

# COVID-19 Update - Verbal Report

## Item 6.2 (requested 1st item of business)

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January 24, 2022

# Outline

- **Current COVID-19 Status - Edmonton Zone**
- **Alberta Health Services Update**
- **Managing the 5th Wave**
  - COVID -19 Governance
  - Guiding Principles
  - Vital Public Facing Services
  - Omicron Impact on Employees
  - Recent City Actions

## Questions

# Current status - Edmonton Zone cases

Indicator (Edm Zone unless indicated)	Wed Dec 22	Wed Dec 29	Tue Jan 4	Wed Jan 12	Wed Jan 19	Fri Jan 21
<b>Total Cases to Date</b>	107,391	111,639	119,510	136,302	148,023	150,359
<b>Active cases Zone</b> <b>Active cases Edm.</b>	2,539	6,216	12,760 9,166	22,727 16,740	24,000 18,245	22,659 17,332
<b>Hospitalizations</b>	94	99	117	264	467	473
<b>ICU</b>	31	30	32	23	43	39
<b>Vaccine 5+      One</b> <b>(City Measure)    Two</b>	86.9% 80.0%	87.2% 81.0%	87.5% 81.2%	88.0% 81.6%	87.5% 82.0%	87.8
<b>Active Case Rate / 100K - city of Edm.</b>	181.4	433	883	1,612.6	1,757.6	1,670
<b>R-Value - Edmonton</b> <b>R-Value - Alberta</b>	.99 .96	.99 .96	1.3 1.54	.96 1.0	N/A	N/A
<b><u>City of Edmonton COVID-19 Dashboard</u></b>						

# Alberta Health Services - Update

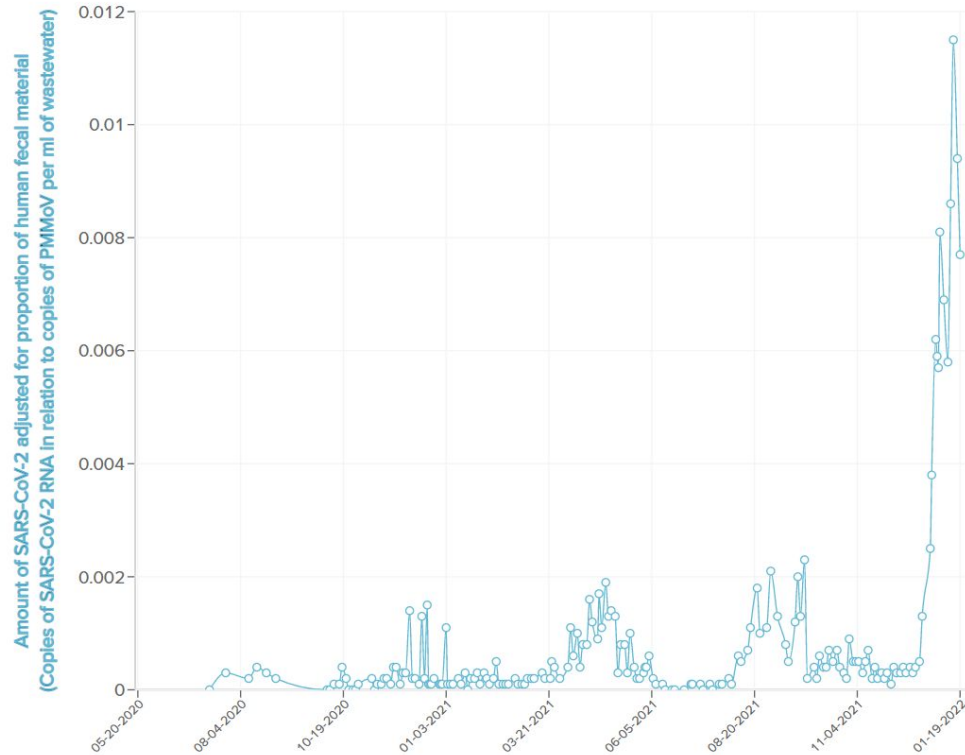
- Omicron
- System Monitoring
- Activities Underway

# Alberta Health Services - Wastewater

Edmonton

- Normalized
- Average
- Exact

Retrieved:  
January 23,  
2022



# COVID-19 Task Team

**Council**

Delegated Authority

**City Manager and Executive  
Leadership Team**

**COVID-19 Task Team**

GoA - AH / AHS

- Orders, Restrictions & Guidance
- Interpretation
- Liaison

Employee & Public Issues

- Monitoring
- Coordination
- Integration

Internal and External  
Information Sharing

- Multi-jurisdictional
- EPS/ EPL
- Regional CAOs

Business Continuity

# Managing the 5th Wave

- **Guiding principles for our service-related decisions**
  - Coordinated Response
  - Health Based Guidance
  - Vital Public Facing Services Priority
  - Safety
  - Integration
  - Equity
  - Transparency

