

COVID-19 Status and Community Update

Priorities Committee Meeting
June 8, 2021

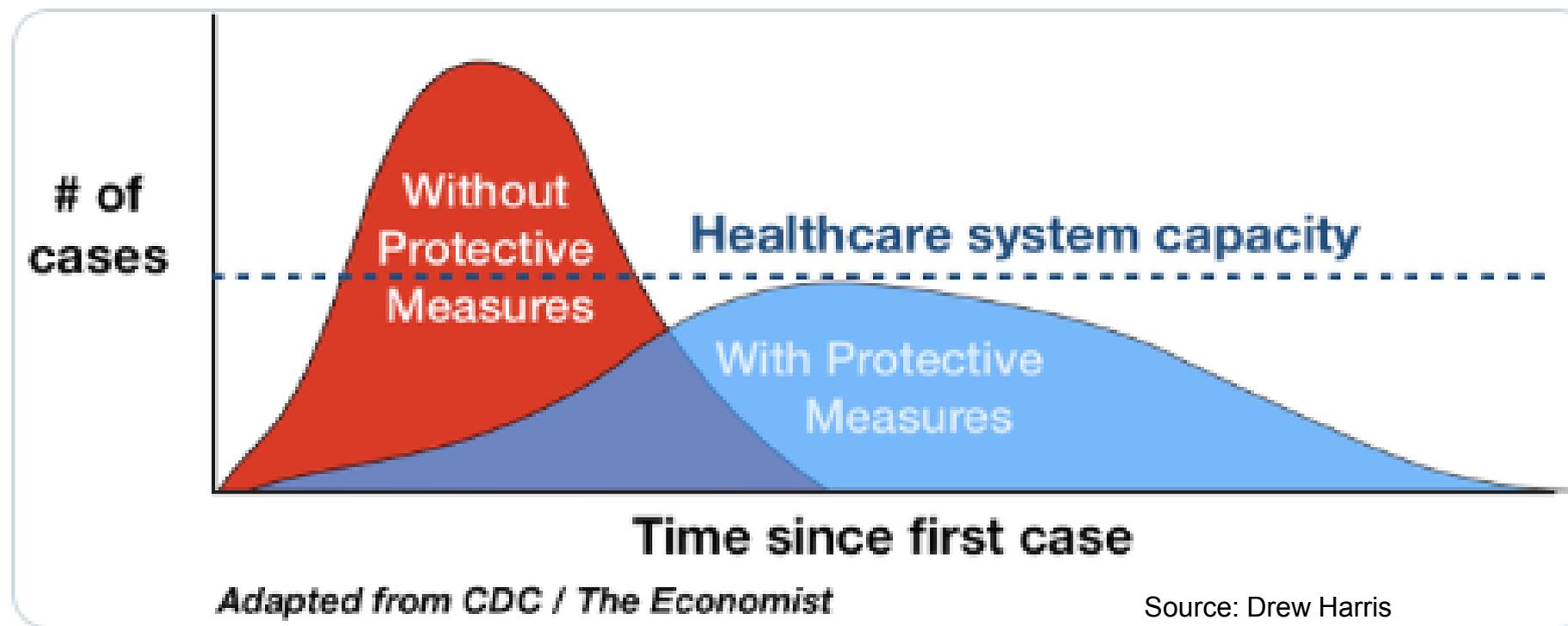
Agenda

- COVID-19 Update
 - Community
 - Open for Summer Plan
- Recreation status and service impacts
- Community Supports
- Communications

Approach

Important to remember that COVID-19 pandemic control measures may only delay cases, not prevent.

However, this may limit surge and gives hospitals time to prepare and manage.



Alberta Health

- June 1, 2021 the County entered Stage 1 of the *Open for Summer Plan*

June 6, 2021	Alberta
Total cases	229,319
Active cases	4,707
Recovered cases	222,364
Deaths	2,248



June 6, 2021	Sherwood Park**	Rural Strathcona County**	Total
Cases	2737	861	3,598
Active*	49	17	66
Recovered	2654	838	3,492
Deaths	34	6	40

*Please note the row titles in the Alberta and Local table are not identical.

