

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Update for Chiefs: *May 19th 2021*



Updates

Mask Exemptions:

Chief medical officer of health Dr. Deena Hinshaw stated last week that Albertans who can't follow the province's mandatory mask rules for specific health reasons will need to get a note from a health professional like a doctor, nurse practitioner, physician or psychologist, effective immediately. Eligible conditions for not wearing a mask include sensory processing disorders, developmental delay or cognitive impairment, mental illness disorders, facial trauma or recent mouth or jaw surgery, contact dermatitis or allergic reactions to masks, or serious breathing problems. Those who cannot put on and remove a mask are also exempt. You can find more information on masking, as well as exemptions, by clicking [here](#).

Summaries of COVID Funding:

ISC Alberta will be providing each Indigenous community and organization a detailed summary of all their COVID-19 related funding received in fiscal year 2020-2021. This COVID-19 Funding Summary will break the COVID-19 funding down by individual program area in order to help communities and organizations identify the source of all COVID-19 funds received from ISC in 2020-2021. This summary will be provided as an attachment to your 2020- 2021 funding confirmation package.

Call with Dr. Hinshaw TOMORROW:

Just a reminder of the All Chiefs call with Dr. Hinshaw tomorrow. An appointment has been sent out.

Question of the Day

Q: Is there additional support for young families during the pandemic?

A: Last year, the government proposed an additional supplement be offered to families entitled to the Canada child benefit (CCB) with children under the age of six for the year 2021 to provide relief during Canada's recovery from COVID-19. Beginning May 28, The CCB young child supplement (CCBYCS) is available to families who are entitled to receive the CCB in January, April, July or October 2021. The first two payments of the year will be issued at the same time on May 28, 2021 and are based on the family net income from 2019 as reported on their tax return. The July and October payments are based on the family net income for 2020 as reported on their tax return. Those families with a net income of \$120,000 or less, will receive \$300 per payment for each child under the age of six. Families with a net income of more than \$120,000 will receive \$150 per payment for each child under the age of six.

National Info

[COVID-19 vaccines: We can all help by getting vaccinated VIDEO](#)

Alberta Cases:

as of May 18th, 3:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (May 17 th – 877 new cases)	220,559
AB Recovered Cases	198,394
Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases	8,274
On-reserve Recovered Cases	7,820
On-Reserve Active Cases	372
Calgary Zone Confirmed	89,604
Central Zone Confirmed	19,344
Edmonton Zone Confirmed	74,986
North Zone Confirmed	24,721
South Zone Confirmed	11,876
Unknown Confirmed	28
Deaths due to COVID-19	2,119
On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19	82
Variants of Concern Confirmed in Alberta	41,591

Funding Opportunity– Reaching Home: Canada’s Homelessness Strategy

Employment and Social Development Canada have a Call for Concepts between May 4, 2021 and **June 11, 2021**. Contribution funding is available under the Community Capacity and Innovation (CCI) stream. It is a funding stream under Reaching Home: Canada’s Homelessness Strategy. Organizations can apply for \$100,000 up to \$600,000 in contribution funding over 3 years. This funding supports projects that aim to test or develop innovative approaches to: build capacity within the homeless serving sector, or eliminate or prevent homelessness in Canada. Full details and specifics found [here](#).

Regional Snapshot



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

Useful Links

NCCIH Webinar - First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and Physical Activity during COVID-19:

On **May 28 at 11am**, the National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health is hosting a [webinar](#) on First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and physical activity during COVID-19. It will focus on strategies and innovative approaches that prioritize Indigenous experiences, practices and community voices within this field.

Mark Amy Treatment Centre is launching a Virtual Addiction Treatment Program:

Mark Amy Treatment Centre is launching a Virtual Addiction Treatment Program from June 14 – July 30. This program is open to all First Nations persons in Alberta, and applications will be accepted until June 7, 2021. Applications can be found [online](#) and all applications can be emailed to MATCintake@woodbuffalowellnesssociety.com

Vaccine Update



COVID-19: Life after vaccination:

The Public Health Agency released [this infographic to indicate what we can expect if we maintain our current levels of vaccination](#) and continue to adhere to the present level of health guidelines.

More people getting vaccinated means fewer people getting sick. When you get your shot, you make it safer in your community so that certain measures can be lifted and we can gather safely.



SPRING

Cases are high and vaccine coverage is low.

Continue following local public health advice and maintain individual protective measures whether or not you have been vaccinated to keep yourself, your family, and your community safe.

More people need to be vaccinated before restrictions can be lifted.

Reach out to help friends, family or neighbours who might need help booking or getting to a vaccination appointment.

stay home • stay safe • get vaccinated



SUMMER

Cases are low and vaccine coverage is high for one dose and increasing for second.

IE 75% of those eligible for vaccines have one dose and 20% have a second dose.

THEN restrictions start to lift based on conditions in your area, but you still need to follow local public health advice and keep up with individual measures like physical distancing and wearing a mask.

You can look forward to small, outdoor gatherings with family and friends.

You should still avoid crowds.

camping • hiking • picnics • patios



FALL

Cases are low and two dose vaccine coverage is high.

IE 75% of those eligible for vaccines have received a full COVID-19 vaccination series.

THEN local public health will be able to lift more measures and you should be able to do more activities indoors with people outside your household.

However, COVID-19 will not be eliminated so you will still need to follow some public health measures.

colleges • indoor sports • family gatherings

For more information visit: canada.ca/covid-vaccine

Reminder on Immunization:

It is important to remember it takes **up to 14 days** after a shot for the immunization process to complete, and we recommend giving a few extra days as well just to be safe. We have reviewed on-reserve data and have good evidence for protection against COVID 19. There have been 186 instances of an on-reserve individual getting COVID following one dose and 127 of these cases came within the first 18 days after the shot. Unfortunately, these infections led to 16 hospitalizations, 3 ICU admissions and, tragically, 5 deaths. Of the 59 infections that happened after day 19, there were zero hospitalizations and zero deaths. While no vaccine is 100% effective, after one dose you are 60-80% protected from infection, 80% protected from hospitalizations and 85% protected from death, **but giving the vaccine enough time to work through your system following the shot is key.**

Vaccine Snapshot

*as of May 17th *



40,940 doses of vaccine have been administered in **46** Nations (bands) in Alberta.



At least **25,869** First Nations people have received their first dose.



At least **3,736** First Nations people aged 65 years and older living on reserve or crown land have received their first dose.



At least **3,215** First Nations people aged 65 years and older have received two doses of the vaccine.



At least **15,071** First Nations people have received two doses of the vaccine.