

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19

Update for Chiefs: *October 7, 2020*

Updates

Reminder on Precautions and Travel:

There have been an increase of COVID-19 in Canada and among First Nation communities. Indigenous communities were successful in facing COVID-19 earlier in the pandemic with measures that limited the spread of the virus. This includes limiting non-essential travel. As difficult as it is, it is recommended that members leave the Nation for essential travel only such as medical appointments or the purchase of necessary staples like groceries or child needs. We all have a part to play, remember you can reduce the spread by:

- Staying home if sick;
- Avoiding non-essential trips;
- Limit the number of non-essential gatherings as much as possible;
- Limit the number of people in your social groups, avoid large gatherings;
- Maintaining physical distancing of at least 2 meters or 6 feet;
- Wearing a non-medical mask that covers your nose and mouth when physical distancing is not possible; and

Following the recommended public health guidelines outlined by the province including guidelines on wearing masks in schools. Additionally, to protect our loved ones our communities, and ourselves, we must be mindful of the role we all play in helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19 during holidays. [The Government of Alberta has developed advice for safe holiday entertaining that will support safe gatherings.](#)

Transition from CERB to EI and other programs

[Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit \(CRSB\)](#) provides income support to employed and self-employed individuals who are unable to work because they're sick or need to self-isolate due to COVID-19, or have an underlying health condition that puts them at greater risk of getting COVID-19.

[The Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit \(CRCB\)](#) gives income support to employed and self-employed individuals who are unable to work because they must care for their child under 12 years old or a family member who needs supervised care. This applies if their school, regular program or facility is closed or unavailable to them due to COVID-19, or because they're sick, self-isolating, or at risk of serious health complications due to COVID-19.

[The Canada Recovery Benefit \(CRB\)](#) gives income support to employed and self-employed individuals who are directly affected by COVID-19 and are not entitled to Employment Insurance (EI) benefits. Details about how you can apply will be available on October 12, 2020.

For any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to your Community Liaison Team.

Question of the Day

Q: How can we increase immunization capacity?

A: Due to the potential increased demand for the influenza vaccine, one option to increase immunization capacity in First Nations communities is to enlist the services of a local pharmacist. Pharmacists play an important role in disease prevention by advocating, promoting, and administering immunizations including the flu vaccine. Albertans, who are 5 years old and older are able to obtain the flu shot at a pharmacy or some pharmacies may offer off-site services in the community. If your community is interested in partnering with a pharmacist in running an influenza immunization clinic, please contact your local pharmacies for further discussion. In addition, healthcare professionals (such as primary care and home care nurses, and primary care and advanced care paramedics), who have completed the annual First Nations and Inuit Health Branch CDC Influenza Training, are able to provide additional immunization capacity support for delivering the flu shot. Healthcare professionals who have not completed this training, titled *2020 Influenza Program – CDC Team*, may do so on the First Nations Telehealth Network: <https://fntn.ca/Library/Public-Archive>

Alberta Cases:

as of October 6th, 3:30 p.m. MST

AB Total Confirmed (October 5 th – 276 new cases)	19,211
AB Recovered Cases	17,030
Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases	301
On-reserve Recovered Cases	271
Calgary Zone Confirmed	9,223
Central Zone Confirmed	689
Edmonton Zone Confirmed	5,886
North Zone Confirmed	1,489
South Zone Confirmed	1,882
Unknown Confirmed	42
Deaths due to COVID-19	281
On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19	4

Funding Support for Culture and Language Recordings

Library and Archives Canada is providing up to \$60,000 per project to eligible First Nations organizations to support their efforts to identify, digitize and preserve Indigenous language recordings, and build digitization and preservation capacity in their communities. Indigenous organizations **are encouraged to submit applications until noon on December 11, 2020 (Pacific Standard Time)**. Interested parties can find guidelines, eligibility criteria and the application form on the [Listen, Hear Our Voices](#) web page. Archivists, based in traditional territories, are available to provide advice and support with funding applications. More information available [here](#).

Regional Snapshot



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

Useful Links

MyAlberta Digital ID

Allows you prove who you are online without paper documents or face-to-face visits. MyAlberta Digital ID gives you seamless access to a growing range of government sites and services, while protecting your information and privacy. Learn more [here](#).

COVIDTrends Dashboard

PHAC published the new [COVIDTrends dashboard](#). The dashboard allows users to input their postal code or search by municipality to see the number of cases of COVID-19 and deaths in their area within last 14 days, as well total counts since January 2020.

Regional Contact:

Allen Willier, Special Leadership Liaison, is available to support information sharing and to assist you in navigating questions or concerns related to COVID-19. He may be reached at 780-446-8969.