

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19

Update for Chiefs: *June 9th, 2021*



Updates

Alberta's Open For Summer Plan:

In last week's Update, we mentioned the three stage plan for Alberta's Open for Summer mandate, stage two will begin **tomorrow, June 10th**. This day is two weeks after 60 per cent of Albertans age 12-plus have received at least one dose of vaccine and COVID-19 hospitalizations are below 500 and declining. This following changes to provincial orders include:

- Outdoor social gatherings – up to 20 people with distancing (indoor social gatherings still not permitted), Indoor recreation, entertainment and other settings (rec centres, arenas, casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, galleries, libraries, etc.) – open at 1/3 of fire code occupancy
- Gyms and fitness studios – open for solo and drop-in activities and indoor fitness classes with 3 metre distancing
- Funeral services – up to 20 people, indoors and outdoors (receptions permitted outdoors only), Wedding ceremonies – up to 20 people, indoors and outdoors (receptions permitted outdoors only)
- Places of worship – 1/3 of fire code occupancy
- Personal and wellness services – resume walk-in service
- Post-secondary – resume in-person learning
- Restaurants – 6 people per table max, indoors or outdoors, Retail – 1/3 of fire code occupancy (must maintain ability to distance)
- Youth activities (day camps, overnight camps, play centres) – resume with restrictions, Youth and adult sports – resume with no restrictions, indoors and outdoors
- Outdoor public gatherings (concerts/festivals) – up to 150 people, Outdoor fixed seating facilities (grandstands) – 1/3 seated capacity
- Work from home order is lifted but still recommended
- Distancing and masking requirements remain in effect

Full details are available [here](#).

Question of the Day

Q: Where can we get more information on Vaccines?

A: Tomorrow, June 10th 12pm to 1pm on [Windspeaker Radio](#) Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council is hosting a Vaccine Town Hall for the public, which includes an opportunity to ask questions. Chief Billy Joe Laboucan from the Lubicon Lake Band, Gilbert Okemow and Elder Flora Cardinal from the Peerless Trout First Nation and Dr. Parminder Thiara, Deputy Medical Officer of Health with Indigenous Services Canada will be on the air to provide updates and answer questions. Email your questions in advance to digital@ktcadmin.ca or call in live during the show. The panel discussion will be hosted and moderated by Lowa Bebee and Jeremy Harpe.

National Info

[How do we know vaccines are safe?](#)

[How are the COVID-19 vaccines being monitored for safety?](#)

Alberta Cases:

as of June 1st, 3:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (June 7th – 139 new cases)	229,458
AB Recovered Cases	222,776
Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases	8,597
On-reserve Recovered Cases	8,319
On-Reserve Active Cases	194
Calgary Zone Confirmed	93,268
Central Zone Confirmed	20,483
Edmonton Zone Confirmed	77,273
North Zone Confirmed	26,018
South Zone Confirmed	12,404
Unknown Confirmed	12
Deaths due to COVID-19	2,251
On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19	84
Variants of Concern Confirmed in Alberta	47,095

Greener Homes Grant

Natural Resources Canada is offering up to \$5,600 total for participants in the [Canada Greener Homes Grant](#). This grant helps homeowners make their homes more energy-efficient, through retrofits to their homes such as better insulation. Funding is also available for expert advice to homeowners so they can begin to plan their retrofits. This is also applicable to those in remote communities and those with limited internet access. Eligibility info [here](#). Steps in the process and info on registering available [here](#). Additionally, Indigenous governments are encouraged to submit applicants for the [energy advisor recruitment, training and mentorship campaign](#) to support this initiative and create jobs for evaluators. At least 10% of total funding for this initiative is earmarked Indigenous governments or organizations. Deadline for applying is **July 8th, 2021**.

Regional Snapshot



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

Useful Links

Education Director Town Hall TOMORROW 10:00-11:30 am:

A meeting with Education Directors to discuss Post-Secondary Education transformation

- Welcome & Opening Prayer.
- Post-Secondary Update – information from ISC Headquarters
- Post-Secondary Updates on engagement activities – TBD

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 587-414-2346,,399575837#](#) Canada, Edmonton

Phone Conference ID: 399 575 837#

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



Second Doses in Alberta:

For your off reserve members, the Government of Alberta has specified the scheduling for second doses. Second doses are necessary to ensure that protection lasts as long as possible. Those who are eligible to book their second dose appointment and who consented to be contacted by Alberta Health Services (AHS) when they booked their first dose appointment with AHS, will be notified when it's time to book their second dose appointment. However, Albertans do not need to wait to be contacted to book once they become eligible. For those who did not consent to receive a text message or automated phone call, or if they received their first dose at a pharmacy, can see below for information on when they will be eligible to book. Albertans will be able to schedule second dose appointments in the order they received their first doses:

- Anyone vaccinated in March or earlier can book their second dose starting June 1
- Anyone vaccinated in April can book their second dose starting June 14
- Anyone vaccinated in May can book their second dose starting June 28

Note: Do not book before you are eligible. The appointment will be cancelled.

How to book: ahs.ca/covidvaccine

Visit alberta.ca/covid for updates on second dose eligibility groups.

Importance of Second Doses:

As First Nations communities continue to take the lead in vaccinations and COVID protection, we must remember that we are not past this pandemic quite yet. New variants such as the "Delta" variant pose legitimate concern as they have been demonstrated to be more transmissible than previous strains of the virus. This variant has been detected in low numbers on reserve in Alberta. Preliminary data released last week from Public Health England suggested that COVID-19 vaccines were effective against the new variant after two doses, but less efficacy was shown with only one dose. NACI statements indicate that one dose of the mRNA vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) is 60-80% effective against COVID-19, but two doses increase protection over 90%.

Vaccine Snapshot

*as of June 6th *



49,107 doses of vaccine have been administered in **46** Nations (bands) in Alberta.



At least **29,839** First Nations people have received their first dose.



At least **3,894** First Nations people aged 65 years and older living on reserve or crown land have received their first dose.



At least **3,415** First Nations people aged 65 years and older have received two doses of the vaccine.



At least **19,268** First Nations people have received two doses of the vaccine.