



*This Issue: Family Presence Survey, Support for Physicians, Career Opportunities and news from the AHS Update*

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*We would like to recognize that our work takes place on historical and contemporary Indigenous lands, including the territories of Treaties 6, 7, & 8, and the homeland of the Métis. We also acknowledge the many Indigenous communities that have been forged in urban centres across Alberta.*

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*Note: Recognizing some medical staff use an alternate email address instead of an AHS email address, some information is duplicated from the AHS Update to ensure all AHS medical staff have all up-to-date organizational information that may impact their practice.*

## **Topics:**

### **Medical Affairs News**

- Support for Physicians
- Family Presence Policy – Seeking Feedback from Physicians
- Career Opportunities
- Additional Resources for Physicians

### **From the AHS Update**

- Action on Our 10 Priorities
- COVID-19 Updates
- Pfizer Bivalent Vaccine Booster Now Available to Albertans 12 and Older
- Edmonton Community Health Hub North Officially Opens
- Interim CEO Video Message and Podcast – Executive Education Program
- PPE Question of the Week — Safety tips for Staff Returning to Sites
- Celebrate Global Handwashing Day and National Infection Control Week

## **Medical Affairs News**

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## Support for Physicians

The [Physician & Family Support Program](#) (PFSP) continues to offer services on an individual basis that you can access by calling the assistance line at 1-877-767-4637.

AHS has also developed new resources aimed at offering support to physicians. These are now available online:

- [Webinar](#)
  - [Resource Guide](#)
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## Seeking Feedback from Physicians – Family Presence Policy

In July, 2022, sites transitioned from the COVID-19 access directive and guidance to the [Family Presence Policy Suite](#), which is intended to provide ongoing direction around supporting family and visitor access.

We want to better understand physicians' awareness, feelings and knowledge of the Family Presence Policy, and learn about any challenges you have experienced supporting families and visitors. **Please complete this [3- to 7-minute survey](#) to share your thoughts.** The survey will be open until Nov. 10.

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## Career Opportunities

Practice opportunities across a broad range of specialties are available. All vacant AHS physician practice opportunities are posted on our physician recruitment website, [Doctor Jobs Alberta](#).

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## Additional Resources for Physicians:

- [AHS Virtual Health](#)
- [COVID-19 Healthcare Professional information page](#)
- [COVID-19 Immunization Information](#)
- [COVID-19 Resources for Community Physicians](#)
- [CPSA's Physician Portal](#)
- [Cumming School of Medicine Continuing Medical Education \(CME\) Resources](#)
- [How to Access AHS Insite and Email](#)
- [IPC Emerging Issues](#)
- [MD News Digest](#)
- [Physician & Family Support Program](#) - 1-877-SOS-4MDS (767-4637)
- [Physician Wellness Educational Resources: Well Doc Alberta](#)

## From the AHS Update

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A new streamlined version of the AHS Update debuts this week. Click on a headline or the 'read more' link to see the full article.

You can also read the [full version of the AHS Update here.](#)

## Action on our 10 Priorities

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### **Rural & Indigenous Initiatives and Engagement**

[Workforce main theme of Health Engagement Tour](#)

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### **Workforce Recruitment & Retention**

[Responding to Our People Pulse Survey results](#)

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### **Alberta Surgical Initiative**

[Surgical wait-list status update](#)

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## Quality & Patient Outcomes

[Last chance to register for the i4 2022 conference](#)

[Canadian Patient Safety Week starts next week](#)

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## Public Health & Pandemic Response and Recovery

[Lung cancer screening pilot launches in Alberta](#)

[Recommended age lowered for breast cancer screening](#)

## Latest News

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### COVID-19 status and cases in Alberta

Latest hospitalizations, ICU update and information on variants of concern and wastewater surveillance. [\(more...\)](#)

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### Pfizer bivalent vaccine booster available Oct. 24 to Albertans 12 and older

Pfizer's bivalent COVID vaccine includes Omicron BA.4 and BA.5. Moderna's COVID vaccine, including the BA.1 subvariant, is also available. [\(more...\)](#)

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## Important reminder about accessing your own health information

Only access information in AHS information systems that is required for your professional role. ([more...](#))

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## Edmonton Community Health Hub North opens

The new facility gathers primary care, mental health services, specialty services and home care, enabling AHS and PCN teams to collaborate. ([more...](#))

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## Interim CEO video message and podcast – Executive Education Program



The Executive Education Program helps leaders grow and build their skills. Three recent participants share their experiences on today's vlog. ([more...](#))

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## PPE Question of the Week — Safety tips for staff returning to sites

**PPE** Question of the Week

With many employees returning to AHS sites, what are some tips to ensure everyone's health and safety? 

Rod Kalieel answers PPE question of the week.

A few simple practices can help ensure your health and safety, as well as that of others around you. [\(more...\)](#)

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## **Celebrate Global Handwashing Day and National Infection Control Week**

Global Handwashing Day (Oct. 14) and National Infection Control Week (Oct. 17-20). Thank you for incorporating infection control in your everyday practice. Your commitment to patient safety helps spread prevention, not infection.

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Thank you for everything you do, each and every day.

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