

HPC Covid-19 Newsletter

"We've Got This"

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STILL IN SECOND GEAR (PHASE 2)

On March 22, the Alberta Government announced that our provincial Covid case numbers are still too high to allow us to relax current restrictions at this time. While this is disappointing news on some levels, as our vaccines continue to be delivered and administered, hope for improvement and eventual relaxation of health measures is still strong.

Please continue to follow all issued site directives and bulletins around mask wear, physical distancing, and hygiene. Following these rules consistently will mean that we can get back to improved working and living conditions more quickly.

For the latest information please visit: www.alberta.ca

SOME GOOD NEWS & OUR THANKS

Even though we are still not at a point where we can relax our health and safety Covid measures across the province, everyone should know that our active case count at site has been very low for the last while – single digits, in fact.

This result is 100% owing to the safe work, attention to detail, and the sense of pride and care that everyone at site has been demonstrating throughout this pandemic. It's been a long road for all of us, but news like this means our work has been worth it.

Thank you to everyone at the HPC site who made this possible!

Falling standards? Not here!

A reminder: please be aware that **3-ply masks** are still the standard to be used at our site. The design of this mask provides better protection for the wearer and for those around them. If you have any questions about masks, please ask your Supervisor.

Boarding Your Bus: Wait until the last rider is off

There have been some recent instances of people trying to get ON their bus, while people are still getting OFF.

Please: Do NOT board your bus until the last rider has exited.

Crowding around the door, and trying to enter while riders are exiting is against site physical distancing policy. Thank you for your understanding and assistance.



The Big Three:

YOU MUST PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING
YOU MUST WEAR YOUR MASK
YOU MUST NOT COME TO SITE IF YOU'RE FEELING UNWELL

HPC Site Information:

- Do NOT run in the parking lots at Yanda and Taurus.
- Do NOT board your bus until it is empty
- Ensure you load all buses BACK to FRONT, and wear your face mask. **No exceptions.**
- Ensure you are riding your assigned bus and get off at your assigned stop.
- You **MUST** practice physical distancing while waiting for your bus, or when going out for a cigarette.
- Maintain a minimum 2 meter distance between each other (unless there is a physical barrier like a wall, cubicle, or Plexiglas window).
- Physical Distancing is essential to keep both you and the HPC healthy – **do your part.**

Thank you, and continue to work safely!

Bill Schneider

Director, Construction



“Waiting with open arms...”

A FEW NOTES ABOUT THE COVID-19 VARIANTS

New variant strains of COVID-19 have been identified in the United Kingdom, South Africa and Brazil, and in many other places around the world, including Alberta. These are known as “variants of concern,” as they appear to spread more easily than other COVID-19 strains. While it is not yet clear if these new variants cause more severe illness, there is concern that increased spread would result in more illness, hospitalizations and deaths if they become common in our communities. Symptoms in variant cases are the same as usual COVID-19, including cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, and sore throat.

We have the ability to test for these variants at the HPC – but please follow all site bulletins and directives around CV19 mitigation