

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Daily Update for Chiefs: *April 28, 2020*



Updates

Enhancing the Reaching Home initiative:

Employment and Social Development Canada has earmarked \$157.5 million for the Reaching Home initiative to support people across Canada experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 outbreak.

This support can help address needs such as purchasing beds and physical barriers for social distancing and securing accommodation to reduce overcrowding in shelters.

Shelters and other non-profit organizations can apply for funding [here](#).

Jordan's Principle:

Jordan's Principle is an ongoing legal obligation and existing services will continue to be provided to ensure that First Nations children are receiving the services needed. This will not change due to COVID-19. The process and requirements for applying for new requests remains the same. Each request will be considered on a case by case basis to address unmet needs on the basis of normative standards and/or substantive equality. We recognize this is a difficult time and professionals may not be available to provide documentation in a timely manner and this will be taken into consideration when requests are reviewed. Email communication from professionals will also be accepted. The needs of children remain a priority during this crisis and we again thank you for your patience.

Question of the Day

Q: What should First Nation communities do about all of the reporting that is due within the Education Program such as High Cost Special Education, First Nation Inuit Youth Employment Strategy as well as Post-Secondary Education? If a report is submitted late, will there be an impact on funding under Education programs? What about funding under Education proposal-based programs?

A: Typically, this is reporting season for the Education Program and many reports are due in May and June before the end of the school year. The Department is aware that reporting is not the primary focus at this time – there will be no penalties or impact on funding if reports are not submitted by the due dates. When First Nation communities and departmental staff return to their offices and have full access to their systems, we will work together to address reporting requirements for the 2019/20 year. In terms of funding applications, there are a few Education staff on strength right now to ensure there are no funding impacts on proposal-based programs. This includes a small team reviewing and approving proposals for the First Nations Inuit Youth Employment Strategy to support the timely allocation of funding. For now, the focus remains on keeping communities healthy, safe and strong.

National Information

[COVID-19: First Nations Community Guide on Accessing Additional Supports](#)

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

[Help reduce the spread of COVID-19: Information for Indigenous communities](#)



Alberta Cases:

as of April 27 12:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (April 27 – 216 new cases)	4696
Confirmed First Nations on-reserve Cases	14
Calgary Zone	3257
Central Zone	84
Edmonton Zone	484
North Zone	196
South Zone	643
Unknown	32
Deaths due to COVID-19	75

Statistics Canada Survey

Statistics Canada's ongoing survey on the [Impacts of COVID-19 on Canadians](#) will provide insight into the challenges Canadians face as the COVID-19 situation evolves in the country; particularly in terms of the current economic and social situation, as well as on people's physical and mental health.

The survey has ten questions and takes approximately five minutes to complete.

Getting information on this topic is vital to effectively assess the needs of communities and implement suitable support measures during and after the pandemic.

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:

Reminder that pandemic plan related information or requests for additional support can be sent to: sac.cdemergenciesab-urgencesmtab.isc@canada.ca