

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19

Update for Chiefs: *December 2, 2020*

Updates

Bill C-92 Update:

On November 27, the Prime Minister announced over \$542 million over 5 years to support the implementation of Bill C-92, an *Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families*. This includes:

- \$73 million for coordination agreement discussions;
- \$425 million for capacity-building funding;
- Nearly \$10 million over 2 years for governance engagement mechanisms to advance work on implementation of the Act; and
- Over \$35 million for internal services.

Funding for capacity building will support First Nations Communities as they develop Indigenous-led and controlled child and family services systems. Examples of eligible activities include; developing legislation and models, engaging your communities, and hiring experts. A formal call for capacity building proposals is expected early in the new year. Regional representatives are available to share information on the implementation of the Act, discuss your capacity development needs, and help develop proposals. For further assistance and questions, please contact Amanda Bayley at Amanda.bayley@canada.ca. Funding is also available for participation at coordination agreement tables and will be based on needs identified through ongoing discussions with Indigenous partners. After an eligible group has requested to enter into coordination agreement discussions under section 20(2) of the Act, they will be invited to submit a funding proposal and work-plan. *[approved by Dayna Jongejan]*

Reminder - Online Flu Resources:

We are in the midst of flu season, it is imperative that we stay diligent with our physical distancing and cleaning measures. Many steps to avoid the flu are similar to those in place for the COVID-19 pandemic: wash hands frequently, cough and sneeze into your elbow, and if sick, stay home until symptoms resolve. In order to protect yourself and your family from the flu, it's important to also get your flu shot. Indigenous Services Canada has resources online including a factsheet and posters with information on the flu shot and additional ways to help prevent the flu, available in both English and French. This year, we have developed two updated posters. The first is targeted to seniors, and the second to families – particularly those with children under 5 years – since both seniors and young children are more at risk for serious complications from the flu. We would invite you to please share these posters and links with your networks and with communities to raise awareness on the flu and the flu shot. *[approved by Dr. Yacoub]*

[ISC's seasonal flu page](#) [NEW flu resource for families](#) [NEW flu resource for seniors](#) [Flu factsheet](#)

Question of the Day

Q: How can we combat COVID-19 scams?

A: Indigenous Services Canada has become aware of a number of scams that are targeting Canadians.

Scammers are contacting individuals to inform them they have tested positive for COVID-19. Upon notification, the caller requests personal information from the would-be victim, including their social insurance number. Callers may also try to use high-pressure tactics in the hope of convincing individuals to sending them money. *Please note, health officials do not request any type of financial information.*

Please be aware of these scams, and, if targeted, please share this information with the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888- 495-8501 or report the caller through the Fraud Reporting System.

National Info

[COVID-19: Plan a safe holiday or celebration](#)

[Epidemiological summary of COVID-19 cases in First Nations communities](#)

[Understanding COVID-19 testing](#)

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

Alberta Cases:

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

AB Total Confirmed (November 30th – new cases)

AB Recovered Cases

Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases 1256

On-reserve Recovered Cases 866

On-Reserve Active Cases 383

Calgary Zone Confirmed

Central Zone Confirmed

Edmonton Zone Confirmed

North Zone Confirmed.

South Zone Confirmed

Unknown Confirmed

Deaths due to COVID-19

On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19 7

Call for Proposals: Preventing and Addressing Family Violence - the Health Perspective

The Public Health Agency of Canada invites eligible organizations to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) for projects that build the evidence-base about preventing and addressing family violence and its health impacts.

Applications must be submitted using PHAC's Preventing and Addressing Family Violence LOI Template. To obtain a copy of the LOI Template, please contact: phac.chpv-pscv.aspc@canada.ca with the subject line "LOI Preventing and Addressing Family Violence". LOIs must be submitted by **11:59pm EST on January 27, 2021**. More information about this Call for Proposals [here](#).

Regional Snapshot



Useful Links

All Chief's Call with Dr. Hinshaw

Friday, December 4th at 1:00 pm. A calendar invite has been sent out.

Alberta Indigenous Virtual Care Clinic (AIVCC)

Reminder: The AIVCC provides same day, primary care services to rural and urban First Nations, Métis and Inuit patients and families through a secure telephone and/or video system. To book a same day appointment, please call 1.888.342.4822. For more information please see: <https://aivcc.ca/>, [facebook page](#) or email: info@aivcc.ca

New Public Outreach on Staying Safe!

Led by Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, and building on the #ProtectOurElders campaign from this past summer, these new campaigns use both humour and drama to emphasize the importance of following health protocols. You can view the videos [here](#). Please share this message with your communities!