

ISC - Alberta Region COVID-19

Update for Chiefs: *September 16, 2020*

Updates

Second Round of ICSF Funding:

Further to the update of August 19th, the next round of Indigenous Community Support Fund (ICSF) allocations will be both formula based and proposal based. The formula methodology remains unchanged since the last round of ICSF and will provide your Nations with a base of \$25,000 and a top-up that takes into account population, remoteness, and community well-being. This formula-based funding, will be approximately 50% of what was received from the first round of ICSF. The funding can be used for measures including, but is not limited to:

- support for Elders and vulnerable community members,
- measures to address food insecurity,
- educational and other support for children,
- mental health assistance and emergency response services,
- preparedness measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and
- community access control and perimeter security.

Details on the proposal based portion of the funding will be forthcoming and shared with you and your relevant Nation staff shortly. Please do not hesitate to contact your Community Liaison Team if you have questions.

Engagements in Respect of Implementing the Indigenous Languages Act:

The Department of Canadian Heritage is seeking participants in engagements regarding the implementation of the *Indigenous Languages Act*. A letter was sent in August outlining the purpose of the *Act* to support the efforts of First Nations to reclaim, revitalize, maintain and strengthen Indigenous languages. The engagements will inform the Minister of Canadian Heritage's recommendations to the Governor in Council for the appointment of the Commissioner and Director(s) of Indigenous Languages and inform decision-making in respect to fulfilling the objective of long-term funding to support the reclamation, revitalization, maintenance and strengthening of Indigenous languages. Chiefs are invited to submit the names and contact information of up to two individuals to participate. Please provide the names and contact information to paul.pelletier@canada.ca, Director General, Indigenous Languages by **September 30, 2020**.

Question of the Day

Q: In the last week there have been many reported cases of COVID-19 appearing in Alberta schools. Where can I find information about COVID-19 and how to manage it as kids return to school?

A: The Government of Alberta has developed a number of resources to assist children, families and schools with managing the transition back to the classroom. Information on mental health for children and families can be found [here](#). Resources on returning to school for parent and families, schools and teachers can be found at this [website](#). Specific information for schools that provide information on managing COVID-19 before, during and after an outbreak can be found [here](#). Alberta's [online map](#) lists every school where there are two or more confirmed cases and an outbreak is declared. The map is updated Monday to Friday, on school days, and will also list schools that have shifted into scenario 2 or 3 to protect the health of students and staff. Federal guidance on safe return to school can be found [here](#). Where appropriate, schools should remain in contact with their local school divisions to ensure COVID-19 policies, practices and procedures align.

National Information

[Indigenous Community Business Fund](#)
[Innovation Canada Business Support Tool](#)
[Canada Emergency Business Account](#)

Alberta Cases:

as of September 14th, 3:30 p.m.
MST

AB Total Confirmed (Sept. 14 th – 124 new cases)	15,957
AB Recovered Cases	14,212
Confirmed First Nations On-reserve Cases	38
On-reserve Recovered Cases	184
Calgary Zone Confirmed	8,198
Central Zone Confirmed	648
Edmonton Zone Confirmed	4,026
North Zone Confirmed	1,261
South Zone Confirmed	1,784
Unknown Confirmed	40
Deaths due to COVID-19	254
On-reserve Deaths due to COVID-19	4

Infographics for Schools

Kitatipithitamak Mithwayawin is an Indigenous led project to develop innovative and culturally appropriate countermeasures to COVID-19 and other pandemics that will better serve Indigenous communities and organizations now and into the future. The Kitatipithitamak Mithwayawin project has designed the following [infographics](#) to be used in schools. The site also contains several other resources that may be of use in your Nations.

Regional Snapshot



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

Useful Links

Education Town Hall TOMORROW

September 17th at 10:00am – 11:30am. 1-877-413-4782 Conference ID: 1730182. The proposed agenda will include discussions on mental wellness programs & supports, funding update and nominal roll information.

Telehealth Session TOMORROW

September 17th, 1:30pm-3pm, Key FNIHB staff will be available for questions, primarily focused on school outbreaks and relaunch. Visit <http://WWW.FNTN.CA> to register.

Allen Willier replaces Dean Janvier

Allen Willier has agreed to take on the role of the **Special Leadership Liaison**. Allen 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**.