**As defined by Alberta Health

Vaccine Benchmark Stats

June 6, 2021	Eligible Albertans
1 st dose	66.7%
Fully vaccinated	14.3%



June 6, 2021	Sherwood Park*	Fully Vaccinated	Strathcona County*	Fully Vaccinated
Ages 75+	92.7%	87.1%	85.2%	74.5%
Ages 60-74	88.5%	32.2%	82.3%	24.3%
Ages 40-59	79%	9.4%	70.1%	7.6%
Ages 20-39	66.3%	6.7%	55.8%	5.6%
Ages 12-19	68.1%	0.8%	53.2%	0.9%
12+	77.5%	18.5%	68.5%	14.1%
All ages	67.4%	16%	60.7%	12.5%

*As defined by Alberta Health

Open for Summer Plan

✓ Stage 1:

- ✓ June 1st
- ✓ 50% Vaccinated
- ✓ <800 hospitalized and declining

- Places of worship - 15% of fire code occupancy (effective May 28)
- Outdoor social gatherings - up to 10 people (indoor social gatherings still not permitted)
- Outdoor physical, performance and recreation activities - up to 10 distanced people, all ages
- Personal and wellness services - re-open, by appointment only
- Funeral services - up to 20 people, not including facility staff, funeral clergy or organizers not considered guests (receptions remain prohibited)
- Wedding ceremonies - up to 10 people, including officiant, bride/groom, witnesses (receptions remain prohibited)
- Restaurants - 4 people per table max, outdoors, households only or 2 close contact for those living alone
- Retail - 15% of fire code occupancy (must maintain ability to distance)
- Distancing and masking requirements remain in effect

Open for Summer Plan

• Stage 2:

- June 10th
- ✓ 60% Vaccinated
- ✓ <500 hospitalized and declining

- Outdoor social gatherings – up to 20 people with distancing (indoor social gatherings still not permitted)
- Indoor recreation, entertainment and other settings (rec centres, arenas, casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, galleries, libraries, etc.) – open at 1/3 of fire code occupancy
- Gyms and fitness studios – open for solo and drop-in activities and indoor fitness classes with 3 metre distancing
- Funeral services – up to 20 people, indoors and outdoors (receptions permitted outdoors only)
- Wedding ceremonies – up to 20 people, indoors and outdoors (receptions permitted outdoors only)
- Places of worship – 1/3 of fire code occupancy
- Personal and wellness services – resume walk-in service
- Post-secondary – resume in-person learning
- Restaurants – 6 people per table max, indoors or outdoors
- Retail – 1/3 of fire code occupancy (must maintain ability to distance)
- Youth activities (day camps, overnight camps, play centres) – resume with restrictions
- Youth and adult sports – resume with no restrictions, indoors and outdoors
- Outdoor public gatherings (concerts/festivals) – up to 150 people
- Outdoor fixed seating facilities (grandstands) – 1/3 seated capacity
- Work from home order is lifted but still recommended
- Distancing and masking requirements remain in effect

