

# ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19

## Update for Chiefs: November 18, 2020

### Updates

#### Update on Masking:

The Public Health Agency of Canada [updated its web content on the use of non-medical masks or face coverings by the public](#). The updated information includes additional content on how to properly wear a face mask or covering to cover the nose and mouth. Based on evolving evidence on how COVID-19 is spread, the Public Health Agency of Canada now recommends wearing 3-layer non-medical masks made of tightly woven fabric. The 3-layer masks should include a filter. Reminder that in many municipalities and Nations in Alberta masks should be worn in all indoor workplaces, except when alone in an office or cubicle safely distanced from others, or an appropriate barrier is in place to stop the rapid rise of COVID-19. AHS masking info can be found [here](#).

#### Professional and Institutional Development Program:

During the current pandemic, many organizations, including Indigenous Services Canada, have adapted to the reality of employees working remotely in order to continue to provide programs and services. Similarly, most First Nations in Alberta are addressing this challenge by increasing the capacity of their internet data handling, strengthening wifi coverage, and prioritizing data security by purchasing more computer hardware, software and wireless technologies (including laptops, tablets, and smart phones). To assist with this transition and increase capacity, a program that can offer support is the Professional and Institutional Development Program (P & ID).

The P & ID program is a proposal-based program that supports community-driven First Nations/Tribal Council/Community governance, operational, and capacity development projects. The ten functions of Governance that inform the program are: Leadership, Membership, Information Technology and Management, Law-Making, Financial Management, Human Resources Management, Basic Administration, Community Involvement, Planning and Risk Management, and External Relations.

For more information and program guidelines, or to submit a proposal, please speak with your Field Services Officer and visit the link below:

<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100013815/1565365590861>

### Question of the Day

**Q: What are the updated guidelines on COVID restrictions in parts of Alberta?**

**A: As of November 13<sup>th</sup>, [targeted measures](#) apply to [all communities on the enhanced list \(purple zones\)](#). Additional measures may apply to the Calgary and Edmonton areas, and the cities of Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge and Red Deer.**

**Unless otherwise indicated, measures are in place until we see less stress on our health care system. These include:**

- **No social gatherings inside your home or outside of your community**
- **15-person limit on family & social gatherings**
- **Limit of 3 cohorts, plus child care**
- **Mask use encouraged in all indoor workplaces**
- **Employers in office settings to reduce employees in the workplace at one time**
- **Restaurants/pubs stop liquor sales by 10pm, close by 11pm (Nov 13-27)**
- **Ban on indoor group fitness classes & team sports (Nov 13-27)**
- **Ban on group singing, dancing & performing activities (Nov 13-27)**
- **50-person limit on wedding and funeral services (indoor & outdoor)**
- **Faith-based gatherings limited to 1/3 capacity**

# Alberta Cases:

as of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m. MST

<b>AB Total Confirmed (November 16<sup>th</sup> –773 new cases)</b>	<b>40,962</b>
<b>AB Recovered Cases</b>	<b>30,462</b>
<b>Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases</b>	<b>807</b>
<b>On-reserve Recovered Cases</b>	<b>487</b>
<b>On-Reserve Active Cases</b>	<b>315</b>
<b>Calgary Zone Confirmed</b>	<b>17,737</b>
<b>Central Zone Confirmed</b>	<b>1,575</b>
<b>Edmonton Zone Confirmed</b>	<b>15,443</b>
<b>North Zone Confirmed</b>	<b>2,901</b>
<b>South Zone Confirmed</b>	<b>3,149</b>
<b>Unknown Confirmed</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>Deaths due to COVID-19</b>	<b>432</b>
<b>On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19</b>	<b>5</b>

## Nation Rebuilding Program

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Minister Bennett of CIRNA announced the fourth Call for Proposal for the Nation Rebuilding Program. The objective of the program is to support nation rebuilding efforts that will contribute to increase capacity at the larger nation level. To be eligible for funding, proposals must clearly demonstrate that they are including more than one Indigenous group of the same nation (cultural or language background or historical treaty lines) facilitating a phased-approach to take on greater sectoral responsibilities to self-determination and self-governance and that the activities contribute to nation rebuilding by increasing capacity for action at the larger nation level and by fostering a greater sense of attachment identity. The deadline for the 2021 to 2022 call for proposals is **December 14, 2020**. Funding proposals received after the deadline will not be considered. Detailed information on the program and eligibility available [here](#).

## Regional Snapshot



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

## Useful links

### Telehealth – November 19:

Key FNIHB staff as well as Dr. Hinshaw, Amy Colquhoun (Manager, Population Health Assessment, Alberta Health) and Lea Bill (Executive Director at Alberta First Nations Information Governance Centre) will present and answer questions. **Thursday November 19 from 1:30 – 3 pm.**

To connect to the session:

- via Zoom, go to <https://fntn.zoom.us/join> and enter Meeting ID: 940 8251 0832 and Passcode: 955210
- from an audio line, dial 1-587-328-1099 and enter Meeting ID: 940 8251 0832 and Passcode: 955210
- from a videoconference-enabled room, go to [www.fntn.ca](http://www.fntn.ca) to register. Questions can be submitted in advance of, during, or at the end of the presentation to [VChelp@FNTN.ca](mailto:VChelp@FNTN.ca), or via Zoom during or at the end of the presentation.

### Alberta Indigenous Virtual Care Clinic - Facebook Page:

Please note that the Alberta Indigenous Virtual Care Clinic's Facebook page is now live at the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/AIVCC>