

IN BRIEF ... COVID-19

May 4, 2020



BY THE NUMBERS

	Alberta*	Canada*	Global (WHO)#	Johns Hopkins^
Total Cases	5,836	59,844	3,442,234	3,573,864
New Cases	70 (263 new since May 1)	6187 new since May 1	260,592 new since May 1	239,448 new since May 1
Deaths	104 (9 new)	3,766	239,740 (x new)	250,687
Recovered	2942	25,421	N/A	1,159,015

*Alberta and Canada numbers from daily CMOH update and GOC update as of 1100 EDT daily

#Global numbers from World Health Organization daily situation report

^Johns Hopkins University & Medicine Coronavirus Resource Centre

DEVELOPMENTS TODAY

ALBERTA

- AHS beginning with some [non-urgent, scheduled day surgeries](#) and allowing the opening of some regulated health professions today.
- [Guidance for business owners](#) for reopening requirements are available on the [Alberta Government website](#)
- Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health update from daily briefing
 - 4 of 9 new deaths occurred in the past 24 hours, the other 5 occurred earlier but were only added now as a COVID-related death
 - Outbreak update
 - 621 cases in long-term and continuing care facilities across Alberta.
 - Cargill plant has 936 confirmed cases, 810 recoveries
 - JBS plant has 469 confirmed cases
 - Including the JBS plant, there are a total of 998 confirmed cases in the Brooks area.
 - Sofina (2) and Mountainview (5) chicken facilities saw earlier identification and testing of all employees and implementation of other safety measures has controlled this outbreak to the small numbers.
 - New outbreak at Purolator distribution centre in Calgary, with 30 new cases
 - Expanding testing eligibility:
 - Any person who is experiences: fever, chills, new cough or worsening chronic cough, new or worsening shortness of breath, sore throat or painful swallowing, fever, runny nose, headaches, muscle aches, fatigue or exhaustion, gastrointestinal issues, loss of sense of smell or taste, pink eye.
 - All close contacts of confirmed cases, whether or not they are feeling symptoms.
 - All those newly admitted to continuing care facilities.
 - Call Health Link at 811 at the first sign of symptoms
 - More than 100,000 downloads of the [ABTraceTogether app](#) since May 1
- Alberta [changed nursing home regulations to allow nurse practitioners](#) to act as primary care providers in nursing homes to help address staffing needs.

OTTAWA

- Canada [commits \\$850 million for research and vaccine development](#) related to COVID-19 as part of a global effort.
- Families receiving the [Canada Child Benefit \(CCB\) will get \\$300 extra per child](#) in May to help them deal with the added pressures of COVID-19.
- [\\$175.6 million to Canadian biotechnology company, ABCellera Biologics](#), part of [Canada's Plan to Mobilize Science](#) to fight COVID-19, announced on March 23.

OTHER PROVINCES/TERRITORIES

- Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec begin lifting some COVID-19 restrictions today.
- B.C. health officials released new modelling data that suggested that number of new cases could reach zero by mid-June if social interactions stay low and physical distancing and other hygiene measures stay in place. A plan for reopening businesses and other parts of the BC economy are still being developed.

UPDATES

- As many US states reopen, a new US government report suggests that COVID-19 cases and deaths could rise significantly in June, to about 200,000 cases and 3,000 deaths per day. A different model, from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation is now suggesting around 134,000 Americans will die from COVID-19. The sharp increases in the two models are tied to relaxed social distancing and increased mobility

RESOURCES

Government of Alberta COVID-19 information

<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>

COVID-19 case statistics

<https://covid19stats.alberta.ca/>

Alberta Health Services COVID-19 webpage

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16944.aspx>

Government of Canada COVID-19 information

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

World Health Organization information

<https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

WHO daily situation reports

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>

WHO COVID-19 Dashboard

<https://who.sprinklr.com/>