Open for Summer Plan

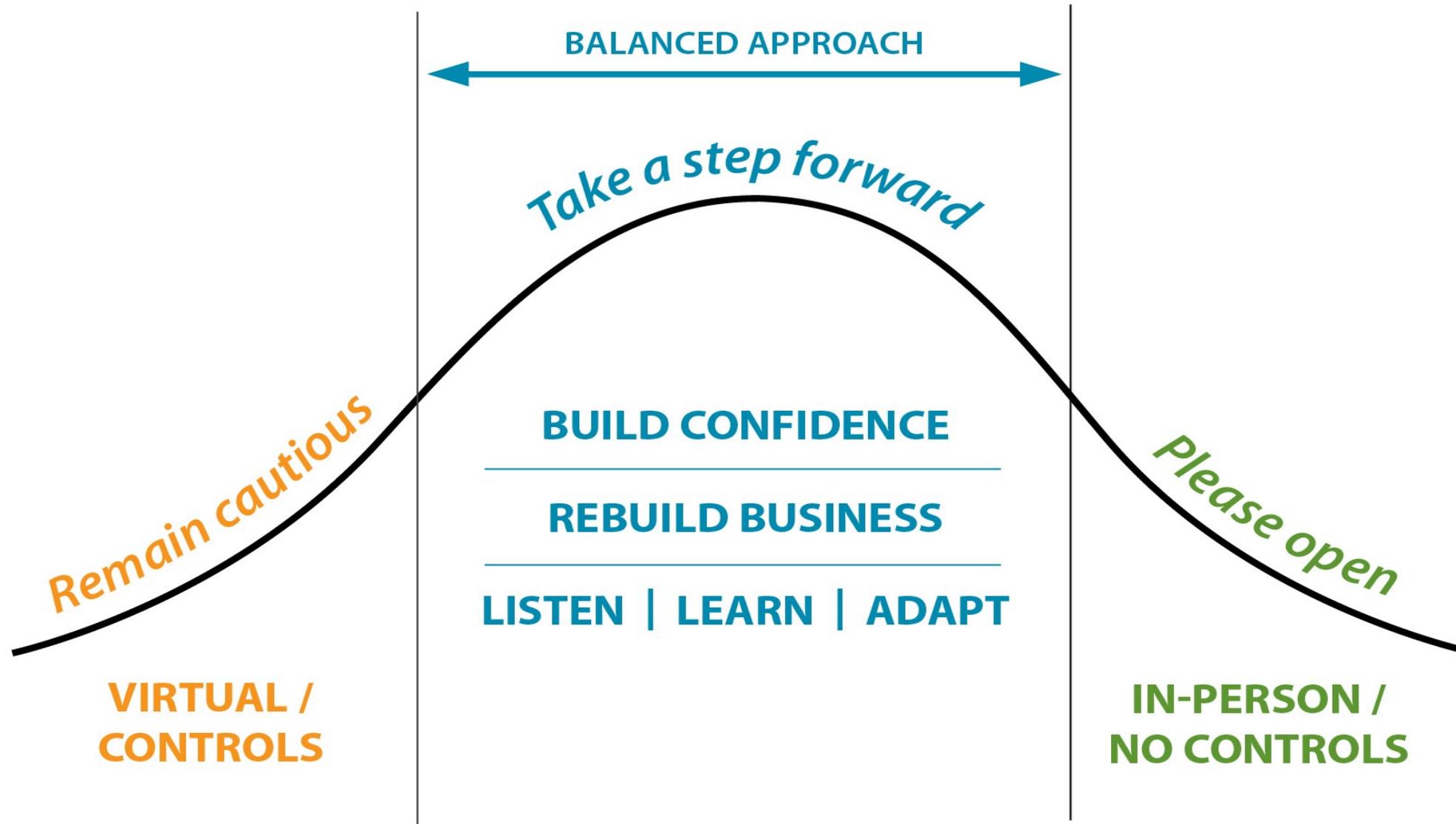
- Stage 3:

- Effective two weeks after 70% of eligible population has received at least one dose

- All restrictions lifted, including ban on indoor social gatherings
- Isolation requirements for confirmed cases of COVID-19 and some protective measures in continuing care settings remain

Recreation, Parks and Culture

A balanced approach to reopening

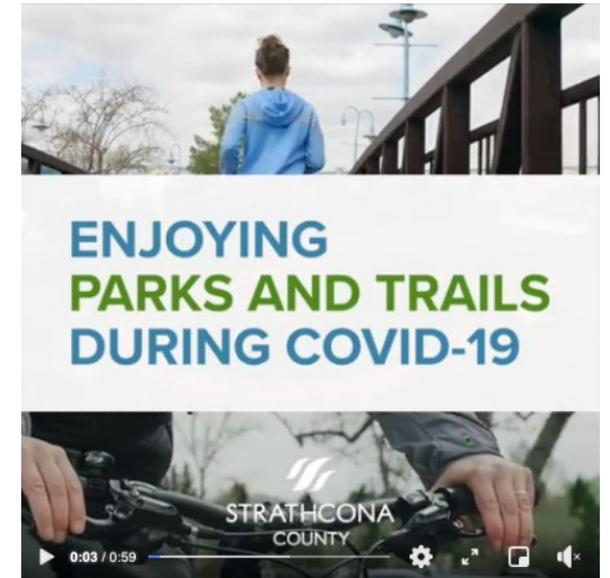


Recreation, Parks and Culture

Currently available (Stage 1)

