

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Daily Update for Chiefs: *April 2, 2020*



Updates

Funding to date for COVID-19 Response:

To date, ISC-AB, through the Emergency Management Assistance Program, provided each Alberta First Nation with initial Response and Recovery funding allocations totaling \$8,000,000 in the 2019/20 fiscal year. Alberta First Nations will also be receiving a total of \$26,267,000 of the \$305 million Indigenous Community Response Fund. Your Nation's allocation of this money will be sent to you in the coming weeks as an amendment to your 2020/21 funding agreement. ISC is also working on clarifying a needs based health funding stream to support your community's health specific COVID-19 response. Please note that we recognize there will be a need for further funding, and more information on further supports will be forthcoming.

Indigenous Community Support Fund Allocation Methodology:

As you know, \$215 million of the \$305 million Indigenous Community Response Fund will be directed to First Nation communities. The following methodology was used to determine how much each community will receive.

A \$50,000 base amount for each community was added to an amount based on specific circumstances of each community, including the population based on the 2016 census, the Nation's [remoteness](#) and their Community Well Being ([CWB](#)) Index.

Remoteness is measured by two key parameters: (1) the proximity to all population centres within a given radius that permits daily accessibility; and (2) the population size of each population centre, used as a proxy of service availability.

The 2016 Community Well-Being (CWB) index measures socio-economic well-being for communities across Canada. It has 4 components: education, labour force activity, income and housing.

Question of the Day

Q: What is the Government of Canada doing to address the issues of overcrowded housing in First Nation communities and self-isolation complications?

A: ISC is encouraging communities to explore options and solutions in their pandemic plans for self-isolation. There are various solutions for self-isolation that could be considered.

Ruth Richardson is supporting pandemic planning in First Nations communities. Ruth can be reached through contacting our Communicable Disease email box at sac.cdemergenciesaburgencesmtab.isc@canada.ca

National Information

- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Prevention and risks](#)
- [How to register for a Canada Revenue Agency My Account to access important resources and benefits](#)



Alberta Cases:

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

AB Total Confirmed (April 1 – 117 new cases)	871
Confirmed First Nations on-reserve Cases	0
Calgary Zone	527
Central Zone	57
Edmonton Zone	219
North Zone	51
South Zone	12
Unknown	5
Deaths due to COVID-19	11

AHS Recommendations for Self- Isolation

- A reminder that AHS's guidelines for self-isolation are to:
- Stay home – do not attend work, school, social events, or any other public gatherings;
 - Avoid close contact with other people, including members of their household, and especially seniors and people with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems;
 - Don't take public transportation like buses, taxis or ride sharing, where possible; and
 - Watch for symptoms in yourself or a family member.

Regional Snapshot



Useful Links

Windspeaker Radio Spots

- FNIHB Medical Officers of Health have important COVID related messages on [Windspeaker Radio](#) on air at 12:30 and 4:40 pm daily

Handheld Device to Support Testing in Rural, Remote Communities

- [AHS partners with Spartan Bioscience to enable rapid testing for COVID-19](#)

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.