

# ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Daily Update for Chiefs: April 6, 2020



## Updates

### Announcing ISC-AB's Community Liaison Teams:

To ensure that First Nations and Tribal Councils in Alberta have streamlined access to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) information and support during the COVID-19 pandemic, ISC-AB has launched Community Liaison Teams. Each community will have two community liaisons, one representing Regional Operations and another representing First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, who will work harmoniously to offer a single window into ISC for community dialogue regarding operational matters related to COVID-19. An email with further details and contact information will be sent to you early this week.

### Enforcement of the *Public Health Act*:

Part III of the *Public Health Act* addresses Communicable Disease and Public Health Emergencies. Where non-compliance is observed in Nations, the process utilized of public health officers is as follows:

1. The community health nurse is to speak to the non-compliant individual(s) to communicate the importance of following the Public Health measures.
2. If the individual(s) continues to be non-compliant, the community health nurse contacts the MOH to request a letter be sent to the individual(s) further communicating the importance of the directive and compliance;
3. If non-compliance continues, the MOH will issue a Certificate/Order under the *Public Health Act* to obtain compliance as a last resort. Non-compliance with the issued certificate can result in enforcement options that include applicable authorities (First Nations Community Peace Officer, Security entities or the RCMP) to ensure isolation and community protection according to the public health directive.

## Question of the Day

**Q: Will COVID-19 impact funding for the 2020-2021 fiscal year?**

**A: As we've entered into the new fiscal year, we understand that it has not been business as usual for most of us. However, you have been provided your regular program funding on April 1, 2020. There will be no decreases or changes to the funding provided to continue ongoing programs and services this fiscal year.**

If you're planning or anticipating a change to your Nation's programs and services due to COVID-19, please work closely with ISC-AB staff to explore what flexibilities are available. The department is not requesting a reduction in any programs or services, but we leave this up to each individual Nation to decide based on the needs of your community.

## National Information

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

A [COVID-19 app and self-assessment tool](#) has been developed by Health Canada/PHAC.

**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](http://hopeforwellness.ca)

## Alberta Cases:

as of April 5 1:30 p.m. MST



AB Total Confirmed (April 5 – 69 new cases)	1250
Confirmed First Nations on-reserve Cases	0
Calgary Zone	774
Central Zone	67
Edmonton Zone	309
North Zone	77
South Zone	20
Unknown	3
Deaths due to COVID-19	23

## Highlight: Siksika Health Services

Siksika Health Services, through their Facebook account, has done a superb job of reaching out to their Nation and sharing the importance of social distancing. They highlight that it's not just about the individual, but the Elders and those with compromised immune systems or underlying health conditions. We're all in this together and Siksika Health Services is bringing that point home powerfully. You can see the post [here](#).

## Regional Snapshot



## Useful Links

### Alberta Health

- [COVID 19 Info for Albertans](#): includes updates, data and other info
- [Indigenous Health Program](#)
- Feeling stress, anxiety and depression due to the COVID-19 crisis? [Text4Hope](#) can help

### Weekly Virtual Town Hall Sessions

- FNHMA will be offering a weekly Virtual Town Hall Session every Thursday at 11am for the next 7 weeks. Live stream at [www.ihtoday.ca](http://www.ihtoday.ca). Questions can be submitted to [fnhma@ihtoday.ca](mailto:fnhma@ihtoday.ca)

### 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](mailto:Dean.Janvier@gmail.com) or 780-545-6655.