- Playgrounds, trails, parks, off-leash dog parks
- Skate and BMX bike parks – new location in Ardrossan
- Up to 10 physically distanced people of all ages
 - Outdoor courts (pickleball, tennis, volleyball and basketball courts)
 - Outdoor programs and spaces – SWC (disc golf, geocaching etc.), fitness
 - Field and diamond users - youth and adult sports resume with restrictions
 - Family (household) programs at Smeltzer site

Distancing and masking requirements stay in effect



Recreation, Parks and Culture

Currently available (Stage 1)

- Spray deck and spray parks (capacity limits)
- Virtual programming and gallery exhibits
- Active Schools – Arbor Day, Choosewell Challenge
- Supports for community groups
- SWC extended hours to 9 p.m. for trail use and disc golf
- Broadmoor Public Golf Course – driving range, patio and course play



Distancing and masking requirements stay in effect



Recreation, Parks and Culture

Stage 2: June 10

Some indoor recreation reopens June 10

- Arenas – GARC, MP (figure skating/hockey camps)
- Dry surface – Sherwood Park Arena/Sports Centre, Broadmoor, ARC, SOC, MRC
- MP gymnasium - bookings for groups
- Activity bookings - GARC courts, MP wellness
- Gallery @501 exhibits

Distancing and masking requirements stay in effect



Keeping you safe in our Wellness Centre

Keep your mask on:

- When moving around the wellness centre.
Examples: going to a different piece of equipment, returning equipment and getting disinfecting wipes or hand sanitizer
- In any open space that is not a designated personal exercise zone, including washrooms and changerooms.
Designated personal exercise zones are marked in red tape.

You may remove your mask:

- When in a designated personal exercise zone marked in red tape.



Thank you for your cooperation.
Guests who do not follow these guidelines may be asked to leave the Wellness Centre.
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Recreation, Parks and Culture

Stage 2: June 10

Indoor recreation reopens June 14

- Wellness – ARC, MP, GARC – activity bookings (early launch June 10 at MP only)
- Gymnasium – MP (TBA)
- Swimming – lap swim, walking, fitness classes (lessons planned for summer)
- Festival Place bookings (based on capacity limits – June 16)

Distancing and masking requirements stay in effect

Recreation, Parks and Culture

Stage 2: June 10



Outdoor Recreation

- Field, diamond, court users and spray parks - youth and adult sports resume without restrictions
- Outdoor public gatherings – concerts/festivals up to 150 people
 - Canada Day – ex. Ninja Warrior, Food Trucks with live local entertainment, fitness classes, Public Art Bike Tour, SWC Disc Golf, Broadmoor Public Golf Course Clinic, scavenger hunt, drive through pancake breakfast (note: no fireworks)
 - FREE PlayDays – 3 summer events and summer rec days at Emerald Hills Sports Pavilion
 - Qualico Patio Series on July 1 kick-off

Distancing and reduced masking requirements in effect



Recreation, Parks and Culture

Stage 2: June 10

Outdoor Recreation

- Summer programs – planned ½ day camps for preschool, child/youth, SWC, performing and visual arts
- Outdoor fixed seating facilities/grandstands – 1/3 seating capacity
 - Movie in the Park weekend – Emerald Hills Sports Pavilion
- Clubhouse – indoor food service at Broadmoor Golf Course with limited capacity (6 people /table)



