

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Daily Update for Chiefs: *March 31, 2020*



Updates

Education Program Funding:

With the Provincial education announcement to cut funding for educational assistants, non-essential support staff and bussing contracts, we want to clarify what that means for First Nations.

Federal funding to support band operated schools and provincial tuition payments in Alberta Region will not be redirected for COVID-19 related emergencies. There is a separate funding envelope to address COVID-19 related emergency funding for First Nations. You will continue to receive Education Program funding for April/May/June with the ability to redirect funding to address education related needs during this time. Where Indigenous Services Canada manages the Provincial Tuition Agreements on behalf of First Nations, funding will be provided for the remainder of the school year.

Disclosure of Personal Health Information:

The collection, use and disclosure of personal health information is governed under Alberta's Health Information Act. This Act identifies the very specific parameters under which health information can be shared and with whom. Unless otherwise identified in the Act, community health nurses only share personally identifiable health information with other health providers providing direct care to the specific client. This is referred to as the "circle of care" and only those in it should have access to personal health information.

Key Public Health Measures:

All First Nations should take the opportunity to reinforce key public health messaging including advice on gatherings, physical distancing, travel restrictions and good hygiene practices.

Question of the Day

Q: Access to food is a growing concern in our community, what support can ISC provide to assist in addressing this?

A: In cases where local officials are unable to manage a shortage of critical supplies such as food, ISC would work with the community and other agencies as needed to provide necessary support.

National Information

[Travellers returning to Canada will be subject to a mandatory 14-day self-isolation](#) under the *Quarantine Act*.

New PHAC [videos](#) available about physical distancing and proper hand washing.

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 March 30 4:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (March 30 – 29 new cases)	690
Confirmed First Nations on-reserve Cases	0
Calgary Zone	422
Central Zone	46
Edmonton Zone	164
North Zone	45
South Zone	12
Unknown	1
Deaths due to COVID-19	8

Case and Contact Management

Confirmed lab results are reported to the zone MOH as quickly as possible and, if the individual has listed a First Nation as their place of residence, the FNIHB MOH will be notified immediately by phone. The FNIHB MOH and Communicable Disease Control Team will work with the nurse in the community on case management and contact follow-up. This includes ensuring exposed close contacts of the individual are notified and self-isolate. FNIHB's follow-up procedures also ensure symptomatic individuals are tested and limit further contact in the community.

Regional Snapshot



Upcoming

Call with Minister Miller, Minister Bennett and Alberta Chiefs – Tuesday, March 31, 2020:

Reminder of today's 10:30 AM call with Ministers Miller and Bennett. If you have any last minute questions, please send them to Dean Janvier at dean.janvier@gmail.com or 780-545-6655

Together in Prayer:

AFN Alberta and Treaty 7 Chiefs humbly call on all Nations to come together for an hour of prayer on Wednesday, April 1 at 11AM. More information can be found [here](#).