

# ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Daily Update for Chiefs: *April 27, 2020*



## Updates

### Mask Production at Whitefish #128:

Whitefish #128 is utilizing their Garment Facility for the production of masks. The masks that they are producing have a pouch for a removable filter. They have currently prepared 4 masks for every household on their reserve, provided some to Beaver Lake Cree Nation and are currently working on an order for fire-retardant masks for Suncor.

Whitefish #128 is willing to fulfill orders for other First Nations, understanding capacity may be an issue. This is an opportunity to not only help maintain employment in their Nation but help others who may be in need during this pandemic. For order requests or questions, you can contact CEO of Economic Development, Tom Jackson, at 780-614-4026.

### Changes to the Call Schedule:

A reminder from our email to you late last week: In light of the fact that there are now confirmed cases on-reserve in both the AHS North and Calgary Zones, we are proposing a change for this week. In lieu of the calls by Treaty area, we will schedule one collective call with all Chiefs for the afternoon of Wednesday April 29th. This call will focus on key updates from the Medical Officers of Health including highlights of the process when a case does occur.

Also, we have asked Dean Janvier, as part of his continued outreach with you, to undertake a mini survey or evaluation of the various communication lines. We know that your time is valuable and really want to make sure that we are communicating and connecting in ways that are effective for you.

Chiefs, thank you again for your partnership in this unprecedented time.

## Question of the Day

**Q: How can ISC Alberta Region assist my Nation in preparing for COVID-19?**

**A: One way ISC Alberta Region has been assisting communities in preparing for COVID-19 is through our Capital – Health Facilities team. The ISC Alberta Region’s Capital – Health Facilities team has been reaching out to communities to discuss their health infrastructure needs, and to identify community-specific solutions to support their isolation plans. Funding through the ISC Health Facilities Program is available to support re-tooling and use of existing community spaces (e.g. schools, recreation centres) or the procurement of mobile structures.**

## National Information

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

Do you need help accessing COVID19 benefits for individuals? Many supports require that you have filed your income tax for the previous year. If you don't have a CRA My Account or have never filed a tax return with the CRA, please call **1-800-959-8281** for help. Learn more [here](#)



## Alberta Cases:

as of April 26 12:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (April 26 – 247 new cases)	4480
Confirmed First Nations on-reserve Cases	14
Calgary Zone	3104
Central Zone	83
Edmonton Zone	479
North Zone	182
South Zone	598
Unknown	34
Deaths due to COVID-19	73

## The Indigenous Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative

To support Indigenous Agriculture and Food Systems, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada has a [funding initiative](#) open until September 30, 2022 (up to \$500,000 per year). Eligible activities are categorized into two streams: Community readiness and pre-development support activities; and supporting Indigenous agriculture and food systems projects.

## 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](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.