

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Update for Chiefs: November 12, 2020

Updates

A Message on Gathering:

This is a critical moment in the fight of COVID-19. The number one driver of new COVID-19 cases is exposure in households and private gatherings. We control our actions and our actions have consequences. We must adhere to the public health measures. We must stop the spread of COVID-19.

Please limit your cohorts to no more than 3: your core household, your school, and one other sport or social cohort. In areas experiencing spikes in cases, a 15 person limit on social and family gatherings - indoors and outdoors - where people are mixing and mingling is recommended. Social gatherings held in private homes are not recommended. Do not attend meetings if you feel unwell, avoid in-person meetings by using virtual tools. Limit your essential travel and stay home.

New Supports for Indigenous Peoples and Communities:

The Government of Canada announced \$59.5 million in funding to support the reopening of other community infrastructure, not including schools. This funding is intended to address **immediate public health and safety measures**, including those related to minor capital investments that support physical distancing and enhanced health and safety practices. First Nations community leadership has flexibility to determine what health and safety measures are necessary in their facilities, such as:

- Additional hand washing stations
- Signage consistent with local public health guidance to reinforce physical distancing
- Plexiglass barriers/partitions for distancing
- Cleaning supplies and sanitizers
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for community service providers
- Flushing of water lines
- Safety checks and updates of existing HVAC systems

This can be applied to locations such as daycare centers, band offices/community buildings, fire halls, women's shelters, Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve (AHSOR) sites, health facilities, long term care facilities and National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Centers (NNADAP). Alberta is receiving \$8.4 million and funding will be flowed to your Nations through amended Contribution Agreements.

Question of the Day

Q: Are perimeter security costs eligible for funding?

A: Funding requests for Perimeter Security related to community responses to COVID-19 are now being accepted through the Indigenous Community Support Fund (ICSF) proposal-based application process which is found online at: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1603990521589/1603990645077>. Proposals are accepted by the region, reviewed, and forwarded to the national review team for final approval. This allows for a national response to this critical community need.

National Information

[Taking care of your mental and physical health during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

[What you need to know about the COVID-19 vaccine for Canada](#)

[How to quarantine \(self-isolate\) at home when you may have been exposed to COVID-19 and have no symptoms](#)

[How to isolate at home when you may have COVID-19](#)

Alberta Cases:

as of November 10th, 3:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (November 9 th – 713 new cases)	34,873
AB Recovered Cases	26,407
Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases	627
On-reserve Recovered Cases	425
On-Reserve Active Cases	197
Calgary Zone Confirmed	15,209
Central Zone Confirmed	1,294
Edmonton Zone Confirmed	12,955
North Zone Confirmed	2,489
South Zone Confirmed	2,812
Unknown Confirmed	114
Deaths due to COVID-19	376
On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19	5

Food Banks Canada:

[Government of Canada joins Food Banks Canada in improving food security for rural and northern communities.](#) The fund will help improve access to food for people experiencing food insecurity in Canada because of COVID-19. The 2020 Rural and Northern Capacity Fund has two streams:

1. Less than \$15,000 proposals will be reviewed weekly
2. Proposals \$15,000-\$75,000 will be reviewed once applications close.

For more information and how to apply, [please click here](#). As these are Federal funds flowed through Food Banks Canada, Nations are encouraged to apply even without non-profit status. If you have any questions about how to complete this application, please do not hesitate to be in touch with Glenn Court, Program Officer, at glenn@foodbankscanada.ca or 905-602-5234 ext. 266

Regional Snapshot



More Alberta case data can be found [here](#)

Useful links

Blood Tribe PSA

The Blood Tribe has launched the second video of their COVID Safety Outreach Campaign for children, a collaboration between Blood Tribe Communications and DerRicStarlight's Nuppets '[Super Bo Clean](#)' video.

Recording of Telehealth Session on COVID-19 Funding:

Learn about the [different streams of COVID-19 related funding provided](#) by Indigenous Services Canada. The session covered funding provided by both FNIHB and Regional Operations. Understand which streams were allocations and which streams are accessible via a proposal process. Basic eligibility of items under each fund are covered.

All Chiefs Call with Dr. Hinshaw:

Today, Thursday November 12th at 1:00. A calendar invite has been sent out.

GoA funding support for faith-based and cultural organizations

The Alberta government is supporting faith-based and cultural organizations recover costs associated with COVID-19 so they can continue to play a social, cultural and spiritual role in communities. For more information [please click here](#).