

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19

Update for Chiefs: *July 8, 2020*

Updates

Gatherings and Events:

The Government of Canada has released a [Risk mitigation tool for gatherings and events operating during the COVID-19 pandemic](#). It contains useful and strategic questions and proposals to help keep any gathering as safe as possible. As a reminder, in Alberta indoor gatherings are limited to 100 people and outdoor gatherings to 200. The provincial guidelines are found [here](#) and ISC Environmental Public Health Officers (EPHOs) are available to help support your Nations in gathering planning. The tool contains greater detail, but as a quick reference, when planning a gathering:

- Promote physical distancing (keeping a distance of 2 metres from others)
- Promote and facilitate personal preventive practices (Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. When soap and running water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol, avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands, practice good respiratory etiquette, including covering coughs and sneezes.)
- Discourage people who are ill from accessing/attending the gathering/event.
- Modify practices and programming to reduce how long attendees are in contact with each other and how many attendees come into contact with each other
- Mitigate risk for people at higher risk of severe illness due to COVID-19
- Create physical barriers between attendees and/or staff when physical distancing is not possible
- Increase ventilation
- Develop plans for dealing with attendees who become ill and/or are suspected of having COVID-19 while at the gathering/event.
- Wear a mask or face covering. Learn more [here](#).
- Mitigate risks from exposure to high-touch surfaces.

Question of the Day

Q: What additional supports are there for our businesses?

A: The Aboriginal Business Investment Fund (ABIF) can partially or completely fund capital costs for Indigenous community-owned economic development projects. Projects like these improve social and economic outcomes for Indigenous Peoples and their communities. ABIF provides between \$150,000 and \$500,000 to support an Indigenous community-owned economic development project. That could be up to 100% of eligible project costs to the ABIF maximum of \$500,000. An ABIF grant can be stacked with other government and industry funding sources. These are for projects that are close to starting operations or breaking ground within the fiscal year. Intake is open from Monday, June 29 to Wednesday, September 30. For all details and eligibility requirements click [here](#).

National Information

[COVID-19: Testing and reducing stigma](#)

[Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Awareness resources](#)

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](https://www.hopeforwellness.ca)

Alberta Cases:

as of July 7th 3:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (July 7– 47 new cases)	8,436
AB Recovered Cases	7,659
Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases	109
On-reserve Recovered Cases	70
Calgary Zone Confirmed	5,452
Central Zone Confirmed	93
Edmonton Zone Confirmed	1,157
North Zone Confirmed	340
South Zone Confirmed	1,375
Unknown Confirmed	19
Deaths due to COVID-19	157
On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19	1

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

PSA by Siksika Health Services

Siksika Health Services has developed a Protect your Family, Protect your Nation [awareness video](#) demonstrating how your actions not only have an impact on your health, but those around you as well. To quote Siksika Health Services, “your actions can save lives. Practice physical distancing for your parents, grandparents and children. We’ll overcome COVID-19 together.” And as it says in the video, “the biggest work you can do is to open your hearts and your minds to see yourself as part of the solution.” We encourage you to view and share their excellent awareness video.

Regional Snapshot



Useful Links

AHS Indigenous People and Communities webpage for COVID-19

- [AHS has been working with Indigenous communities and organizations across Alberta to support their COVID-19 responses](#)

Telehealth Session on Thursday:

- Coronavirus Update – July 9th 1:30-3:00. Key FNIHB staff will be available for questions. Questions can be submitted in advance or during the presentation to VChelp@FNTN.ca Visit <http://WWW.FNTN.CA> to register.

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.