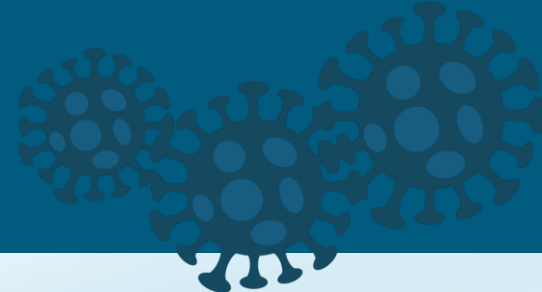


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Updates

Self-Isolation for Nurses:

Starting immediately, and until further notice, all part-time, casual and full-time nurses who are employed or contracted by FNIHB must complete a mandatory, 2-week, at-home self-isolation period prior to travelling to a nursing station in a remote and isolated First Nations community. While self-isolating, nurses will be asked to apply public health measures when engaging with other members of their household. This includes, where applicable, requesting other members of the household, who may work outside of their home, to abide by strict public health measures including physical distancing and diligent hand washing.

Update to Registration for Status Cards:

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, all Indigenous Services Canada offices for Indian status and secure status card applications will be closed until further notice. To apply by mail, visit [Are you applying for Indian status](#) or [How to apply for a status card](#). Processing times, including return of original documents, are delayed.

Indian status does not expire. Your registration number confirms your status and can be used to access some services and programs. During this time, service providers should accept status cards or Temporary Confirmation of Registration Documents (TCRDs), with identification, even if the renewal or expiry date has passed, until offices re-open. Children under the age of 18 who are eligible for registration can access Health Benefits through Jordan's Principle by contacting 1-855-572-4453. For all other registration, status card, and membership services, please visit our website at www.isc.gc.ca or call 1-800-567-9604.

Question of the Day

Q: What's the difference between emergency funding supports for COVID-19 and natural disasters?

A: The Emergency Management Assistance Program (EMAP) provides funding to First Nations to prepare for and respond to emergencies. Eligible emergencies include imminent or occurring threats which exceed the capacity of a First Nation to respond to, including wildfires, floods, storms, earthquakes. Funding for emergency response and recovery under EMAP is provided on a reimbursement basis in accordance with the program Terms & Conditions, which can be found at: <https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1386012167936/1386012273685>

The Indigenous Community Support Fund (ICSF) is an initiative introduced specifically to support First Nations in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. While funding was flowed through EMAP in order to expedite funds reaching Nations, the ICSF is intended to provide significantly greater flexibility for First Nations in responding to the unique needs of their communities in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding is on an allocations basis and is intended to support any reasonable expense that First Nations incur in responding to COVID-19.

National Information

[COVID-19: First Nations Community Guide on Accessing Additional Supports](#)

[Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Prevention and risks Guide to Mental Health Counselling Services](#)



Alberta Cases:

as of April 28 3:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (April 28 – 154 new cases)	4,850
Confirmed First Nations on-reserve Cases	16
Calgary Zone	3,366
Central Zone	84
Edmonton Zone	486
North Zone	202
South Zone	685
Unknown	27
Deaths due to COVID-19	80

Tomorrow's Telehealth Session

Novel Coronavirus (COVID -19) Update – Scenario & Discussion. Thursday, April 30th, 2020, 1:30 – 3:00 PM. Visit the First Nation portal at www.fntn.ca to register. Key FNIHB staff will be available for questions. Questions can be submitted in advance or at the end of the presentation to VChelp@FNTN.ca

Speakers include: Dr. Chris Sarin, Deputy Medical Officer of Health, FNIHB, Dr. Wadieh Yacoub, Senior Medical Officer of Health, FNIHB, Aaron Khan, Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer at Stoney Health Centre and RJ Bailot, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Canadian Animal Task Force.

Regional Snapshot



Useful Links

AHS COVID FAQs

- [novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) FAQs for Public](#)

Elder Advice Pamphlet

- Elders of Battlefords Agency Tribal Chiefs in Saskatchewan helped create this [pamphlet](#) with valuable advice during the pandemic.

Regional Contact:

Dean Janvier, Special Leadership Liaison, is available to support information sharing and to assist you in navigating questions or concerns related to COVID-19. He may be reached at Dean.Janvier@gmail.com or 780-545-6655.