

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19

Update for Chiefs: *July 29, 2020*

Updates

Increase in COVID cases:

COVID-19 is not over. Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health noted on Monday, July 27, 2020 that "the curve is no longer flat in Alberta." Of particular concern, there is an increase in COVID-19 cases amongst the 20-40 year old category. While not entirely unexpected, with the loosening of restrictions and increase in gatherings, we mustn't lose our vigilance in adhering to the public health measures. Our long term success depends on each and every one of us. Our actions can and will reduce the spread of COVID-19. It's within our control to reduce our case numbers moving forward. Physically distance, practice good hand hygiene, wear masks & stay home when you're sick. To learn more on how to choose and wear a non-medical mask to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, click [here](#).

Return to School:

With the province's announcement of a [return to school](#) in the fall, we understand there may be many questions and concerns. While our staff continue to engage with First Nations and our colleagues, both federally and provincially, on specifics we can assure you there will be no claw backs or diversion of funding for the 2020-21 education budget.

The ISC Education team has committed to hosting regular town halls to discuss school re-entry. Calls have already taken place on June 18 and July 23 to share and gather information. There is a 3rd call scheduled for July 30 for Education Directors to focus on questions surrounding school registration and nominal roll as well as options for parents who may not wish to send children to school right away. Additional calls will be scheduled throughout the month of August. ISC Education is also working with other ISC programs and provincial partners to support the planning and implementation of school reentry.

Question of the Day

Q: Where can I find resources to share with my community?

A: The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) has many useful resources to help deal with COVID on their [website](#). Additionally you can find links, videos and infographics on prevention & protection, hygiene, infant care, symptoms and testing, health benefits, and substance abuse and harm reduction.

National Information

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

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

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

[Non-medical masks and face coverings: Sew and no-sew instructions](#)

Alberta Cases:

as of July 28th 3:30 p.m. MST

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| AB Total Confirmed (July 27– 80 new cases) | 10,470 |
| AB Recovered Cases | 8,886 |
| Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases | 153 |
| On-reserve Recovered Cases | 128 |
| Calgary Zone Confirmed | 6,407 |
| Central Zone Confirmed | 329 |
| Edmonton Zone Confirmed | 1,575 |
| North Zone Confirmed | 515 |
| South Zone Confirmed | 1,616 |
| Unknown Confirmed | 28 |
| Deaths due to COVID-19 | 187 |
| On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19 | 1 |

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

Individual Risk Evaluator for Albertans

On July 27 Dr. Deena Hinshaw announced an Individual Risk Evaluator for Albertans. While we are still learning about the health effects of COVID-19, older people and people with certain chronic conditions have a higher risk of experiencing severe outcomes. Your risk is determined by your age, biological sex and chronic health conditions. The conditions listed below are based on Alberta data and a review of the evidence on specific conditions associated with severe outcomes. The assessment can be found at: <https://www.alberta.ca/lookup/COVID-19-personal-risk-severity-assessment.aspx>

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.

#AlbertaCares Fun Mask

- Dr. Hinshaw posted on [Twitter](#) wearing her favourite mask and encouraging to share your fun masks to #AlbertaCares and show how you are helping to protect your community from COVID-19