

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Daily Update for Chiefs: *April 7, 2020*



Updates

Indigenous Community Support Fund: Urban and off-reserve Indigenous organizations and communities

The Government of Canada has announced a call for proposals to allow Indigenous organizations providing services to Indigenous peoples in urban centres or off reserve to access funding from the [Indigenous Community Support Fund](#) to prepare for and react to the spread of COVID-19.

This call for proposals is open to a number of Indigenous organizations including Friendship Centres, Tribal Councils and other Indigenous Representative Organizations. More information on who can apply, how to apply, and selection criteria can be found [here](#).

The deadline to submit an application is **April 13, 2020** at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

Questions regarding this call for proposals should be sent to: aadnc.icsfru-fscaru.aandc@canada.ca

Self-Screening for Healthcare Professionals Working in First Nations Communities:

All FNIHB nurses are aware of and expected to follow the new directive on daily self-screening for symptoms and exposure of COVID-19 virus if they are working in or travelling to First Nations communities. If any Nation has a question about FNIHB nurses providing service to their community please reach out to sac.cdemergenciesab-urgencesmtab.isc@canada.ca

Question of the Day

Q: What funding supports will be available to Alberta First Nations from the \$10 million in additional funding announced for on-reserve Women's Shelters?

A: As part of the COVID-19 response plan, ISC's network of women's emergency shelters on reserve are receiving extra funds to manage or prevent an outbreak in their facilities. Alberta Region is receiving \$1.37 million, which will be flowed to the on-reserve shelters using existing contribution agreements. Additional background information is available through the [News release](#).

National Information

[Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Prevention and risks](#)

[A new PHAC poster that outlines practices for physical distancing](#)

[Taking Care of your Mental Health \(COVID-19\)](#)

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 April 6 2:00 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (April 6 – 98 new cases)	1348
Confirmed First Nations on-reserve Cases	0
Calgary Zone	817
Central Zone	66
Edmonton Zone	351
North Zone	89
South Zone	22
Unknown	3
Deaths due to COVID-19	24

Youth Outreach

There is a growing concern from Chiefs in the Alberta Region that Indigenous youth are not heeding public health messaging regarding physical distancing, not unlike youth across the country. ISC Alberta Region is proposing outreach to Indigenous social media influencers in hopes they would share public health messages that youth would respond to. If you have individuals in your community who would help get these important public health messages out to your youth please contact Dean Janvier.

Regional Snapshot



Useful Links

Alberta Health

- [COVID 19 Info for Albertans](#): includes updates, data and other info
- [Information for People Visiting Patients](#)

OneHealth Site

- Bulletins and other useful resources and information can be found at: 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 or 780-545-6655.