# Managing the 5th Wave

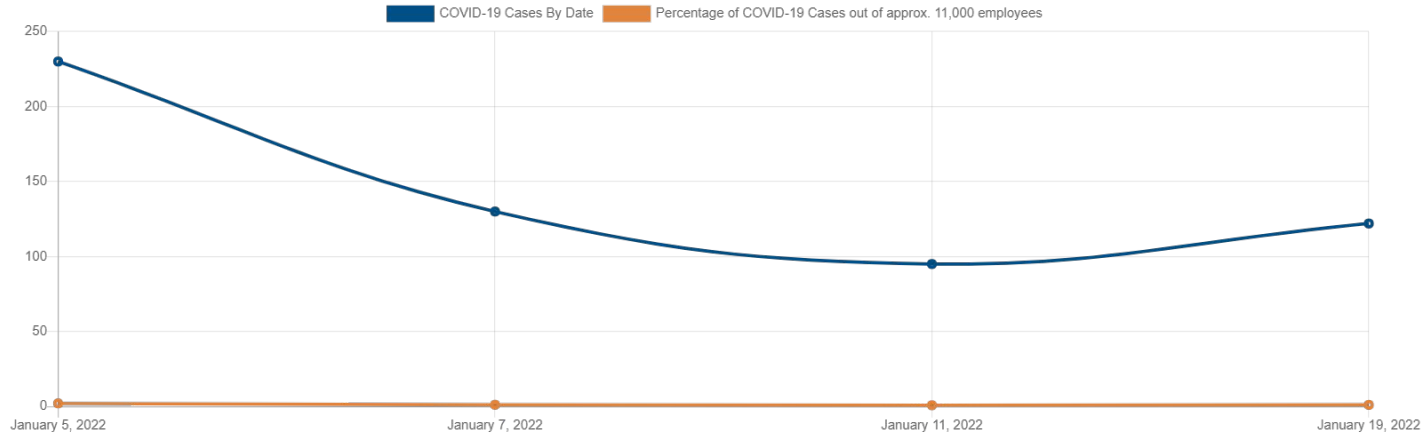
## Vital Public Facing Services

Transit	Fire Rescue Service
Roads - Snow and Ice	Roads - Signalling
Parks & Open Spaces	Waste Services
Animal Care and Control	Bylaw Enforcement
Permits and Payment	Cemeteries
311 and Web Communications	Support for Vulnerable Population* *Provided by agencies
Valley Zoo (animal health) / Muttart Conservatory (plant health)	

# Managing the 5th Wave

- **Omicron impact**

- Constantly monitoring, reevaluating and adjusting to employee COVID-19 case numbers



# Managing the 5th Wave

- **Recent City Actions:**

- Working from home mandate and Admin travel restrictions reaffirmed
- [COVID-19 Service Impacts Dashboard](#)
- Additional restrictions to capacity and food & beverage consumption in recreation centres, arenas and attractions
- Animal Care & Control Centre
- Edmonton Transit Service

- **Edmonton COVID-19 Rapid Response Coalition:** Concluded

# Managing the 5th Wave

- **What's Next**

- Monitor and coordinate response to changes to Provincial Health Orders & Restrictions
- Monitor and coordinate response to COVID-19-related employee absentee rates
- Communications to Employees, Council and Edmontonians on services impacts



# Questions?

# Managing the 5th Wave

- **Vulnerable Populations**

- Shelter Guidelines update
- Outbreak and staffing challenges for agencies
- December and January average occupancy overnight at shelters 94% (Homeward Trust)
- Mustard Seed has opened an additional 40 overnight spaces at Trinity Lutheran Church

# State of Local Emergency

- Not recommended at this time
- A State of Local Emergency would not add powers that would enhance the City's 5th wave response. The City Manager's delegated authority currently provides sufficient resources and flexibility

- Emergency Operation Centre - Can be activated at different levels based on established criteria and the advice from the COVID Task Team and Deputy Fire Chief of Emergency Management and Planning

# COVID 19 Economic Development Response

- Edmonton Economic Recovery Grant
  - City Stream - 1,562 businesses supported
  - BA Stream - 18 projects such as Making Edmonton Digital with the University of Alberta, Uproot Collective, Black Canadian Women in Action
  - REP - 123 businesses supported
- Business license fee reductions
- Temporary Patio Expansion Program
- One on One Business Support Program to help businesses navigate restrictions and supports available
- BIA Levy Rebate - 2020 - portion of levy costs, 100 % in 2021 and 50% in 2022