

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Update for Chiefs: *June 16th, 2021*



Updates

Own-Source Revenue in Indigenous Communities Initiative:

The Government of Canada has created the Own-Source Revenue in Indigenous Communities Initiative (OSRICI) to support communities that have experienced a reduction in own-source revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Recipients can use this funding to provide core community programs and important services that would have been funded by own-source revenue. Funding under this initiative is not meant to overlap with other COVID-19 measures including the Indigenous Community Business Fund, Support Fund or other health, economic and social supports. All applications must be submitted to Indigenous Services Canada by **August 31, 2021**. Find out if you are eligible [here](#). Find the application requirements and support [here](#).

Professional and Institutional Development Program:

During the current pandemic, many organizations, including Indigenous Services Canada, have adapted to the reality of employees working remotely in order to continue to provide programs and services. Similarly, most First Nations in Alberta are addressing this challenge by increasing the capacity of their internet data handling, strengthening wifi coverage, and prioritizing data security by purchasing more computer hardware, software and wireless technologies (including laptops, tablets, and smart phones). To assist with this transition and increase capacity, a program that can offer support is the Professional and Institutional Development Program (P & ID). The P & ID program is a proposal-based program that supports community driven First Nations/Tribal Council/Community governance, operational, and capacity development projects. The ten functions of Governance that inform the program are: Leadership, Membership, Information Technology and Management, Law-Making, Financial Management, Human Resources Management, Basic Administration, Community Involvement, Planning and Risk Management, and External Relations. For more information and program guidelines, or to submit a proposal, please speak with your Field Services Officer and visit the link below: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100013815/1565365590861>

Question of the Day

Q: Are there more supports to help business recovery for our Nations?

A: The Canada Recovery Hiring Program would provide eligible employers with a subsidy of up to 50% of the wages paid to eligible, active employees between June 6, 2021, and November 20, 2021. Employers eligible for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy would generally be eligible for the Canada Recovery Hiring Program. Eligible employers must be Canadian-controlled private corporations (including a cooperative corporation that is eligible for the small business deduction), and also include individuals, non-profit organizations, registered charities, and certain partnerships. Eligible remuneration for each eligible employee would be subject to a maximum of \$1,129 per week. Full details [here](#).

National Info

[National Indigenous History Month 2021](#)

[Indigenous Community Support Fund](#)

[COVID-19 awareness activities for Indigenous kids](#)

Alberta Cases:

as of June 15th, 3:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (June 14 th – 127 new cases)	230,705
AB Recovered Cases	225,627
Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases	8,754
On-reserve Recovered Cases	8,403
On-Reserve Active Cases	265
Calgary Zone Confirmed	93,788
Central Zone Confirmed	20,634
Edmonton Zone Confirmed	77,533
North Zone Confirmed	26,283
South Zone Confirmed	12,454
Unknown Confirmed	13
Deaths due to COVID-19	2,274
On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19	86
Variants of Concern Confirmed in Alberta	48,125

G4 Talks Health Podcast: COVID Vaccine

Via the Government of Canada Indigenous health channels, you can now listen/watch our latest podcast episode! You can find our follow up episode with Dr. Sarin on COVID-19 variants, vaccines, restrictions, and updated COVID -19 information for summer 21 on Apple podcast and Spotify. You can watch the video of our podcast on our YouTube channel G4 Talks Health as well.

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/74701k7jgKrHvABlztwHCM...>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HagJF5A84HA>

Regional Snapshot



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

Useful Links

Telehealth TOMORROW:

Thursday, June 17th, 2021 from 1:30 - 3 pm.

To connect to the session:

- via Zoom, go to <https://fntn.zoom.us/join> and enter Meeting ID: 984 5087 9152 and Passcode: 630689
- from an audio line, dial 1-587-328-1099 and enter Meeting ID: 984 5087 9152 and Passcode: 630689
- from a videoconference-enabled room, go to www.fntn.ca to register

Questions can be submitted in advance of or during the presentation to VChelp@FNTN.ca, or via Zoom during the presentation. This session will be recorded and posted to www.fntn.ca.

FNHMA COVID-19 Town Halls:

FNHMA COVID Town Halls will continue in June, with the final LIVE broadcast happening Wednesday, June 30. Please mark your calendar and join us as we reflect, celebrate and share what's next for FNHMA. <http://ihtoday.ca/townhall>

Vaccine Update



REMINDER: Disclosure of Personal Health Information:

The collection, use and disclosure of personal health information is governed under Alberta's Health Information Act. This Act identifies the very specific parameters under which health information can be shared and with whom. Unless otherwise identified in the Act, **community health nurses only share personally identifiable health information with other health providers providing direct care to the specific client.** This is referred to as the **"circle of care"** and only those in it should have access to personal health information. All information related to an individual who is or was infected with a communicable disease shall be treated as **private and confidential**, and no information shall be published, released or disclosed without the consent of the individual or as authorized/required by law. The FNIHB-AB Medical Officers of Health recognize the need for First Nations leadership to have access to information on COVID-19 activity in their community and are committed to sharing appropriate information. Information includes:

- Notification of First Nations leadership when COVID-19 has first been detected in the community and when there are significant changes such as an outbreak or a sudden increase in case numbers or a variant case identified;
- Supporting local health staff with providing regular updates that includes aggregate information on cases and contacts;
- Supporting ways to connect band services such as isolation needs for impacted households;
- And, working with law enforcement to address concerns about recalcitrant individuals.

COVID Vaccine Lottery:

Through the Provincial government, any Albertan 18 and older who has received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine can now enter a province-wide lottery to win \$1 million. The first \$1-million prize is up for grabs to any Albertan 18 or older who gets at least their first dose of vaccine. Registration will close one week after the province immunizes 70 per cent of the eligible population with one dose. There will be further draws in August and September.

Eligibility criteria are as follows:

- You must reside in Alberta at the time of the draw
- You must be 18 or older
- You must provide proof of receiving your first dose of an approved vaccine

The province said anyone 18 and older who received their first dose outside the province is also eligible, as long as they submit proof of vaccination to AHS and meet the other criteria. Eligible Albertans can now register for the lottery [online](#).

Vaccine Snapshot

*as of June 14th *



52,451 doses of vaccine have been administered in **46** Nations (bands) in Alberta.



At least **31,390** First Nations people have received their first dose.



At least **3,974** First Nations people aged 65 years and older living on reserve or crown land have received their first dose.



At least **3,484** First Nations people aged 65 years and older have received two doses of the vaccine.



At least **21,061** First Nations people have received two doses of the vaccine.