

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Update for Chiefs: *February 10th, 2021*



Updates

REMINDER: Q4 FNIHB Health Needs Submission Due February 16

Reminder that your submissions for Q4 FNIHB Health Needs Funding is due February 16. COVID communication activities including vaccine communications may be eligible for your Q4 submission. Please contact your CLT for any questions.

Immunization Partnership Fund:

The COVID-19 vaccination campaign is the largest mass vaccination campaign ever undertaken and Canadians have questions and require trusted sources of information. To help in these efforts, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is pleased to invite eligible organizations to submit letters of intent (LOI) for projects focussed on increasing Canadians' confidence in and access to COVID-19 vaccines and improving vaccine uptake overall. Applications must be submitted using PHAC's Immunization Partnership Fund LOI Template. To obtain a copy of the LOI Template, please contact: phac.cgc.solicitations-csc.aspc@canada.ca with the subject line "LOI Immunization Partnership Fund". LOIs must be submitted by 11:59pm EST on March 5, 2021. For more information about this funding opportunity, please visit the [Immunization Partnership Fund's Call for Proposals](#).

Addressing Anti-Indigenous Racism in Health Care in Canada:

Minister of Indigenous Services Marc Miller [announced last week](#) that the federal government [will co-develop the legislation](#) alongside Indigenous leaders and look for "concrete steps" to fight racism that includes giving Indigenous communities the ability to develop and deliver health services. The work ahead will build upon efforts already underway in jurisdictions to ensure that health systems are culturally inclusive, responsive, appropriate, and demonstrate cultural humility. Provinces and territories remain committed to working with local Indigenous communities, organizations, and leadership on this critical issue. Another dialogue will be held in Spring 2021 to pursue discussions related to postsecondary health education, cultural humility training, Indigenous approaches to health, and patient navigation.

Question of the Day

Q: Is there information for those who are worried they need to pay back CERB?

A: On February 9th, the Government clarified that self-employed individuals whose net self-employment income was less than \$5,000 and who applied for the CERB will not be required to repay the CERB, as long as their gross self-employment income was at least \$5,000 and they met all other eligibility criteria regardless if applied through the Canada Revenue Agency or Service Canada.

Some self-employed individuals whose net self-employment income was less than \$5,000 may have already voluntarily repaid the CERB. The CRA and Service Canada will return any repaid amounts to these individuals. Additional details will be available in the coming weeks.

More information on this clarification [here](#). For more information on CERB and resources if you have further questions click [here](#).

REMINDER: Public Health Measures

Alberta is bending the curve to protect our health system, but we must be careful not to lift restrictions too quickly. [A Path Forward](#) is a roadmap to help Albertans understand how restrictions will be eased in steps over the coming months. It outlines the sectors that will see gradual restriction changes at each step based on hospitalization benchmarks. Step 1 restriction changes came into effect on Monday.

Alberta Cases:

as of February 9th, 3:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (Feb. 8th – 195 new cases)	127,231
AB Recovered Cases	119,678
Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases	5,456
On-reserve Recovered Cases	4,812
On-Reserve Active Cases	590
Calgary Zone Confirmed	48,921
Central Zone Confirmed	9,280
Edmonton Zone Confirmed	52,271
North Zone Confirmed	10,590
South Zone Confirmed	6,051
Unknown Confirmed	118
Deaths due to COVID-19	1,722
On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19	54

Universal Broadband Fund UPDATE

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada has extended **the deadline for UBF applications to March 15, 2021.**

Pathfinders are available to assist prospective applicants with questions related to the program. Pathfinders can be reached at get-connected@canada.ca. Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada leads this application process and has received questions pertaining to eligibility and open access requirements. To be eligible for contributions under the UBF, broadband project proposals must provide open access to Points of Presence (PoPs) that are components of the project.

Regional Snapshot



More Alberta case data can be found [here](#)

Useful Links

Video: Stigma against Indigenous people is a ‘social sickness’:

As communities work to stop the spread of COVID-19, Indigenous health experts say there is a “social sickness” that also must be addressed. A new short animated video is aiming to educate the public on the stigmatization that’s faced by Indigenous communities in the wake of the pandemic. <https://www.vicnews.com/news/video-stigma-against-indigenous-people-is-a-social-sickness/>

Epidemiological summary of COVID-19 cases in First Nations communities:

Epidemic curves of COVID-19 cases in FN communities are available online & updated weekly. For information on the total reported and recovered cases, newly reported and active cases, and a breakdown of cases by age and gender: <http://ow.ly/vsR150Dui1g>

Reminder: ISC Weekly COVID Vaccine Update:

ISC will run an vaccine information session every Tuesday from 1-1:30pm. These will be hosted by Dr. Parminder Thiara and Christina Smith. Contact your Community Liaison Team for more info.