

# ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Daily Update for Chiefs: *May 1, 2020*



## Updates

### Natural Disasters During a Pandemic:

We understand the additional challenges presented when seasonal flooding and other natural disaster emergencies occur while communities are in the midst of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. ISC-AB is working closely with First Nations that are at risk of flooding to help ensure emergency preparedness and response plans are in place and to fund eligible flood mitigation preparedness and response measures when necessary. Additionally, the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) team will work with impacted Nations to limit disruptions for evacuees in accessing medications, mental wellness supports and medical transportation.

Any reception shelters or temporary accommodations facilities set up for evacuees should maintain the COVID-19 physical distancing requirements of 2 meters (6 feet) between individuals and sleeping spaces, and implement measures to mitigate any mass gatherings. While infection prevention and control strategies are always an important aspect of emergency reception centre set up and operation, the current COVID-19 situation warrants additional vigilance and enhanced mitigation measures.

As you know, the provinces and territories manage flood monitoring and emergency responses. ISC-AB will continue to work with the province of Alberta to ensure supports are provided to impacted First Nations. For more information on flood monitoring in each region, you can consult Indigenous Services Canada's [website](#).

## Question of the Day

**Q:** What is the process should there be a confirmed case in my community?

**A:** The FNIHB Medical Officer of Health is informed by the provincial lab of any positive test results for individuals with a First Nation listed as the place of residence and in turn the community health nursing team is notified.

**A** Community Health Nurse will follow-up directly with the client to review self-isolation requirements and collect the relevant information to initiate public health follow-up measures. Appropriate isolation and testing for close contacts of the COVID-19 positive individual will occur as required to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Upon confirmation of a first case in a First Nation community, leadership will be notified by the ISC Alberta Regional Executive and Medical Officer of Health. Only health professionals have access to individually identifying health information and such information is to remain in the circle of care. Your community health team can only share general information including the number of confirmed cases in your Nation.

## National Information

**The Hope for Wellness Help Line** is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week to support members of your community experiencing emotional distress and may be reached directly by dialling **1-855-242-3310** or via online chat at: [hopeforwellness.ca](https://www.hopeforwellness.ca)



## Alberta Cases:

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

<b>AB Total Confirmed (April 30 – 190 new cases)</b>	<b>5,355</b>
<b>Confirmed First Nations on-reserve Cases</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Calgary Zone</b>	<b>3,590</b>
<b>Central Zone</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Edmonton Zone</b>	<b>490</b>
<b>North Zone</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>South Zone</b>	<b>946</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Deaths due to COVID-19</b>	<b>89</b>

## Regional Snapshot



## Useful Links

### GCIndigenous Twitter

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

### OneHealth Site

- OneHealth has a publically accessible site where weekly bulletins and other useful resources and information can be found. Please visit: [www.onehealth.ca/ab/ABCovid-19](http://www.onehealth.ca/ab/ABCovid-19)

## 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](mailto:Dean.Janvier@gmail.com) or 780-545-6655.

## CREation Community Support Fund

The Canadian Roots Exchange (CRE), an education-based non-profit has launched a national Community Support Fund to enable small organizations and collectives to support youth wellbeing during COVID-19. Groups can apply for up to \$5,000 to provide innovative and essential supports, resources, and initiatives to Indigenous youth (ages 14-29). You can find all the details and eligibility requirements here: <https://canadianroots.ca/ccsf/>