

AFN Alberta COVID-19 Bulletin



Monday, June 29

AFN Alberta is summarizing updates and information we are receiving on our website. All our previous bulletins can be found on this page as well: <http://www.afnab.ca/News-and-Events/Coronavirus>.

AFN Alberta will be issuing its COVID-19 updates twice per week going forward.

The next bulletin will be sent Thursday, July 2

DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

AB Testing Results	June 25	June 29	Change
Tests Completed	415,716	442,253	+26,537
Total Positive	7,851	8,067	+216
Active	506	559	+53
Fatalities	154	154	+0
Recoveries	7,191	7,354	+163
<i>COVID-19 Regional Data for Alberta</i> Calgary zone - 5,332 Edmonton zone - 1,017 Central zone - 92 South zone - 1,305 North zone - 306 Unidentified zone - 15		<i>COVID-19 in Alberta First Nations* (As of June 28)</i> Calgary Zone - 26 North Zone - 5 South Zone - 30 Unidentified Zone - 18	

AFN Alberta Bulletin Frequency

- As of July 1st, AFN Alberta will move to issuing only two COVID updates per week. These updates will be scheduled for the end of business day Monday and Thursday each week. We thank you for your continued support and understanding as we continue to move closer to regular operations.

New Measures

- Today, Alberta announced a new fund to help Indigenous community-owned businesses.
- The Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG), launched last week, and will provide post-secondary students and recent graduates a one time payment of \$1,000 to 5,000 for volunteering to serve in their communities' COVID-19 response.
 - To find organizations looking for help during the pandemic, post-secondary students and recent graduates can use the new [I Want to Help](#) platform.
- Canada created a web hub for buying and supplying PPE. [Click here](#) to access it.
- Alberta is now allowing anyone in the province to get tested for COVID-19, even if they don't have symptoms. Asymptomatic testing can be scheduled through the online AHS COVID-19 self-assessment tool [here](#).

First Nation-specific Updates .

- Today, Alberta announced a new fund to help Indigenous community-owned businesses.
- Alberta Health is available on request to support First Nations in developing guidelines around ceremonies.

National and Regional Updates

- Today, Premier Kenney announced Alberta's economic recovery plan. *Details are provided in the national and regional updates section of the bulletin.*

INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS FOR FIRST NATIONS

[Alberta Fund to help Indigenous community-owned businesses](#)

As of today (June 29), community-owned businesses can apply to the Aboriginal Business Investment fund (ABIF) for initiatives that “demonstrate social and economic benefits for their communities.” Alberta is providing up to \$500,000 in investments through this call for proposals. [Click here](#) for more information.

Communities must own and control 51 per cent or more of the proposed business or joint venture to be eligible. Eligible projects must demonstrate how they will increase:

- employment opportunities for Indigenous people
- local revenue streams for Indigenous communities
- the economies of Indigenous communities

Updates from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)

Tuesday, June 30 | Special Chiefs Call with FNIHB HQ

The next All Chiefs call is set to occur **Tuesday, June 30**. The call will be with senior FNIHB officials at headquarters: Assistant Deputy Minister Valerie Gideon, Dr. Tom Wong, Director General and Chief Medical Officer of Public Health, and Dr. Evan Adams, Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Public Health. All Chiefs should have received the teleconference details yesterday.

During the summer months, ISC will host All Chiefs calls once a month (scheduling TBD).

***NEW* Request for Proposals for Indigenous Businesses**

Canada released a new request for proposals (RFO) for cloth face masks. This RFP is strictly limited to Aboriginal Businesses. Information on this RFP is available at <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/tender-notice/PW-20-00918955>.

Updated ISC Bulletin Frequency

Based on feedback received, ISC is amending the frequency of their bulletin to once a week - going forward the Chiefs Update will arrive every Wednesday in July with the exception of July 1st (Canada Day). **There will be no Chiefs bulletin the week of June 29-July 3.**

CALL & MEETING SUMMARIES

No notable meetings or calls.

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL UPDATES

Summaries and information of the following can be found in the update below.

- ***Canada's COVID-19 Update - June 29 & 26***
- ***PM Trudeau Announces Funding for Global Fight Against COVID-19***
- ***Alberta Announces Recovery Plan***
- ***Alberta Launches Aboriginal Business Investment Fund***
- ***Alberta's COVID-19 Update - June 25***

Canada's COVID-19 Update - June 29

[Prime Minister Briefing](#)

[Federal Officials Release Updated COVID-19 Modelling](#)

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau addressed Canadians this morning, **Key Highlights:**

- This morning Dr. Tam relayed that 103,250 cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Canada, with 8,522 deaths. 64% of cases have now recovered. Canada has completed over 2,676,000 tests, with an average of 36,767 daily over the past week, with about 1% returning positive.
- Federal Health Officials gave a technical briefing this morning on the updated modelling data that Canada will be using concerning the impact of COVID-19 in Canada. The full presentation is available at the link above.
- The federal government is slowing its update schedule to a few times a week or when there is important information to share.

