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FNHMA Health And Wellness Bulletin: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

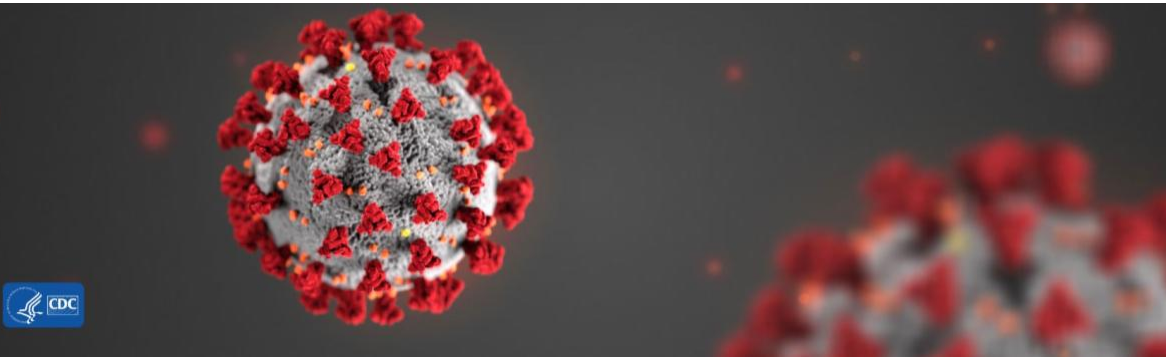
This weekly health and wellness bulletin is intended to provide facts, resources for supports and outline potential actions to organizations, communities and their members. Each week will include different and updated information focused on COVID-19.

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- Indigenous Services Canada Provides Direct Air Transportation To Serve Fly-In First Nations Communities And Protect Against COVID-19

See below for more information on these topics.



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FNHMA Weekly Virtual Town Hall

FNHMA is committed to providing Virtual Town Halls on a weekly basis. Each week will feature different guest organizations, representatives, and focus on different topics related to COVID-19.

The latest Town Hall Session aired Thursday **May 14, 2020** at 1pm EDT. To view click [Here](#)

The speakers were:

Dr. Evan Adams, Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Public Health, ISC

Chief Craig Alexander, Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation

Sherri Thomas, CFNHM, Assistant Director, Ginew Wellness Center

Guy Gosselin, CFNHM, Executive Director, Ginew Wellness Center

To view past Virtual Town Halls [Click Here.](#)

FNHMA Virtual Town Halls Unite First Nations Health Leaders In The Fight Against Coronavirus

Based in Ottawa, the national non-profit organization typically offers certification and professional development to First Nation health directors. With the pandemic making it impossible to deliver their intensive training in person, in late March they began streaming weekly online events produced by the Indigenous Health Today digital platform.

[Click Here](#) to see the full article

National and First Nation COVID-19 News

Total Number Of Confirmed Cases In Canada

This report is a breakdown of all known cases in Canada based on province. Keeping up to date on the current COVID-19 cases can help you decide on what actions to take for yourself and your community.

[Click Here](#) to see the full Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Outbreak update page.

No Known COVID-19 Cases On Manitoba First Nations To Date, Newly Released Data Shows

Just over five per cent of known COVID-19 cases in Manitoba have occurred in First Nations people living off-reserve, but there have been zero positives among those tested in First Nations.

"I'm thankful to know there are no identified cases of First Nations people in the Northern Health Region," reads a statement from Chief Garrison Settee of Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak.

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Over 450 Indigenous COVID-19 Cases Across Canada And 7 Deaths, Reports Yellowhead Institute

There are at least 465 Indigenous COVID-19 cases across 42 communities and seven virus-related deaths, far above what is reported by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), according to a report released Tuesday by the Yellowhead Institute.

A team of researchers supported by the Yellowhead Institute compiled the numbers by combing through media reports, band council updates to members, confidential local reports and obituaries.

[Click Here](#) to see the full article.

Indigenous Communities Return To Land To Ensure Adequate Food Supply During COVID-19 Pandemic

First Nations leaders who have called on their communities to return to the land to find food during the COVID-19 pandemic are also seeing people reconnect with their traditions.

"The blood of the Dene is in the land," said Dene National Chief Norman Yakeleya in Yellowknife.

