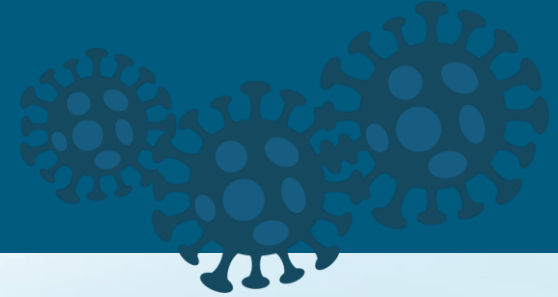


# ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Daily Update for Chiefs: April 14, 2020



## Updates

### Community Indigenous Supports Fund Update:

We understand the need to receive funding quickly to begin utilizing your allocation of the Community Indigenous Supports Fund. ISC created the amendments to your 2020-2021 funding agreements late last week.

You and your administrations should have received amendments over the Easter weekend for review and acceptance. Once ISC receives your approval of the amendment via email we will be making efforts to have funds transferred to your account in the coming days and weeks. Some amendments have already been returned and are with our finance department to process.

### Public Service Posters:

These posters, [which are free to download digitally](#), feature the work of Cherokee comic artist Roy Boney Jr., Super Indian creator Arigon Starr, as well as Diné (Navajo) artists Dale Deforest and Vanessa Bowen. If these resonate with you, we encourage you to share with your communities and promote these messages on your social media channels.



## Question of the Day

**Q:** What mental health supports are available to those in First Nations communities?

**A:** The Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program's Mental Health Counselling (MHC) benefit is intended to provide coverage for professional mental health counselling to complement other mental wellness services that may be available. In response to COVID-19, many offices and providers have transitioned to telepsychology. The NIHB regional office is supporting this practice, and has compiled a list of providers willing to offer telepsychology sessions. All registered First Nations are eligible for this service. If you have members that are not currently seeing a mental health counsellor and are interested in this service, please contact our office at 1-800-232-7301 between 8am and 4pm Monday through Friday and we will assist in connecting you with a provider and arranging a first session.

## National Information

[Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Prevention and risks Measures to support Canadians during the COVID-19 crisis YouTube video](#)

[COVID-19 in Canada: Using data and modelling to inform public health action](#)



## Alberta Cases:

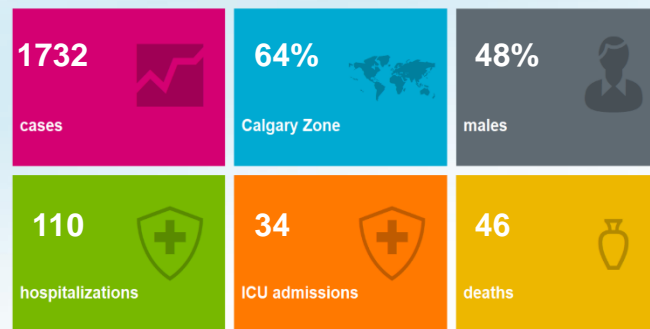
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AB Total Confirmed (April 13 – 81 new cases)	1732
Confirmed First Nations on-reserve Cases	0
Calgary Zone	1114
Central Zone	74
Edmonton Zone	399
North Zone	105
South Zone	33
Unknown	7
Deaths due to COVID-19	46

## Environmental Public Health Teams

ISC-AB's Environmental Public Health Officers continue to provide support to First Nations across Alberta. This support includes help with planning, preparations and assessment of isolation facilities as well as various duties related to drinking water.

## Regional Snapshot



## Useful Links

### AHS COVID FAQs

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

### GCIndigenous Twitter

- <https://twitter.com/GCIndigenous> includes updates, news releases and links for resources

### Weekly Virtual Town Hall Sessions

- FNHMA will be offering a weekly Virtual Town Hall Session every Thursday at 11am. Live stream at [www.ihtoday.ca](http://www.ihtoday.ca). Questions can be submitted to [fnhma@ihtoday.ca](mailto:fnhma@ihtoday.ca)

## Regional Contact:

A reminder that pandemic plan related information or requests for additional support can be sent to: [sac.cdemergenciesab-urgencesmtab.isc@canada.ca](mailto:sac.cdemergenciesab-urgencesmtab.isc@canada.ca)