

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Daily Update for Chiefs: April 15, 2020



Updates

By-Laws on Reserve:

As a reminder, Bands have the legal authority to make their own laws through sections 81, 83 and 85, specifically, of the *Indian Act*. Section 81, in particular, affords Bands the powers to create bylaws for overseeing a range of activities on the reserve, including those related to removal of trespassers, traffic control, residency, public health and nuisances. However, there are restrictions on what Band Councils may control through bylaws. Bylaws can be created as long as they do not contravene the *Indian Act* or the regulations outlined in Section 73 of the *Indian Act*. Once you and your Council enact and enforce a by-law it needs to be published:

- on an Internet site (such as your First Nation website) OR
- in the First Nations Gazette OR
- in a local newspaper that has general circulation within the community.

There is no longer a direct role for the department or for the Minister in these cases. For more information please refer [here](#).

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy:

Last weekend, the Government Passed *COVID-19 Emergency Response Act, No. 2* which included additional flexibilities for employers.

The bill authorizes the federal government to pay companies 75% of the first \$58,700 earned by each employee, up to \$847 per week for up to 12 weeks. The subsidy is retroactive to March 15 and will be available to companies that lost 15 per cent of their revenue in March or 30 per cent in April or May.

Full details can be found [here](#).

Question of the Day

Q: What if my Nation requires additional health infrastructure to respond to COVID-19?

A: The ISC-FNIHB-AB Capital team along with CDC planners have been reaching out to all First Nations to determine if additional space is required. For COVID-19, many communities have developed an isolation/accommodation plan for their Nation members that could include; home isolation, use of an existing facility such as a school or band office, mobile structures such as ATCO trailers, portable soft-walled structures, and/or hotels as part of their plan. When a Nation has developed a plan, or is working on one, and is requiring support to achieve any of these solutions, the ISC-FNIHB-AB team can help. We will work with the Nation to identify capital costs and seek approval for funding to action these plans. If your Nation wishes to connect regarding additional health infrastructure needed for COVID-19 response, please send a request to sac.cdemergenciesab-urgencesmtab.isc@canada.ca

National Information

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

[Video on Physical Distancing](#)

[Infection Prevention and Control for COVID-19: Interim Guidance for Long Term Care Homes](#)



Alberta Cases:

as of April 14 12:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (April 14 – 138 new cases)	1870
Confirmed First Nations on-reserve Cases	0
Calgary Zone	1242
Central Zone	74
Edmonton Zone	402
North Zone	107
South Zone	36
Unknown	9
Deaths due to COVID-19	48

Mental Health for Children

This can be a difficult time for children in your Nations. The World Health Organization has developed a [healthy parenting guide](#) and advice on [helping children cope with the stress of the outbreak](#). There is also this online [children's book](#) which may be of help to all the families in your communities.

Regional Snapshot



Useful Links

AHS COVID FAQs

- [novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) FAQs for Public](#)

GCIndigenous Twitter

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

Weekly Virtual Town Hall Sessions

- FNHMA will be offering a weekly Virtual Town Hall Session every Thursday at 11am. Live stream at www.ihtoday.ca. Questions can be submitted to 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 or 780-545-6655.