

## ONTARIO REGION UPDATE



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## World Tuberculosis Day

World Tuberculosis (TB) Day is observed on March 24 each year, a day to spotlight public health and education efforts to end TB. The date was chosen to mark Dr. Robert Koch's groundbreaking discovery of the bacteria tuberculosis bacillus in 1882.

TB continues to disproportionately affect [First Nations and Inuit communities due to social inequities](#), and stigma remains a concern for many patients. The following communication resources can help support local and ongoing awareness and education efforts against TB.



### Resources

- Poster: [Tuberculosis in children](#)
  - Currently available in [English, French and Inuktitut](#); more languages to come
- Graphic: [Let's stop TB](#)
- Graphic: [TB can affect anyone](#)
- Fact sheet: [Think tuberculosis](#)
- Website: [Stop TB Partnership](#)
  - Includes a variety of information and resources related to TB



Store your **cannabis** out of reach and locked away.

Accidental poisonings in children from edible cannabis can be life threatening.

### Practicing Safer Cannabis Storage



**Click on the image, pictured left.** It will take you to a toolkit about cannabis and children.

## National Film Board Resources





The [National Film Board of Canada](http://www.nfb.ca) (NFB) website hosts a number of films and [educational materials](#). Content is available on a wide variety of topics, such as environment and eco-anxiety, painting and fine arts, and data rights and privacy. This includes media created by and/or with Indigenous creators, and content related to Indigenous Studies.

Most of the materials are free to stream or download, and several were created to support learning in and out of the classroom. Some of the materials are explicitly created to support learning, and geared towards specific age groups.

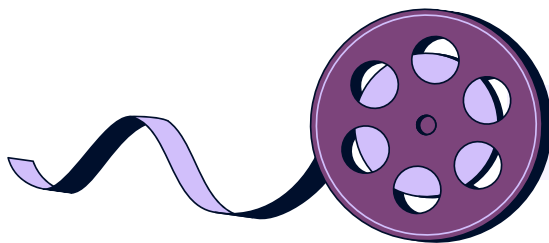
A usage licence is required to use resources from the website in public. You may already have a usage licence through a school board, the provincial Ministry of Education, or another organization. To obtain a usage licence or find out if your usage is already covered, please contact the NFB at [info@nfb.ca](mailto:info@nfb.ca) or 1-800-267-7710.

Examples of available media are listed below.

### Resources

- Indigenous Cinema: [www.nfb.ca/indigenous-cinema](http://www.nfb.ca/indigenous-cinema)
  - Example:  [Northlore](#)
  - Example:  [Ever Deadly](#)
- Study Guides\*: [www.nfb.ca/education/guides](http://www.nfb.ca/education/guides)
  - Example: [Mary Two-Axe Earley, I Am Indian Again](#) |  [film](#)
  - Example: [Star Wars Kid, The Rise of the Digital Shadows](#) |  [film](#)
- NFB Blog – Mini Lessons\*: [blog.nfb.ca/blog/tag/mini-lessons/](http://blog.nfb.ca/blog/tag/mini-lessons/)
  - Example: [Our Maternal Home and Stories Are in Our Bones](#)
  - Example: [Elbow Room](#)

\* *Designed for a classroom setting.*



## Invasive Species Map

The [new aquatic invasive species survey map](#) has launched. This interactive online tool provides an overview of aquatic invasive species detections across the country. The map will allow partners, academia and the public to stay informed about where these species are found.

Funding was also announced under the [Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund \(AISPF\)](#) for 8 projects across the country. These projects will help strengthen partnerships; facilitate on-the-ground, preventative actions against aquatic invasive species; and promote education, outreach, detection, and response activities.

Please visit the [news release](#) for more information.



*Pictured right: Grass carp, an invasive species of freshwater fish in parts of Ontario.*

## Help is Here Whenever You Need It

Support is available 24/7 for all First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. Please find a list of mental health helplines below that are able to provide culturally relevant support. To find more services and resources, [visit the national Indigenous mental health page](#).



☐☐☐ ☐☐☐  
Hope for Wellness Helpline  
Phone: 1-855-242-3310  
Online chat: [www.hopeforwellness.ca](http://www.hopeforwellness.ca)

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Support Line  
Phone: 1-844-413-6649

Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line  
Phone: 1-866-925-4419

Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Services  
Phone: 9-8-8 (call or text)