

# primary cares

News &amp; updates from the Calgary Zone



## Measles latest

A new reporting process for suspected measles cases has been introduced, with clinics and providers asked to flag all suspected, probable and confirmed cases of measles by calling 1-844-343-0971. Cases should no longer be reported to the local Medical Officer of Health.

Callers will be asked to leave a first and last name, contact number and patient's first and last name, date of birth, healthcare number, onset date and nature of symptoms, describe what tests have been ordered and any known links to cases or exposures. Patients are advised to isolate in their home.

Providers can still reach out to the Calgary Zone MoH with questions or concerns, at 403-264-5615. A full list of recent exposure locations and dates can be [found here](#). As of Thursday, April 24, there were 129 total cases in Alberta. Review the latest [case numbers](#). Please note that the primary care [summary guide](#) and [provincial measles pathway](#) have been updated to reflect the process changes. Other measles resources include the following:

- [Patient symptoms poster](#)
- [Updated lab bulletin](#)

A reminder that Albertans uncertain of their immunization history, or their child's immunization history, can text "vaccine record" to 88111 or call Health Link at 811 or their [local public health office](#). Albertans can also text "Measles" to 88111 to get measles health information texted to their mobile device.

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## Quick links

### PCPCM Community of Practice

On Wednesday, May 7, from 7:30–8:30 a.m., the AMA will host the next Primary Care Physician Compensation Model (PCPCM) community of practice event. It will feature a discussion led by Dr. Andie Bains. [More information](#).

### Malaria testing

Effective Monday, April 14, only one specimen will be required to rule out malaria, instead of three. [Read the lab bulletin](#).

**PCN Pain Rounds: Hypermobility Syndromes and Chronic Pain**

On Thursday, May 29, from 5:30–7 p.m., the latest PCN Pain Rounds webinar will focus on diagnosing benign hypermobility and distinguishing it from Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. [Register](#).

**New Parent and Newborn Line**

Parents from anywhere in Alberta can call 1-833-805-2229 to get expert advice from nurses specializing in postpartum care. The provincial line replaces the Early Start Parent Information Line previously available in Calgary. [More information](#).