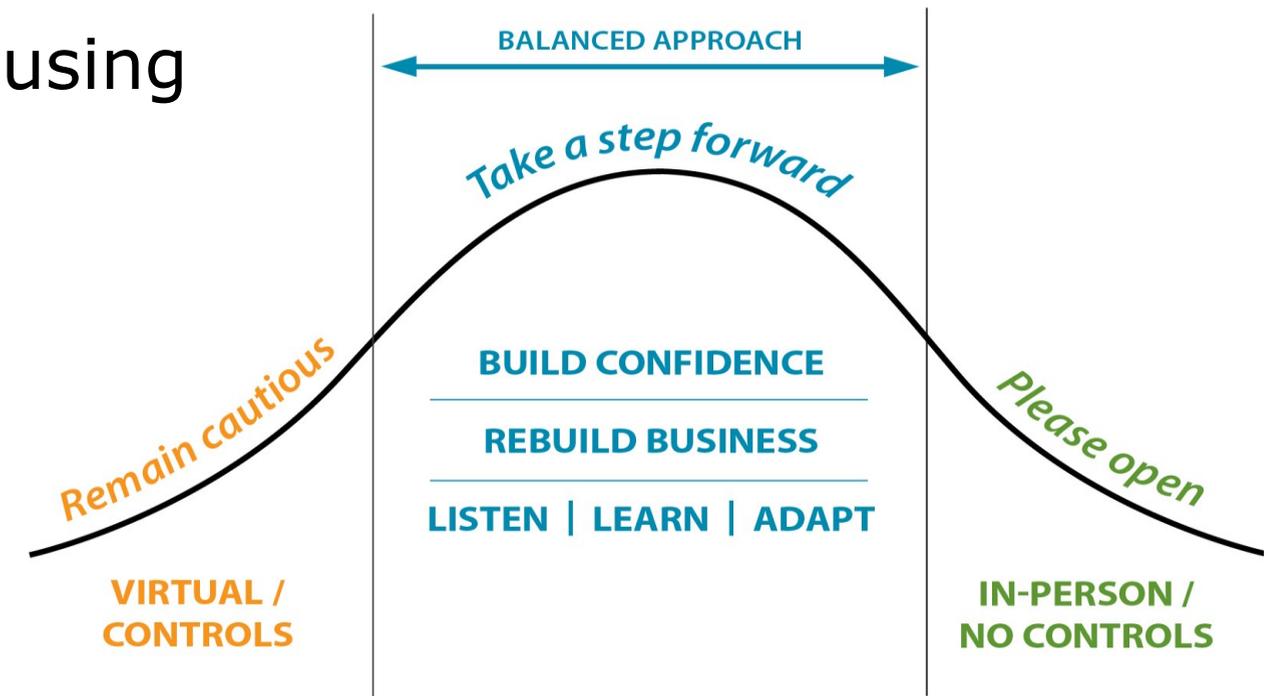
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Recreation, Parks and Culture

Stage 3: Effective 2 weeks after 70% vaccinated

All restrictions lifted

- Working on a plan to reintroduce services using balanced approach
 - Reintroduce services based on changes in community need
 - Canada Day – fireworks
 - Festival Place performances – outdoor performances until Fall with indoor performances starting September
 - Indoor amenity capacity map to ensure consistency with our safety measures and supporting people with different levels of comfort as we move to fully reintroduce indoor services



