“Unfortunately, we have had to increase the number of COVID-19 patients we are treating due to the continued rise in cases across Alberta. We are seeing a surge in hospitalizations and ICU admissions, which is putting a strain on our healthcare system.

The increase in cases is concerning and emphasizes the importance of following public health guidelines, including wearing masks, maintaining physical distance, and getting vaccinated. The demand for vaccines is high, and we are working to ensure everyone who wants one can receive it.

For our patients and staff, this is a challenging time. We are doing everything we can to support them, but we need the public’s help to keep our system running.

— Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health

"It is critical that we continue to follow public health guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Limiting gatherings, especially during the holidays, will help protect our hospitals and healthcare workers. It is important that we all do our part to keep each other safe.

— Jason Kenney, Premier
Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Chief Medical Officer of Health

The province extended its current mask rules to March 4, 2022 due to ongoing concerns, particularly in Peel Region, which continues to have the province's highest COVID-19 transmission rate.

In the following days, Dr. Hinshaw was expected to announce a new set of measures in response to the concerning case trends.


Path forward

Watch the news conference

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