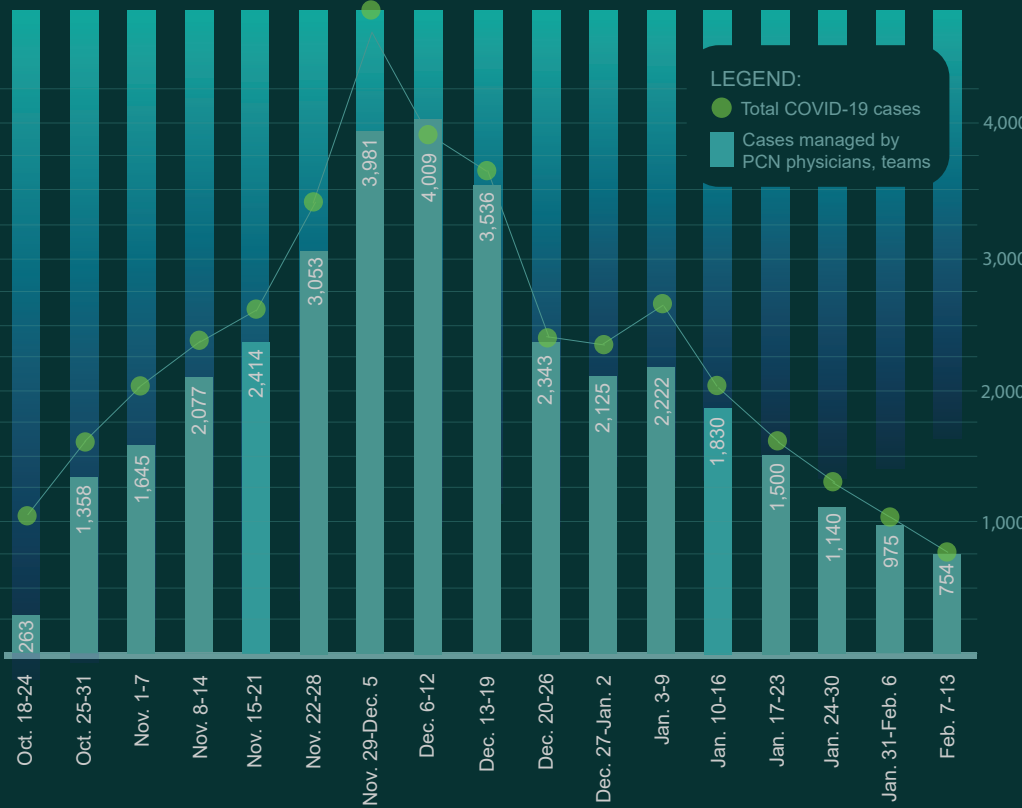


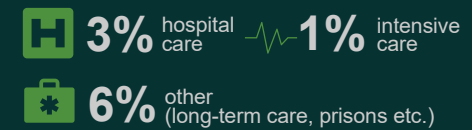
# How the power of primary care is fuelling the fight against COVID-19

Nine out of 10 COVID-19 patients in the Calgary area are treated by Primary Care Network family doctors and teams, easing the burden on hospitals and ultimately saving lives

## THE SECOND WAVE: October 2020 to February 2021



**90%** COVID-19 Calgary-area patients cared for by PCN physicians, teams  
**Total = 35,225** (Oct. 18, 2020 - Feb. 13, 2021)

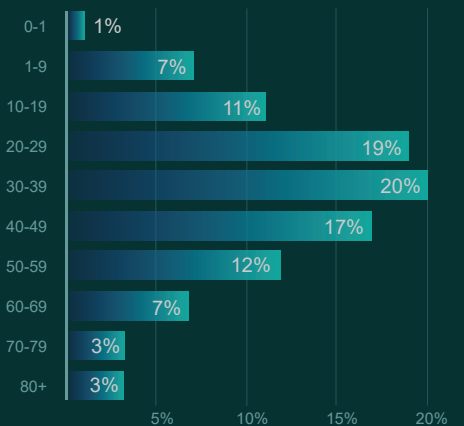


### PATIENT PROFILE:

#### 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](http://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

**516** COVID-19 tele-advice calls\* **8,556** adult pathway downloads\*\* **2,613** pediatric pathway downloads\*\*

**12,312** COVID-19 & mental health webinar views\*\*  
 tele-advice, pathways, webinars have been scaled, spread or shared province-wide  
 \*Oct. 2020 to Jan. 2021; \*\*Mar. 2020 to Feb. 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