



# ALEXANDER FIRST NATION COMMUNITY UPDATE

ISSUE #3

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## MESSAGE FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

Alberta announced some businesses will re-open in May. This process will be in stages. This does not mean we are in the clear of COVID-19, but it is intended to inform people that there is some light at the end of the tunnel. We will continue to keep to keep the Nation safe. Alberta has announced the following process for re-opening the province:

### May 4 Early Actions

- AHS will resume some scheduled, non-urgent surgeries.
- Dental and other health-care workers will be allowed to resume services.
- Golf courses can open as early as May 2, with restrictions including pro shops closed.

### Stage 1 – May 14

- Two-metre distancing rule remains in effect.
- Reservations open for campgrounds at some Alberta parks starting June 1 onward.
- Dine-in restaurants, cafes, lounges and bars at 50 per cent capacity.
- Retail businesses such as clothing, furniture and bookstores.
- Some personal services, such as barber shops
- Daycares with limits on occupancy
- Some outdoor recreation.

### Stage 2 – Dates to be announced

- Movie theatres, with restrictions.
- Larger gatherings. (amount to be determined)

## Update from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)

Due to to COVID-19 pandemic, all Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) offices for Indian status and the SCIS (Secure Certificate Indian Status) card applications will be closed until further notice. However you can still apply via mail, visit [www.sac-isc.gc.ca](http://www.sac-isc.gc.ca). Processing times, including return of original documents, will be delayed.

Indian status does not expire. Your registration number confirms your status and can be used to access some services and programs. During this time, service providers should accept status (CIS/older status card) or Temporary Confirmation of Registration Documents, with identification, even if the renewal or expiry date has passed, until offices re-open. Children under the age of 18 who are eligible for registration can access Health Benefits through Jordan's Principle by contacting **1-855-572-4453**. For all other registration, status card, and membership services please call **1-800-567-9604**



## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Alexander Health Services:  
780.939.4787

Housing:  
780.906.9910

Public Works:  
780.237.0397

Vehicle Registration:  
780.916.8136

SECURITY  
780.722.2173

### DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

AB Testing Results	April 28	April 29	Change
<b>Negative (#s of Tests)</b>	138,681	143,886	5,205(+)
<b>Positive</b>	4,850	5,165	315(+)
<b>Fatalities</b>	80	87	7(+)
<b>Recoveries</b>	1,800	1,953	153(+)
<i>COVID-19 Regional Data for Alberta</i> Calgary zone - 3,520    Edmonton zone - 489 Central zone - 84    South zone - 833    North zone - 205 Unidentified zone - 34		<i>COVID-19 in Alberta First Nations</i> Calgary Zone - 17 North Zone - 2 South Zone - 1	

### ISC INFORMATION:

Jordan's Principle is an ongoing legal obligation and existing services will continue to be provided to ensure that First Nations children are receiving the services needed.

This will not change due to COVID-19. The process and requirements for applying for new requests remains the same. Each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis to address unmet needs on the basis of normative standards and/or substantive equality.

We recognize this is a difficult time and professionals may not be available to provide documentation in a timely manner and this will be taken into consideration when requests are reviewed.

Email communication from professionals will also be accepted. The needs of children remain a priority during this crisis and we again thank you for your patience.

### INFORMATION FOR NURSES:

Starting immediately, and until further notice, all part-time, casual and full-time nurses who are employed or contracted by FNHIB must complete a mandatory, 2-week, at-home self-isolation period prior to travelling to a nursing station in a remote and isolated First Nations community.

While self-isolating, nurses will be asked to apply public health measures when engaging with other members of their household. This includes, where applicable, requesting other members of the household, whomay work outside their home, to abide by strict public health measures including physical distancing and diligent hand washing.

### Alberta Public Health Order and Fines

Any Nation members who do not follow public health orders will be subject to the fines set by Alberta for breaking the public health orders.

**Fines can range between \$1,000 and \$500,000.**

Members who violate any of the public health orders in place for the province of Alberta will not be assisted by the Nation.

Any members who witness any violations of public health orders, including social gatherings of 15 people or more or not exercising proper social distancing measures, are encouraged to report these to Alberta Health Services at **310-4455** or online at <https://ephisahs.microsoft.com/portals/create-case/>

Public health orders should be relaxed during the re-opening of the province.

Updates will be provided soon.

