

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19

Update for Chiefs: *July 22, 2020*

Updates

Safe Restart Agreement:

The Government of Canada announced a \$19 billion agreement with all Provinces and Territories. This will address several areas of the economy and public health needs for the next six to eight months such as testing, PPE for front-line workers, child care, mental health, and protecting seniors. While details of how the funding will be distributed are still being worked on we will endeavor to respond to all questions you or your Nations may have and will keep you updated as soon as details are available. This is also a good opportunity to review [Alberta's Recovery Plan](#) to see the Province's plan on job creation, safety and build infrastructure.

New Shelter Initiative for Indigenous Women and Children:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) have launched an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the creation of 12 new shelters for Indigenous women and children escaping family violence. 10 shelters will be in First Nation communities on-reserve across the country and 2 shelters in the territories (Nunavut, Yukon and Northwest Territories). For more information, visit:

[Shelters Initiative for Indigenous Women and Children](#)

[Seed Funding](#)

[Indigenous and the North Housing Solutions](#)

Fight the COVID Stigma:

Even when taking the necessary precautions, living your daily life can still put any of us at risk of testing positive. Having local access to testing continues to be a priority. Those that come forward for testing, and especially those that test positive, require support in the areas of basic needs (food, isolation supports, mental health, financial, etc.) They also need assurances that their personal health information will be protected and that testing positive will not worsen existing inequities. We should commit to fight stigma and treat all those affected with kindness. As Dr. Hinshaw said: "When the result of that prompt and transparent action is stigma against their members, it sends a message against transparency and risks discouraging people from being tested or co-operating with public health. All Albertans of every heritage deserve better than that." Discrimination during this pandemic has the potential to harm much more than one person. We are all in this together and must keep working together on our shared goals.

Question of the Day

Q: How can we get help to share important health and safety message to members of my Nation?

A: Under the health needs funding stream, you can expense communications related costs. Any reasonable communication support costs could be covered by ISC Alberta Region. These could include print materials to communicate public health measures, electronic message boards to communicate to members during the pandemic or other electronic means of communication. Please contact your Community Liaison Team or email sac.cdemergenciesab-urgencesmtab.isc@canada.ca for more information.

National Information

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

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and Indigenous communities](#)

[Update on COVID-19 in Indigenous communities](#)

[Canada Child Benefit is increasing again](#)

Alberta Cases:

as of July 21st 3:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (July 20– 141 new cases)	9,728
AB Recovered Cases	8,363
Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases	140
On-reserve Recovered Cases	116
Calgary Zone Confirmed	6,054
Central Zone Confirmed	248
Edmonton Zone Confirmed	1,415
North Zone Confirmed	454
South Zone Confirmed	1,535
Unknown Confirmed	22
Deaths due to COVID-19	172
On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19	1

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

FoodRescue.ca Emergency Fund

Second Harvest has distributed close to \$5 million in emergency funding to Indigenous communities and organizations during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The FoodRescue.ca Emergency Fund will be granting another \$1.5 million by opening a new funding cycle that focuses on providing further support to Indigenous peoples during COVID-19. Please note you **can not** have received Breakfast Clubs of Canada funding in the past 5 months (among a few other pots of funding such as community food centres or funding from Food Banks Canada). Deadline is fast approaching – **July 31st, 2020**. Full details available [here](#)

Regional Snapshot



Useful Links

AHS Indigenous People and Communities webpage for COVID-19

- [AHS has been working with Indigenous communities and organizations across Alberta to support their COVID-19 responses](#)

COVID-19 Web page for kids

- The GoC has created a [web page](#) just for kids. It has tips on how you can become a handwashing hero, what the virus is, why people are wearing masks and help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Breaking Down Barriers In Health Care For Urban Indigenous

- A telehealth on July 27th session to understand what benefits you are covered for and a few that you might not know that you are covered for. View the poster [here](#).