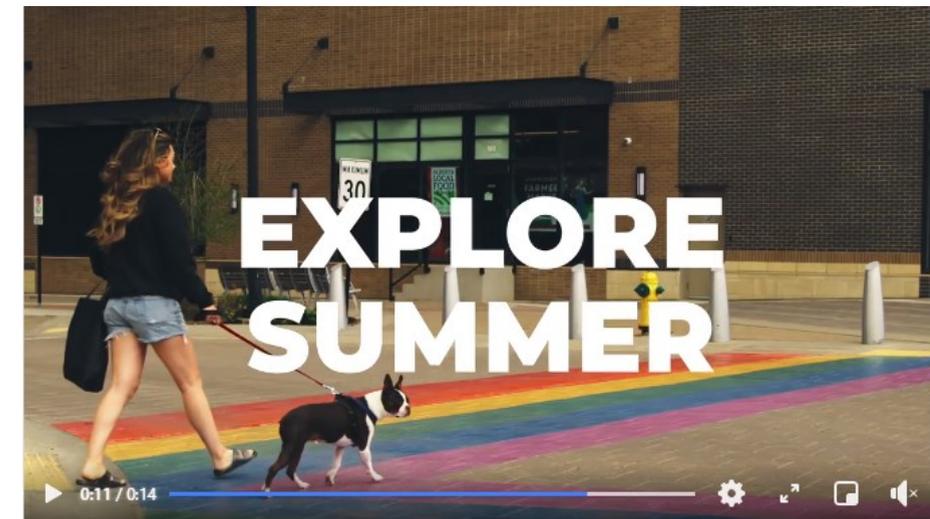
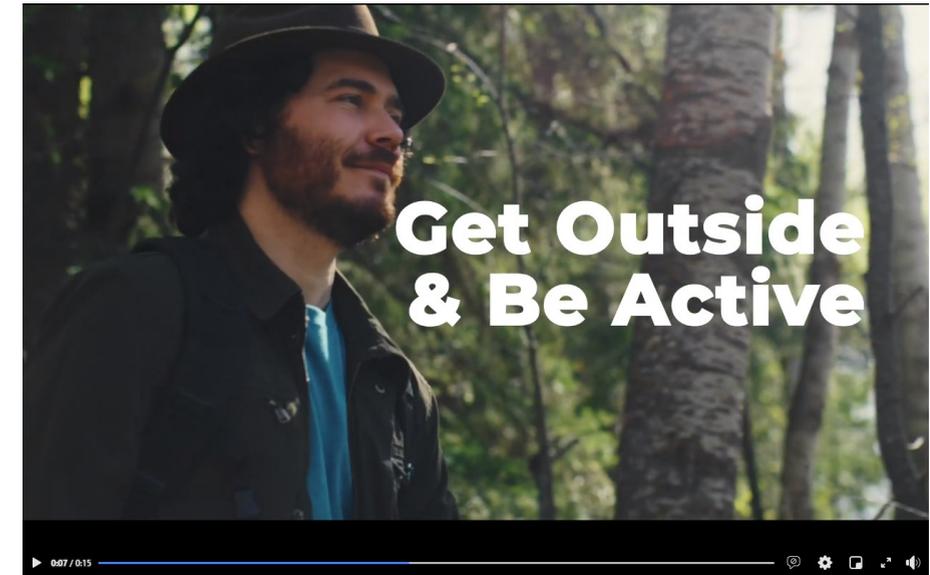
Family and Community Services

- **Emergency Social Services:** Plans in place if activation required
- **Services continue on-line, by-phone and outreach**
 - 1359 calls over 12 week period (Mar 16 to June 6, 2021)
- **Recovery Vignettes: 11 videos**
 - Total Reach: 505,051
 - Total Engagement: 21,069
 - Total Link Clicks: 3,783
- **Psychological First Aid:** 27 sessions to 380 participants
- **Community Safety and Well-Being**
 - Thinking in new ways to address complex social issues

Recent Communications

Residents and businesses:

- Explore summer video ads 1 and 2 of 3 that highlight outdoor activities in rural and urban Strathcona County and Sherwood Park, and supporting local businesses
- Staff working safely campaign
- Vaccination/"It's up to you" campaign
- Sharing County re-opening plans with residents and businesses for Stage 1 of provincial "Open for Summer" plan



Recent Communications

Residents and businesses:

- Sharing provincial programs and information about creating jobs, business grants, restrictions, vaccines, situations
- Sharing outdoor trails safely video messaging

Staff:

- Health and safety protocol messaging shared via departments, the Insider and emails
- Worksite check-ins continuing and remain mandatory
- Staff safety messaging shared via email and the Insider
- Updates on restrictions and guidelines sent via departments and all staff emails



It starts with

...staying informed.

...following provincial restrictions.

...keeping our community safe.

...YOU.

