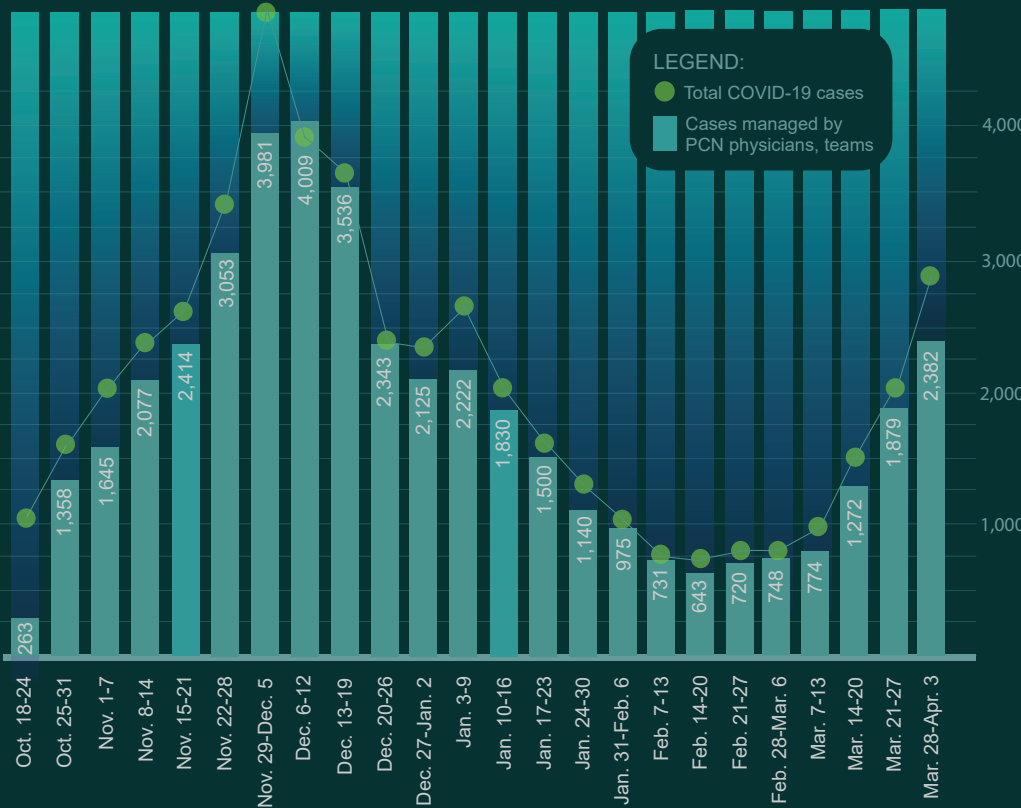


Third wave gathers pace as primary care responds to spread of variants

Primary Care Network family doctors and teams experience steep rise in COVID-19 cases as community clinics drive Calgary area pandemic response, reduce pressure on hospitals

COVID-19 CASES: October 2020 to April 2021



89% COVID-19 Calgary-area patients cared for by PCN physicians, teams

Total = **43,620** (Oct. 18, 2020 - April 3, 2021)

3.6% hospital care **0.8%** intensive care

7.4% other (long-term care, prisons etc.)

VARIANTS OF CONCERN:

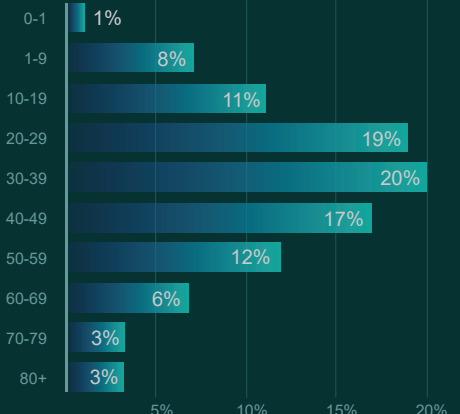
26% in primary care (Mar. 21 to Apr. 3)

PATIENT PROFILE:

GENDER

51% male **49%** female

AGE



STATUS

20% did not have a family doctor*

*100% of patients (who could be contacted) 'attached' via PCNs, albertafinddoctor.ca

FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE: Community care

7 Primary Care Networks: Bow Valley, Highland, Calgary Foothills, Calgary Rural, Calgary West Central, Mosaic, South Calgary

1 access point for rural & urban patients **1** coordinated plan for triage, treatment and follow-up of COVID-19 patients

516 clinics **400+** health team professionals

1,700 family physicians

SUPPORTING DOCTORS: COVID-19 tele-advice, care pathways, webinars

772 specialistlink.ca tele-advice calls* **5,191** adult pathway downloads* **1,678** pediatric pathway downloads*

13,251 COVID-19 & mental health webinar views** tele-advice, pathways, webinars have been scaled, spread or shared province-wide
*Oct. 2020 to Mar. 2021; **Mar. 2020 to Apr. 2021

THE STRATEGY: How it works

- The Calgary Zone's approach, which is unique in Alberta, harnesses the power of family doctors and teams to combat COVID-19
- Most COVID-19 patients don't require hospital care. Receiving care in the community frees up vital hospital beds for the critically ill