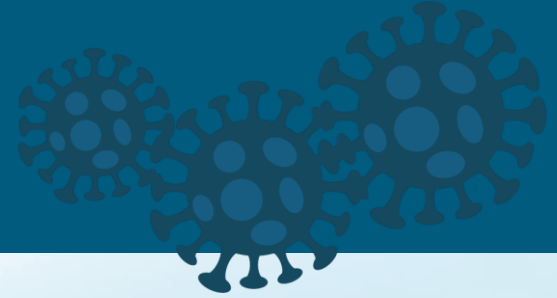


ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Daily Update for Chiefs: *March 30, 2020*



Updates

Funding:

This weekend you received an email from us regarding the Indigenous Community Support Fund. These funds are intended to provide you with the flexibility to address the immediate needs in your communities as you prepare for and respond to the spread of COVID-19. The email also outlined the specific funding allocation for your community as well as some measures this funding could be used for.

Please send any questions regarding your Nation's funding allocation to: sac.cdemergenciesab-urgencesmtab.isc@canada.ca with a cc to: ab.emergency@canada.ca

More information on the national breakdown of the distribution of funding through the Indigenous Community Support Fund can be found [here](#).

Geospatial Mapping:

Alberta Health has developed a geospatial tool to track COVID-19 cases in Alberta which can be found here: <https://covid19stats.alberta.ca/>

This is a useful tool that provides general information on cases emerging across Alberta. While the tool provides a good general overview, it does not drill down to the level of individual First Nations. FNIHB MOH will be informed of positive cases on reserve and leads an outbreak response team that will work with community staff and AHS to manage the health response.

Question of the Day

Q: Is there additional Income Assistance Funding during this crisis?

A: Additional Income Assistance (IA) funding has been provided to all Nations to help IA clients purchase food and other necessities. Social Directors can issue this amount as a cheque to the client, as a purchase order, as a gift card, or the Nation can purchase the food on the IA clients' behalf and receive a reimbursement.

National Information

[Government of Canada Videos on COVID](#) including important updates from Nurse Buckland on if there are confirmed COVID-19 cases in your community.

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 29 5:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (March 29 – 40 new cases)	661
Confirmed First Nations on-reserve Cases	0
Calgary Zone	408
Central Zone	46
Edmonton Zone	149
North Zone	45
South Zone	12
Unknown	1
Deaths due to COVID-19	3

Mass Gatherings

Please note the recent changes implemented by the Government of Alberta regarding mass gatherings. People are prohibited from attending gatherings of more than 15 people, and they must observe two metres of social distancing. This includes open spaces such as trails, fields and parks. As well as public and private gatherings where people are brought together in a single room or space at the same time, including funerals, weddings and other formal and informal events. Further details on gathering restrictions are available [online](#).

Regional Snapshot



Useful Links

Alberta Health

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

GCIndigenous Twitter

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

Public Health Agency of Canada

- [Epidemiological summary of COVID-19 cases in Canada](#): includes map and other data

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.