.

## Public health actions

Alberta’s public health officials are carefully monitoring the situation in Canada and around the world, and are ready to respond. They are:

- working closely with federal, provincial and territorial partners to share information and assess potential health risks
- ensuring our health system is responding effectively
- ensuring front-line health professionals have information about the virus so they can:
  - take recommended actions
  - promptly report potential cases to public health officials
- updating self-isolation and self-monitoring recommendations for returning travellers as required
- tracing all close contacts of confirmed cases, testing and isolating those who are symptomatic, and asking even those who feel well to self-isolate for 14 days after their last contact with the case
- granting law enforcement the authority to enforce public health orders and issue fines to anyone violating a public health order



# Chief Medical Officer updates

Daily updates from Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

## Transcripts

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## Protecting families and the economy



### [Student learning during COVID-19](#)

Guidelines for continuing K to 12 student learning while in-school classes are cancelled due to COVID-19.



### [Relief for the energy sector](#)

Immediate action will protect jobs and provide economic relief to the oil and gas industry.





## [Economic Recovery Council](#)

Providing expert advice to guide Alberta through the economic downturn as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the energy price crash.

## Resources



- [COVID-19 Information Posters](#)
- [Alberta Health Services \(AHS\) COVID-19 updates](#)
- Government of Canada COVID-19 updates: [English](#) | [Simplified Chinese](#) | [French](#)
- [World Health Organization COVID-19 updates](#)

# News

## Situation updates

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## News releases

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- [Taking additional measures to protect Albertans](#) (March 31, 2020)
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- [Legislature to reconvene to discuss legislation supporting Albertans](#) (March 27, 2020)

- [Tax relief for tourism industry](#) (March 27, 2020)
- [Alberta's food supply system remains strong](#) (March 26, 2020)
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