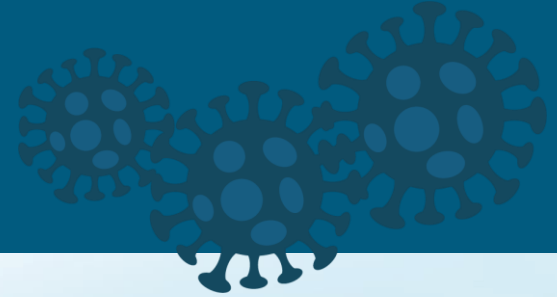


ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Daily Update for Chiefs: *April 1, 2020*



Updates

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

ISC-AB has been working with First Nations since March 17th to support access to the national PPE stockpile as an interim measure until Alberta Health Services is able to supply PPE to First Nations communities.

As of March 31st, the Region has received 69 requests to access the National stockpile. 55 of these PPE orders have been shipped (and 40 of these delivered). The remaining 14 orders are being processed.

As we move through this crisis together, we know that there might be some disruptions in the PPE supply. This is why it is crucial that we all follow the guidelines in terms of how PPE is accessed and by whom.

It's important to recognize that **if you do not have symptoms, you do not need to wear a mask.** The World Health Organization, Public Health Agency of Canada, and other public health authorities do not recommend the use of surgical masks by healthy/asymptomatic individuals to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Pandemic Planning:

Pandemic planning information is critical to supporting ISC-AB's ability to draw upon National funding allocations. For additional support or to submit a completed plan please contact: sac.cdemergenciesab-urgencesmtab.isc@canada.ca

Question of the Day

Q: Does COVID funding provided through the Emergency Management Assistance Program (EMAP) affect any other emergency funding?

A: At this time, EMAP assistance is dedicated to ensure the immediate health and safety response of First Nations related to COVID-19. Funding will not be used to support capacity building activities, nor to supplement other programs such as Band Support Funding. Eligible expenses will still be funded in cases of fire, flood or other natural disasters that pose an imminent threat to communities that would typically be supported by the EMAP. Please continue to work with your AEMA field officer to identify any issues your community may be experiencing related to flood and fire season.

National Information

- Statistics Canada partnered with the Public Health Agency of Canada to make information on the number of [confirmed corona virus disease \(COVID-19\) cases available to the public.](#)
- [Partnerships with Canadian industry to fight the COVID-19 pandemic](#)



Alberta Cases:

as of March 31 1:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (March 30 – 64 new cases)	754
Confirmed First Nations on-reserve Cases	0
Calgary Zone	453
Central Zone	51
Edmonton Zone	187
North Zone	50
South Zone	12
Unknown	1
Deaths due to COVID-19	8

Useful Links

GCIndigenous YouTube Channel

- [COVID-19 | Questions from a community perspective with Chief Leroy Denny](#)

Public Health Agency of Canada

- [Epidemiological summary of COVID-19 cases in Canada](#): includes map and other data

Regional Snapshot



Summary of March 31 Call with the Ministers

Thank you to everyone who participated. Key messages from Minister Miller and Minister Bennett included:

- The Indigenous Community Support Fund represents the initial funding allocations to support First Nations COVID-19 response activities.
- The Government of Canada is actively exploring diverse solutions to support the unique challenges and needs of First Nations in responding to this pandemic, including temporary infrastructure and capital, health service accessibility and emergency service response.
- The [COVID-19 Economic Response Plan](#) is accessible to all Canadians and includes a number of supports for individuals including EI enhancements and extending tax filing deadlines.