"The land loves the Dene people and we in turn love the land."

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Indigenous Businesses Step Up To Help Local Communities Fight COVID-19

If there's any truth to the old saying, "it takes a village," then look no further than Arthur Trudeau.

Originally from Sagamok, he lives just outside of the reserve and runs Mukwa Adventures, one of many indigenous-owned tourism operators hit hard by the COVID-19 virus.

Now he's joining forces with Thrive Tours and Indigenous Sports and Wellness Ontario to donate roughly 30 cases of hand sanitizer to reserves around the region.

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Indigenous Physicians Share Their Experiences Dealing With The COVID-19 Pandemic

Scary, frustrating and challenging are some of the words Indigenous physicians use to describe working in communities as a pandemic grips the world.

Walking between two worlds – one of tradition, the other of western medicine, and knowing health care gaps exist for Indigenous people compared to others, are not easy waters to traverse.

InFocus brought together a panel of doctors doing just that, to share their unique perspective on the situation.

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Minister Says Sacred Indigenous Ceremonies To Continue Despite COVID-19 Lockdowns

Canada's Indigenous services minister says banning sacred ceremonies is a "dark stain" on the country's history and they will be allowed to continue despite restrictions put in place due to COVID-19.

"Even in the face of a historic pandemic, Canada must not and will not prohibit these important practices," Marc Miller said Thursday.

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Health Researcher Hopes COVID-19 Means New Policies For Indigenous Peoples

A health researcher studying COVID-19 as part of a national immunity task force hopes the pandemic elevates concern for persistent health issues, such as inadequate housing, for Indigenous people in Canada.

"This pandemic has opened the eyes for a lot of people across Canada," said Dr. Carrie Bourassa, scientific director of the Institute of Indigenous Peoples' Health, part of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

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AFN Taskforce Formed To Streamline Covid-19 Information For Indigenous Communities

On May 5, 2020, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) announced the creation of the AFN COVID-19 National Task Force. The Task Force aims to receive accurate data regarding Indigenous people affected by the virus and provide assessments and recommendations for how Indigenous People within Canada as a whole should proceed going forward.

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Indigenous Services Canada Provides Direct Air Transportation To Serve Fly-In First Nations Communities And Protect Against COVID-19

Minister of Indigenous Services Marc Miller issued the following statement recently:

The COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented international emergency. My department is working hard on advancing a health response to this serious health crisis.

The ongoing delivery of essential services and supplies to remote First Nations communities in provinces where travel is currently limited is particularly challenging but critical to Canada's overall response to COVID-19.

[Click Here](#) to see the full article

Accessing Additional Support Funds

Relief Measures For Indigenous Businesses

The Government of Canada will provide up to \$306.8 million in short-term, interest-free loans and non-repayable contributions for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis businesses.

[Click Here](#) to find more information

Support For Students And New Grads Affected By COVID-19

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, announced a comprehensive support of nearly \$9 billion for post-secondary students and recent graduates.

[Click Here](#) to find more information

COVID-19: First Nations Community Guide On Accessing Additional Supports

Details On The Indigenous Community Support Fund

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) is working closely with First Nation partners, the Public Health Agency of Canada, other departments to protect the health and safety of First Nations.

For more information please [Click Here](#) or to download the [PDF](#) that includes important information about accessing supports.

On March 18, the Government of Canada announced a series of economic measures which included \$305 million for a new Indigenous Community Support Fund.

Visit the [Indigenous Community Support Fund](#) page for more information.

Click here to see the PDF version in both [English](#) and [French](#).

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Supports & Regularly Updated Resources



The following organizations have resources to combat COVID-19. These resources are regularly updated and are available to view at any time.

Please click below to be directed to more information.



FNHMA Updates

Important Notice for Intensive Course Schedule

For the safety of all participants and FNHMA staff all intensive courses are postponed until further notice.

Notice for Online Courses

Online courses will continue to be offered.

To register please contact Eva Keeshig at eva.keeshig@fnhma.ca



FNHMA staff are working from home and are available by email during this time.

For access to the staff directory visit <https://fnhma.ca/contact-us/> or call

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We are committed to providing the most up to date information and supporting our membership during this difficult time.





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FNHMA has a page of resources and information for COVID-19 awareness and preparation.

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