



COVID-19 Update
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COVID-19 statistics received from Alberta Health for the Pincher Creek area:

26 active cases
34 recovered
2 death
62 total

Cases in the Pincher Creek region continue to rise with 26 confirmed active cases. Due to Alberta's high case numbers, aggressive action is required now to protect our health system from being overwhelmed. The current situation is critical. These mandatory restrictions apply provincewide and will be in place at least until January 12, 2021.

If you are feeling unwell, self isolate and take the self assessment available [online](#) or call Health Link at 811. Testing for COVID-19 is available locally, the [online](#) self assessment is the first step to booking an appointment to be tested.

The following mandatory restrictions by the Province of Alberta are **now** in place for all of Alberta including the Pincher Creek area:

- Masks are mandatory in all indoor public spaces and workplaces
- All indoor and outdoor social gatherings – public and private – are prohibited
- All out-of-town travel is discouraged at this time.
- Wedding and funeral services max of 10, no receptions permitted
- No festivals or events
- Faith services are limited to 15% of fire code occupancy for in-person attendance
- Grades 7-12 at-home learning Nov 30-Jan 11
- ECS-Grade 6 at-home learning after break until Jan 11
- Restricted access to some businesses

The following mandatory restrictions by the Province of Alberta will be in place starting **December 13** for all of Alberta including the Pincher Creek area:

- Working from home is mandatory unless the employer requires a physical presence for operational effectiveness
- Retail services must reduce customer capacity to 15% of fire code occupancy or a minimum of 5 customers
- All restaurants, pubs, bars, lounges and cafes are closed to in-person service
- Take out, curbside pickup and delivery services are allowed.

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- All entertainment businesses and entities must close
- All indoor recreation facilities must close
- All personal and wellness services must close
- Regulated health services can remain open by appointment only as long as public health orders and sector guidance is followed. Appointments should be limited to one-on-one services
- Professional services can remain open by appointment only
- Social services can remain open for in-person service
- Hotels, motels, hunting and fishing lodges may remain open but must follow restrictions
- Group physical activities, including team sports, fitness classes and training sessions, are prohibited or restricted across Alberta

For the full details on all mandatory measures required by the Province for the Pincher Creek area and guidance for businesses please go here: <https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>

Good Samaritan Vista Village is currently considered under an investigative COVID-19 outbreak as a resident has tested positive. All required public health protocols are in place to mitigate the spread of the virus, and they are working closely with Alberta Health Services. At this time, they are kindly asking all designated family and support visitors to consider only visiting the care home for essential reasons out of an abundance of caution. Virtual visits can be arranged by calling the care home or visit www.gss.org/well-wishes to send a message or photos to any resident in our care.

An outbreak has been declared at Whispering Winds Village. Staff and residents at the Village are being monitored very closely, with testing and isolation as appropriate. For more information: <https://goldenlifemanagement.ca/index.php/news/news-releases#156>

For the latest news for Albertans on COVID-19, including updates on government actions, visit alberta.ca/covid19

If you require additional assistance or would like to listen to this local update please call 1 855 627 5365. Please share this number with neighbours, family members and friends who do not have access to the internet.