

Emergency Advisory Committee

COVID-19 Update - Verbal Report

Item 3.1

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Agenda

- **Where we've been**
 - Steps the City has taken to combat COVID-19
- **Where we are**
 - Current state of COVID-19 in Edmonton
- **Where we're going**
 - What's next in the fight against the virus

History

- COVID-19 Task Team (established Feb. 2020)
- Tactics have included:
 - Temporarily adjusting, then resuming full transit service
 - Suspending e-park payments and crosswalk button activations
 - Enhancing cleaning and sanitation
 - Suspending, then restarting, facility and program services
 - Working from home and enabling remote Council meetings
 - Introducing and updating Temporary Mandatory Face Coverings bylaw
 - Providing space and support for vulnerable Edmontonians
 - And more!

History

- Important to know:
 - Provincial Health Authority
 - Alberta Health vs Alberta Health Services

Current status - Edmonton Zone cases

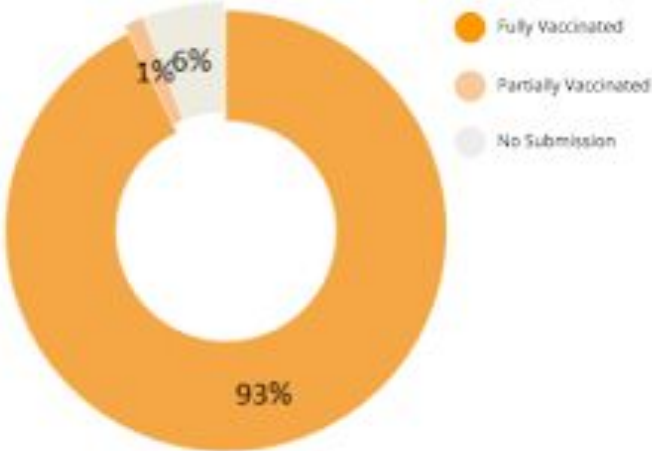
Indicator	Sept 6	Oct. 11	Nov. 7
Total Cases to Date	86,139	98,679	102,182
Active cases	4,634	3,531	1,421
Hospitalizations	202	316	202
ICU	54	110	71
Total Deaths to Date	1,121	1,231	1,296
Active Case Rate per 100,000 City of Edmonton	303	203	84
R- Value - Edmonton	1.32	0.86	0.90
R-Value - Alberta	1.19	0.92	0.87

Current status - public vaccination

Vaccinations (12+) (Nov. 8)	First dose	Fully vaccinated
Alberta	87.5%	81.2%
Edmonton zone	89.7%	84.7%
City of Edmonton	90.3%	85.3%

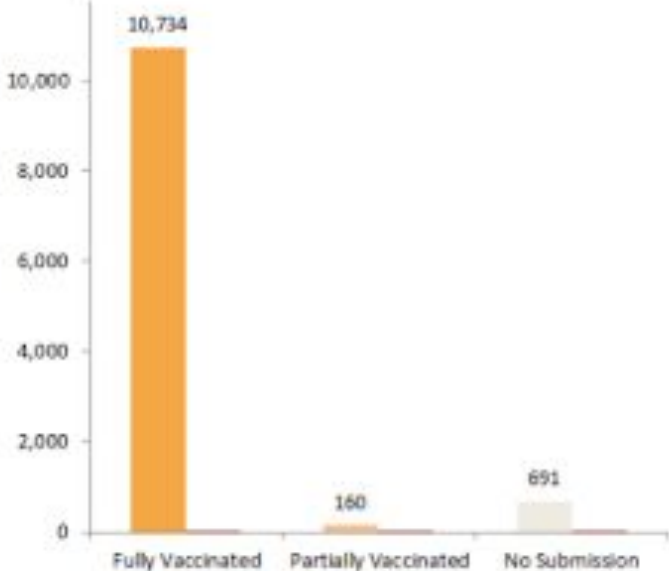
Current status - employee vaccination

City of Edmonton Vaccination Status (%)



