

## Protecting lives and livelihoods

### Investing in health care



#### Budget 2021 invests record funding in health care

Alberta's government is increasing Health's budget by over \$900 million (or 4 per cent) to \$23 billion, and that's excluding the impact of COVID-19.

- \$5.4 billion for physician compensation and development (including academic medicine)
- \$3.5 billion for community care, continuing care and home care programs, including \$20 million over four years for palliative and end of life care
- \$1.9 billion for drugs and supplemental health benefits.
- \$34 million for children's health supports to expand mental health and rehabilitation services for children and youth
- \$140 million over four years for mental health and addiction services



#### Continuing the fight against COVID-19

*Budget 2021* invests in continued supports to protect Albertans as we enter the second year of the pandemic.

- \$1.25 billion COVID-19 Contingency to address costs for responding to the pandemic, including surgical wait times and backlogs
- This is in addition to \$2.1 billion spend in 2020–21



#### Getting health care back on track

*Budget 2021* invests \$16 billion for Alberta Health Services operations. Includes:

- Alberta Surgical Initiative
- Continuing Care Capacity Plan
- CT and MRI Access Initiative



#### INVESTING IN HEALTH CARE CAPITAL

*Budget 2021* commits **\$3.4 billion** over three years for health related capital projects and programs, providing:

**\$2.2 billion** for health facilities, with **\$143 million** for five new projects;

**\$766 million** for Alberta Health Services self-financed capital, for parkades, equipment and other capital requirements;

**\$343 million** for capital maintenance and renewal of existing facilities; and

**\$90 million** for health department IT projects.