Canada's COVID-19 Update - June 26

[Prime Minister Briefing](#)

[Health Officials Update](#)

Speaking from a suburban Ottawa brewery, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau addressed Canadians on the Federal government's ongoing response to COVID-19. Following, Federal Health Officials gave their update. **Key Highlights:**

- As of last Friday, 102,622 cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Canada, with 8,504 deaths. 64% of cases have now recovered. Over 2,558,363 tests have been

administered, with an average over the past week of 38,000 daily with about 1% returning positive.

- Dr. Tam reflected on her time as Chief Public Health Officer and her goals of reducing health inequities in Canada which are impacted by social, economic and cultural factors outside the health system.
- Expanded Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA) criteria is now available to businesses through the banks (as of Friday, June 26).
- The Canadian Armed Forces remain active in one long term facility in Ontario, and are anticipated to withdraw in the coming days as the situation stabilizes.

PM Trudeau Announces Funding for Global Fight Against COVID-19

[Announcement Video \(June 27, 2020\)](#)

Speaking during a virtual fundraiser put on by Global Citizen, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announces \$300 million in new funding for the international fight against COVID-19.

- \$180 million of the contribution will address the immediate humanitarian and development impacts of the crisis.
- The remaining \$120 million will go to the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator.
 - The ACT Accelerator is an international initiative that aims to bring together various global health actors and private sector partners to work towards the development of a COVID-19 vaccine, and ensure the equitable distribution of medical treatments during the fight against the virus

Premier Kenney Announces Alberta's Economic Recovery Plan

[News Release: Alberta's Recovery Plan](#)

[Premier's Press Conference](#)

Today, Premier Kenney and Finance Minister Toews announced Alberta's economic recovery plan.

Key highlights:

- The government will make a \$10 billion investment into infrastructure projects. It estimates this will create 50,000 jobs in Alberta.
 - A total of \$612 million will be invested in large-scale infrastructure projects this summer, which will include the twinning of highways, projects that support growth in the agricultural sector, gas line extensions for northern residents, treatment facilities for Albertans recovering from addictions, and other important projects.
- On July 1, the corporate income tax rate will drop to 8%.
- An Innovation Employment Grant is being created for smaller companies and to encourage investment in technology. According to the government, the grant will provide a refundable tax credit to companies that invest in research and development, so they have more money to create jobs.
- Alberta will also reduce its immigration admissions under the nominee program by at least one-third of its annual targets. It will also ask Canada to remove most occupational categories under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program for Alberta.

- Alberta will create a Cultural Event Relaunch Program.
- Alberta has found up to \$500 million in further funding for municipalities. They expect this to be matched by Ottawa.
- The province is establishing the Invest Alberta Corporation -- a new investment agency to help restore economic growth, create jobs, and diversify our economy.

IMPORTANT/USEFUL LINKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Alberta is providing \$25 million for projects and services that will improve community mental health and addiction recovery supports and services. **First Nations are eligible and encouraged to apply.** The second call for proposals closes on **August 21, 2020**. [Click here](#) for more information.
- The Red Cross is operating a help desk for First Nations to get dedicated, personalized support on pandemic planning. It is available 7 days a week from 7 am to 7 pm MT. Call 1-833-937-1597.
- First Nation health directors, leaders, and technicians can contact “[InfoPoint](#)” to request information about their COVID-19-related questions at 1-855-446-2719 or InfoPoint@fnhma.ca from Monday to Friday, 6 am to 6 pm MT
- ISC is tracking the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 on First Nations on their website. Data is updated Monday to Friday. [Click here](#) to view the webpage.
 - [Click here](#) to view national demographic data and epidemic curves.
- Service Canada has a dedicated toll-free phone line for First Nations members needing help with their CERB applications. Call 1-877-631-2657
- Applications for the [Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance \(CECRA\)](#) are available through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). The CECRA consists of forgivable loans for landlords to subsidize lost rent from small businesses, nonprofits and charitable organizations.
- The [Business Resilience Services Hotline](#) is available to small businesses for the next month to provide free, customized financial guidance from navigating tax regulations and government support to planning a path to recovery.
- Canada created a new web tool to help connect people with COVID-19 aid by asking questions and outlining programs people may be eligible for. [Click here](#) to access it.
- Canada created a web portal to help businesses find a wide range of COVID-19 support and other programs and services. [Click here](#) to access it.
- Canada created a web hub for buying and supplying PPE. [Click here](#) to access it.
- Canada launched the P-O-S-T Promise campaign aimed at encouraging businesses to fill out a voluntary declaration to its customers and employees that they will be diligent in their combat of COVID-19. The details of the initiative can be found at postpromise.com