City of Edmonton Submission Tracking
94%

City of Edmonton Vaccination Status Chart



Last updated November 1, 2021

City Employees

- Communicate early and often
- COVID-19 employee guide
- Safety programs, including mental health supports
- Return to work places - currently set for January 4, 2022

City Services

- Transit remains reliable
- Recreation centres up and running
- Muttart Conservatory and Edmonton Valley Zoo

City Supports - vulnerable population

- AHS Shelter Guidelines
- City owned facilities have helped meet need for emergency shelter space
- City directly funded 24/7 shelter services through winter 2020/21
- Continuing to fund expansion of hours of operation at day-program spaces
- Since 2019 the number of people experiencing homelessness has nearly doubled.

Community Supports

- Community tables
- Local economy supports

Alberta Health Services

Medical Officer of Health update

- COVID-19 - Getting ready for recovery
- Follow public health restrictions
 - Stay home if sick, mask, distance, hand hygiene, etc.
- Get the Facts
- Vaccinations are key
 - Book your vaccine
 - Third boosters are available for some
 - Flu shots are encouraged
 - Children 5-11 years anticipated before the end of the year

Current Restrictions

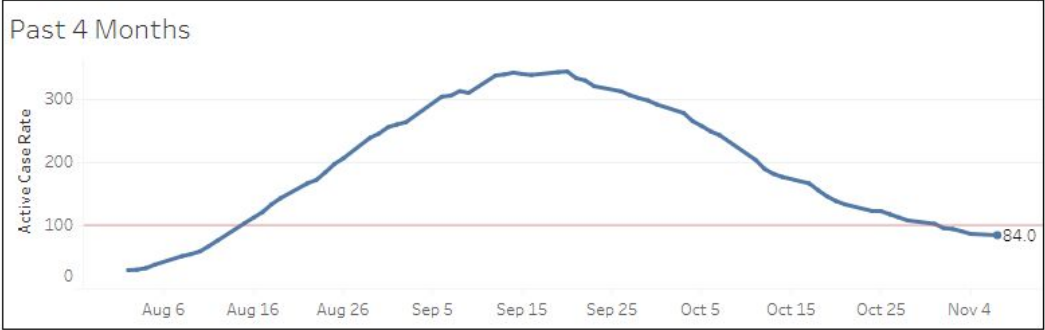
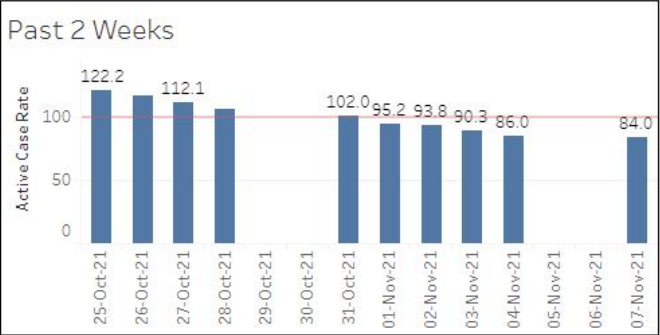
- General public health restrictions
- Restrictions Exemption Program
- Temporary Mandatory Face Covering bylaw
 - Fewer than 100 cases per 100,000 for 10 days, or
 - December 31, 2021

Future decisions

City of Edmonton Active Case Rate Tracker

Consecutive Days with Active Case Rate < 100

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Options for a mask bylaw

- Triggered by case rates
 - 10 days at rates below 100/100,000 (current)
 - 28 days at rates below 100/100,000 (Calgary)
 - Another number of days
- An expiry date
 - December 31, 2021 (current)
 - Another date
- Remove triggers/expiry
 - Leave the bylaw in place until Council directs otherwise

Future status

- Monitoring will continue
- Business areas operate in keeping with Provincial Health Orders, Restrictions and Guidance documents
- Task Team will convene, as required

Questions?

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