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# News Release

## Edson Risk Level Change – Medium Risk

**Edson, Alberta, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – With the recent rise in local COVID-19 cases in the Edson zone, the Town of Edson’s Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) has moved the community back into the ‘Medium Risk’ category within the ECC’s Strategic Operational Plan. As of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, there are 10 active cases in our zone. For more information on the ECC and the Strategic Operational Plan, please visit [www.edson.ca/ecc](http://www.edson.ca/ecc).

The ECC will continue to meet weekly at this time to evaluate the Provincial orders and how they impact Town of Edson operations, as well as to continue to develop and implement relaunch and recovery initiatives.

**Masking** - Masks are still required in all indoor public places and workspaces. The Town of Edson’s Mandatory Facial Covering Bylaw is set to expire on March 31<sup>st</sup>; however, the Provincial Order remains in effect. Information on masking, as well as downloadable posters for businesses can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/masks.aspx>.

**Health Measures** - At this time, everyone is reminded to continue to follow the Provincial orders in place regarding masking, gathering limits, and business restrictions. For the full list, please visit <https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>. Step 3 was recently delayed by the Province due to rising cases, variant cases, and hospitalizations.

Along with the Provincial orders, the ECC would like to reinforce the importance of other public health measures to continue to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

- Stay 2 metres apart from others,
- Wear a mask in public spaces, indoor workplaces and places of worship,
- Practice good hygiene: wash your hands often and cover coughs and sneezes,
- Monitor your symptoms every day,
- If sick, stay home, get tested, and follow mandatory isolation requirements while waiting for results:
  - if positive, isolate for 10 days or until symptoms are gone, whichever is longer,
  - if negative, stay home until you are symptom free.

More information on Edson’s COVID-19 response can be found at [www.edson.ca/covid](http://www.edson.ca/covid).

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