

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Update for Chiefs: *May 19, 2020*



Updates

Extension of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS):

The Government of Canada will extend the CEWS by an additional 12 weeks to August 29, 2020. CEWS eligibility has been extended to support those employers and workers hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic including Indigenous government-owned corporations that are carrying on a business, as well as partnerships where the partners are Indigenous governments and eligible employers. For more information on eligibility and how to apply click [here](#).

COVID-19 Scams:

The Canadian Centre for Cyber Security (CCCS) has seen an increase in COVID-19 phishing campaigns, some of which impersonate health organizations or Government of Canada websites such as Canada Revenue Agency and the Public Health Agency of Canada. CCCS has worked with industry to take down over 2000 fraudulent websites. Please note that the Government of Canada never uses text messages or instant messaging such as Facebook Messenger or WhatsApp to communicate with Canadians. Highly publicized events such as this pandemic can make individuals and organizations the target of email, telephone and cyber scams. If an individual believes they have encountered a scam message, they are encouraged to report the incident to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501

Question of the Day

Q: How can I access operational funding for health surge capacity and isolation supports in my community?

A: In order to comprehensively support your pandemic plan and response, FNIHB will be providing COVID-19 health specific funding to address your operational costs in an on-going, needs-based manner. As COVID-19 is likely to require response activities for months to come, as this pandemic evolves, we will work with your Nation to ensure you receive funding to effectively respond to your Nation's needs.

Most Nations have submitted funding requests, which we have been reviewing and have started to flow initial allocations to support your operational needs. Our Community Liaison Teams will continue to work with your Health technicians to ensure your funding needs are met as we progress through the various stages of the pandemic. If your Nation has not submitted a funding request yet, please ask your health team to work with their ISC Community Liaison Team to develop a proposal or discuss eligible health funding items.

National Information

[Canada COVID-19 App and Self-Assessment Tool](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and Indigenous communities](#)

New public health videos on [actions you can take to stop the spread of COVID-19](#) and [Physical Distancing](#)

