

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Update for Chiefs: *June 11, 2020*

Updates

Alberta's Stage Two Relaunch Strategy:

On June 9th, Premier Kenney announced that Alberta will enter stage two of Alberta's Relaunch Strategy on Friday, June 12th. This means further relaxing of restrictions allowing for the reopening of businesses and services such as libraries, wellness services such as massage, acupuncture and reflexology, bingo halls and casinos (but not table games). The Province has released a number of new [relaunch guidance documents](#) to prepare businesses and sectors reopening under stage two, which you are encouraged to review and discuss with us in the context of your communities. More information on Alberta's stage two of relaunch is available [here](#). It is important to remember, and to remind your communities, that the pandemic is not over. Physical distancing, wearing masks when distancing is not possible, good hand hygiene, staying home if you are feeling unwell and getting tested if you have any symptoms are still essential. As your Nations reopen and relaunch, in accordance with decisions made by community Leadership, we remain committed to supporting your decisions by providing advice and considerations for lifting restrictions in your communities under the current public health guidance.

Windspeaker Radio Mental Health Spots:

Beginning June 8, Windspeaker Radio will air 5-minute programs twice per day, seven days per week featuring mental health professionals in a question/answer format providing mental health awareness tips and/or information on suicide prevention supports and resources. Windspeaker Radio will also air 120-second announcements prepared by mental wellness professionals recorded in English followed by Dene, Cree, Stoney/Nakoda, Blackfoot and Cree/Saulteaux five times per day, seven days per week featuring messages of mental health recommendations and encouragement. These messages will be recorded by recognized people from within the Indigenous community including Elders.

Question of the Day

Q: Where can my membership learn more on economic benefits related to COVID-19?

A: Canada Revenue Agency is hosting an Indigenous-focused webinar to share information and answer questions about the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB), Enhanced Canada Child Benefit, Enhanced Goods and Services Tax Credit and Extra Time to File Income Tax Returns. These will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 @ 1:30 pm OR Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 11:00 am.

To register, email Cheryl.Wells@cra-arc.gc.ca to get a link to see the presentation via webex or to join by phone call 1-877-413-4788 and enter conference ID: 2449970.

National Information

[How the National Microbiology Laboratory test for COVID-19](#)

[Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Awareness resources](#)
[Epidemiological summary of COVID-19 cases in First Nations communities](#)

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

Alberta Cases:

as of June 10th 3:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (June 10– 47 new cases)	7,276
AB Recovered Cases	6,754
Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases	54
On-reserve Recovered Cases	37
Calgary Zone Confirmed	5,016
Central Zone Confirmed	87
Edmonton Zone Confirmed	645
North Zone Confirmed	247
South Zone Confirmed	1,268
Unknown Confirmed	13
Deaths due to COVID-19	151
On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19	1

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

Reminder: #ProtectOurElders

We have previously shared with you Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation's, social media campaign, #ProtectOurElders. A reminder that the campaign and contest for youth will continue through all of June. Recently, Amazing Race winners James Makokis & Anthony Johnson helped spread the word as well, you can see their video [here](#).

See all the videos [here](#) and learn more at www.protectourelders.ca

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 TODAY:

- Novel Coronavirus Update –Scenario & Discussion. **June 11th, 1:30-3:00pm**. 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, visit <http://WWW.FNTN.CA> to register.

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.