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Upcoming Communications

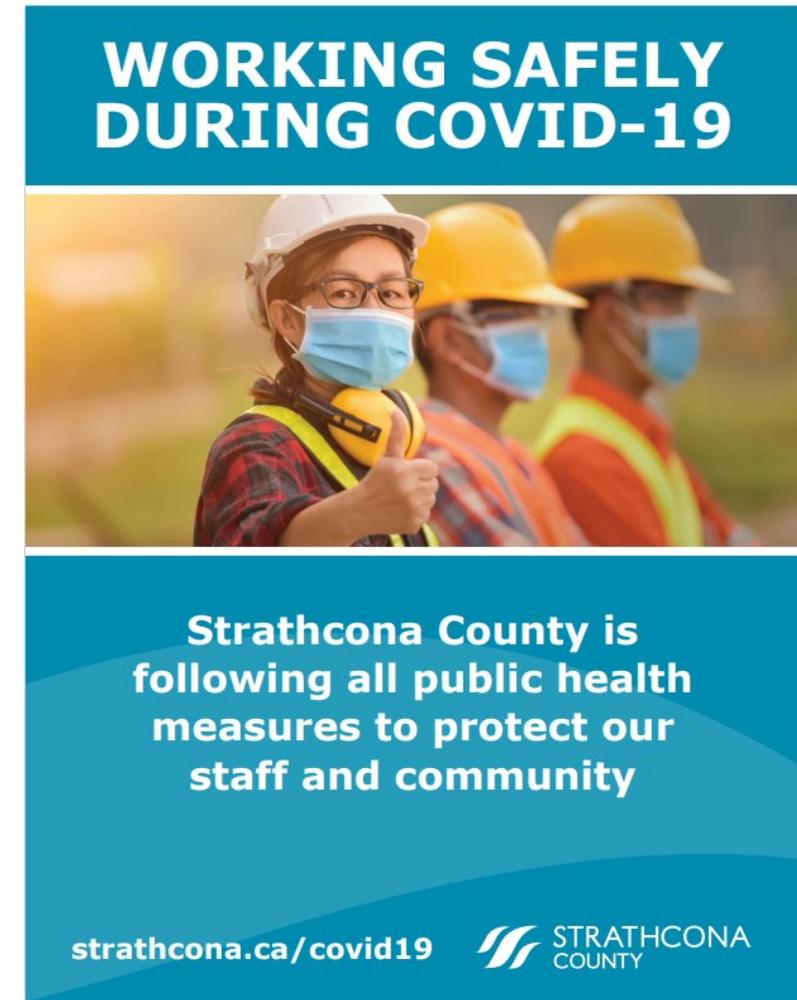
County communications with residents:

- Explore summer ad 3, focusing on a Strathcona County staycation that highlights local tourism activities
- Mental health campaign with targeted designs for teens, adults in earlier life stages, adults with children and/or older parents, and seniors



Upcoming Communications

- Re-opening videos highlighting staff and facility prep for provincial stages
- Messaging supporting residents and community return to normal activities
- Re-opening plans for stages 2 and 3 of provincial "Open for Summer" plan shared via social media, web, info release and RPC partners



**WORKING SAFELY
DURING COVID-19**



**Strathcona County is
following all public health
measures to protect our
staff and community**

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Upcoming Communications

For businesses:

- Online seminars to support businesses adapting to pandemic challenges
- Supporting local and local tourism campaigns and messages
- Weekend itineraries highlighting local businesses and activities

For Staff:

- Reviewing workspace and non-medical mask use, enhanced cleaning protocols and additional impacts due to "Open for Summer" plans, and what that looks like during and after stage 3
- Associate Commissioners' town hall end of June

Upcoming Communications

Returning to normal activities

- Communications and RPC collaborated to create a short video titled "Community Comeback" to coincide with reopening of our recreation and culture spaces
- The video provides an exciting preview of the deliberate and thoughtful work Strathcona County staff are doing to safely re-open our facilities and spaces through the Province's three-stage "Open for Summer" plan
- The video will launch today alongside the County's stage two plan info release and will be showcased on all County social and web channels

<https://youtu.be/XebZwemn9a8>