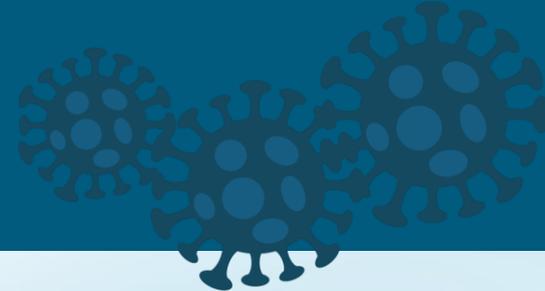


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Updates

National Nursing Week:

This week, May 11-17, 2020, marks National Nursing Week, an annual celebration drawing to attention the many contributions of nursing to the well-being of Canadians. Nurses across Alberta First Nations are leading voices and their continuous commitment to nursing is of immense value. Let's use this week to express our appreciation for their dedication in providing quality care during these trying times.

CERB Eligibility:

With today's update, we have included a document to help simplify if an individual may be entitled to the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) or not. Please share with your communities who can follow the flow chart to determine whether or not they may be eligible. There are also links in the document where more information can be found.

By-Laws on Reserve:

As a reminder, Bands have the legal authority to make their own laws through sections 81, 83 and 85, specifically, of the *Indian Act*. Section 81, in particular, affords Bands the powers to create bylaws for overseeing a range of activities on the reserve, including those related to removal of trespassers, traffic control, residency, public health and nuisances. However, there are restrictions on what Band Councils may control through bylaws. Bylaws can be created as long as they do not contravene the *Indian Act* or the regulations outlined in Section 73 of the *Indian Act*. Once you and your Council enact and enforce a by-law it needs to be published:

- on an Internet site (such as your First Nation website) OR
- in the First Nations Gazette OR
- in a local newspaper that has general circulation within the community

There is no longer a direct role for the department or for the Minister in these cases. For more information please refer [here](#)

Question of the Day

Q: How will Treaty annuity payments be made during this time?

A: A reminder that due to the coronavirus outbreak, the department is postponing all treaty annuity payment events until further notice in order to protect communities. Those who wish to receive their treaty payment sooner, are asked to please fill out a [treaty annuity payment request form](#) and mail it to our ISC regional office at:

Indigenous Services Canada Alberta Region
Indian Moneys, Estates & Treaty Annuities
630 Canada Place, 9700 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5J 4G2

If requested, treaty payments will be mailed back to the individual in the form of a cheque.

More information can be found [here](#).

National Information

[Canada COVID-19 App and Self-Assessment Tool](#)
[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and Indigenous communities](#)
[New public health videos in Indigenous languages](#)



Alberta Cases:

as of May 11 3:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (May 11 – 47 new cases)	6,300
AB Recovered Cases	4,659
Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases	29
On-reserve Recovered Cases	14
Calgary Zone Confirmed	4,278
Central Zone Confirmed	99
Edmonton Zone Confirmed	511
North Zone Confirmed	228
South Zone Confirmed	1,159
Unknown Confirmed	25
Deaths due to COVID-19	117

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

Income Assistance

We have received a few questions on the Funeral Benefit that is available under our Income Assistance Program, which may be able to provide some financial support to cover basic funeral costs for Income Assistance clients and other persons who ordinarily reside on reserve who are without resources. If further clarification on this benefit is needed in your community, please direct any questions to your Nation's Income Assistance Director.

Regional Snapshot



Useful Links

AHS Indigenous People and Communities webpage for COVID-19

- [AHS has been working with Indigenous communities and organizations across Alberta to support their COVID-19 responses](#)

Telehealth Session Thursday:

- There will be a Telehealth Session on May 14th from 1:30 –3:00 PM. Visit the First Nation portal at www.fnntn.ca to register. FNIHB staff will be available for questions. Questions can be submitted in advance or at the end of the presentation to VChelp@FNTN.ca

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.