

# ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19 Update for Chiefs: *August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

## Updates

### COVID-19 guidance for schools Kindergarten to Grade 12:

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has developed COVID-19 back-to-school guidance directed to administrators of both public and private schools from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and local public health authorities. This guidance document is meant to be used alongside guidance from the provincial health authority, ministry of education and your Nation's governance. The guidance provides public health advice to support schools in creating an environment that is prepared, supportive and safe by encouraging a risk assessment and mitigation approach in schools, and providing specific considerations on the psychosocial wellbeing of children, youth, staff and volunteers. Recommendations may change as new evidence emerges, as we learn from the experiences of other jurisdictions, or as treatment options or vaccines become available. You can view the full guidance document [here](#). As a reminder, Environmental Public Health Officers (EPHOs) are available to support your return-to-school plans. EPHOs are certified public health inspectors, who have undergone specialized training in public health and are therefore able to provide public health guidance, education, risk assessments, inspections, and recommendations to First Nations. Please contact your community EPHO to assist in the relaunch planning and guidance for your return-to-school planning.

### Status Cards During COVID:

ISC has extended the validity date of status cards until further notice. For the time being, service providers should accept status cards or Temporary Confirmation of Registration Documents (TCRDs), with identification, even if the renewal or expiry date has passed. It is important to note that Indian status does not expire. The registration number confirms Indian status and can be used to access services and programs.

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, it is difficult to predict when all ISC programs and services will be fully restored. We are working to open most in-person service kiosks this Fall, depending on local public health directives. In the meantime, other options to apply for Indian Status and status card are still in place, including application by mail. For more information on status cards, please visit our [website](#).

## Question of the Day

**Q:** Will there be other opportunities to engage with ISC on school reopening?

**A:** Yes. As the school year approaches, our Education team is committed to continued engagement to answer all questions and make the school year as safe as possible for both students and staff. Our next Education Townhall will be on August 13, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

We will be discussing nominal roll, PPE, registration deadlines, funding and re-entry plans and any other topics raised by parents and education directors.

For information on joining the call, please connect with your Community Liaison Team.

## National Information

[Download COVID Alert today](#)

[Canada COVID-19 App and Self-Assessment Tool](#)

[Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities](#)

## Alberta Cases:

as of August 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (August 10 <sup>th</sup> – 85 new cases)	11,772
AB Recovered Cases	10,552
Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases	161
On-reserve Recovered Cases	150
Calgary Zone Confirmed	6,785
Central Zone Confirmed	546
Edmonton Zone Confirmed	2,041
North Zone Confirmed	670
South Zone Confirmed	1,704
Unknown Confirmed	26
Deaths due to COVID-19	216
On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19	1

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

## Indigenous Community Business Fund

The Indigenous Community Business Fund will provide \$117 million in non-repayable financial contributions to help support operating costs for First Nation, Inuit and Métis community-or collectively-owned businesses and microbusinesses whose revenues have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund seeks to provide support for businesses that do not qualify for other Government of Canada COVID-19 relief measures. There are two streams of funding and you can learn more and find details on eligibility criteria, eligible costs, links to the application form and instructions and contact info [here](#).

## Regional Snapshot



## Useful Links

### Telehealth Session August 13, 1:30-3:00pm

- The next ISC-AB Medical Officers of Health telehealth session will be on August 13, 2020 from 1:30-3:00 pm and will also include a discussion on school re-entry planning, including a review of the public health measures and provincial guidelines to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Visit <http://WWW.FNTN.CA> to register for this session

### All Chief's Calls:

- All Chiefs Call on Education: **Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**
- All Chiefs Call with Dr. Hinshaw: **Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Appointments for both All Chiefs Calls will be sent shortly**