

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



Updates

Extension of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS):

The Government of Canada will extend the CEWS by an additional 12 weeks to August 29, 2020. CEWS eligibility has been extended to support those employers and workers hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic including Indigenous government-owned corporations that are carrying on a business, as well as partnerships where the partners are Indigenous governments and eligible employers. For more information on eligibility and how to apply click [here](#).

COVID-19 Scams:

The Canadian Centre for Cyber Security (CCCS) has seen an increase in COVID-19 phishing campaigns, some of which impersonate health organizations or Government of Canada websites such as Canada Revenue Agency and the Public Health Agency of Canada. CCCS has worked with industry to take down over 2000 fraudulent websites. Please note that the Government of Canada never uses text messages or instant messaging such as Facebook Messenger or WhatsApp to communicate with Canadians. Highly publicized events such as this pandemic can make individuals and organizations the target of email, telephone and cyber scams. If an individual believes they have encountered a scam message, they are encouraged to report the incident to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501

Question of the Day

Q: How can I access operational funding for health surge capacity and isolation supports in my community?

A: In order to comprehensively support your pandemic plan and response, FNIHB will be providing COVID-19 health specific funding to address your operational costs in an on-going, needs-based manner. As COVID-19 is likely to require response activities for months to come, as this pandemic evolves, we will work with your Nation to ensure you receive funding to effectively respond to your Nation's needs.

Most Nations have submitted funding requests, which we have been reviewing and have started to flow initial allocations to support your operational needs. Our Community Liaison Teams will continue to work with your Health technicians to ensure your funding needs are met as we progress through the various stages of the pandemic. If your Nation has not submitted a funding request yet, please ask your health team to work with their ISC Community Liaison Team to develop a proposal or discuss eligible health funding items.

National Information

[Canada COVID-19 App and Self-Assessment Tool](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and Indigenous communities](#)

New public health videos on [actions you can take to stop the spread of COVID-19](#) and [Physical Distancing](#)

Alberta Cases:

as of May 18 3:30 p.m. MST



AB Total Confirmed (May 18 – X new cases)	6,683
AB Recovered Cases	5,806
Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases	36
On-reserve Recovered Cases	0
Calgary Zone Confirmed	4,603
Central Zone Confirmed	99
Edmonton Zone Confirmed	518
North Zone Confirmed	229
South Zone Confirmed	1210
Unknown Confirmed	24
Deaths due to COVID-19	128

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

Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)

The application period is now open for the CESB. The benefit provides temporary income support to eligible post-secondary students and new graduates who are unable to work or find work this summer due to COVID-19, or are working and are not making over \$1000. The CESB will provide \$1,250 every four weeks to eligible students, or \$2,000 every four weeks to eligible students with disabilities, or those with children or other dependents. More information available [here](#)

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 21st from 1:30 –3:00 PM. Visit the First Nation portal at www.fntn.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.