

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19

Update for Chiefs: *September 9, 2020*

Updates

Minor Capital Public Health Measures for Schools:

Alberta Region has received approximately \$3.5 million dollars to address immediate public health measures for the COVID-19 response in your schools. These funds are from a portion of the \$285 million COVID-19 Public Health Budget and the Prime Minister's Education announcement of August 26th which earmarked \$12 million of the \$112 million total for minor capital improvements. Eligible activities for this funding include:

- Additional hand washing stations
- Signage to reinforce social distancing and that is consistent with local public health guidance
- Plexiglass barriers for distancing/partitioning
- Cleaning supplies and sanitizers
- Touchless plumbing fixtures
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff and/or students
- Flushing of water lines

These funds will be flowed through an amendment to existing funding agreements that receive education program funding. Our goal is to have the funds distributed before September 30. Our Community Liaison Team members will be reaching out to facilitate the amendment process. Please note that amendments need to be returned in a timely manner to ensure a quick release of funds. Should you have any questions, please email CD Emergencies at sac.cdemergenciesab-urgencesmtab.isc@canada.ca.

Mental Health

We would like to remind you of the Hope for Wellness line. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to offer counselling and crisis intervention at 1-855-242-3310 or connect to the online chat at hopeforwellness.ca. Additionally, mental wellness messages air daily at 7:45 am and 9:20 pm seven days per week on Windspeaker Radio. These messages are also archived and you can find them [here](#). These segments feature mental health professionals in a question/answer format providing mental health awareness tips and/or information on suicide prevention supports and resources. Thank-you to the many Nations who supported the development of these mental wellness messages.

Question of the Day

Q: How can we combat COVID-19 misinformation and fact check information being shared in our community?

A: The World Health Organization (WHO) has compiled a list of 'mythbusting' facts by category to help people understand what to believe when it comes to coronavirus information. View the site [here](#).

National Information

[Video on Avoiding Parties](#)

[Video on Limiting the Spread of COVID-19](#)

[Direct help for bright ideas to make safer, pandemic-resilient communities](#)

[Public Health Agency of Canada Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Awareness resources](#)

Alberta Cases:

as of September 8th, 3:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (September 7 th 157 new cases)	15,093
AB Recovered Cases	13,154
Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases	32
On-reserve Recovered Cases	166
Calgary Zone Confirmed	7,941
Central Zone Confirmed	629
Edmonton Zone Confirmed	3,606
North Zone Confirmed	1,112
South Zone Confirmed	1,766
Unknown Confirmed	39
Deaths due to COVID-19	247
On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19	4

Canada Healthy Communities Initiative

The September 3, 2020, statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada highlighted the fact that we must ensure that the physical and social environments in which we live are healthy places. To help support these efforts, the Government of Canada recently announced the [Canada Healthy Communities Initiative](#) to help governments and community partners advance the goal of healthier living environments during the COVID-19 pandemic. This initiative will provide funding to small-scale, local projects that help adapt public spaces and places to the healthy living needs of their communities during these unprecedented times. For more information, please [click here](#).

Regional Snapshot



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

Useful Links

Lead, Feed, Share

First Nations Telehealth Network is hosting a session with Food Banks Alberta titled Lead, Feed, Share on **Monday Sept 21st at 10am**. You can register at <https://fntn.ca/Home/Register-VC?eid=17014>. Food Banks Alberta is the provincial association of food banks in Alberta with a mission to strengthen the impact of the food bank network by sharing best practices, innovations, and essential resources between members, stakeholders, and community partners. FBA is comprised of 97 member food banks across Alberta. Learn more here: <http://foodbanksalberta.ca/>.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Indigenous communities

Up to date information on COVID-19 in Indigenous Communities from Indigenous Services Canada can be found [here](#).