

**AFN C-19 National Task Force  
Daily Update for: June 23, 2020**

**Health Sector**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html#a1>

**Areas in Canada with cases of COVID-19, as of 2020-06-22 7:00PM EDT**

Province	Confirmed Cases	Hospitalization (ICU)*	Deaths	Recovered
BC	2,822	14 (6)	169	2,471
AB	7,736	32 (6)	153	7,041
SK	751	3 (0)	13	643
MB	314	0 (0)	7	293
ON	33,637	288 (75)	2,609	28,933
QC	54,835	515 (56)	5,417	23,506
Newfoundland/Lab	261	0 (0)	3	258
NB	164	2 (1)	2	135
NS	1,061	2 (1)	63	998
PEI	27		-	27
Yukon	11		-	11
NWT	5		-	5
Nunavut	0			
Repatriated Travelers	13			
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,637</b>	<b>856 (145)</b>	<b>8,436</b>	<b>64,334</b>
<b>Active Cases= 28,941</b>				

\*These are numbers of *current* hospitalizations and ICU admissions. Some sources report the total *cumulative* number of hospitalizations and ICU admissions. Also, hospitalization data are amalgamated as they are reported by various hospitals; they are therefore updated sporadically, intermittently, and are likely to be less accurate and current than other data points.

	Cases	Deaths	Recovered
<b>Globally</b>	9,131,445	472,856	4,557,026

- Data is as of June 23 at 10:33am from Johns Hopkins University:  
<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

## Epidemic Summary

As of **June 22**, 2020, the majority (**89%**) of COVID-19 cases are related to domestic acquisition. Domestic acquisition is defined as any exposure that occurred within Canada. This includes acquisition through contact with a COVID-19 case (**53%**); through contact with a traveller (**1%**); and from an unknown source (**35%**). Only **4%** of cases are attributed to travel outside of Canada. The exposure setting for the remaining **7%** of Canadian cases is unknown (information pending).

As of **June 22**, 2020, Canada has an overall case fatality rate of **8.3%**.

As of **June 22**, 2020, **63%** of all Canadian COVID-19 cases are reported to have recovered.

## Risk to Canadians

COVID-19 is a serious health threat, and the situation is evolving daily. The risk will vary between and within communities, but given the increasing number of cases in Canada, the risk to Canadians is considered **high**.

There is an increased risk of more severe outcomes for Canadians:

- Aged 65 and over
- With compromised immune systems
- With underlying medical conditions

## Data Sources:

British Columbia:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

Alberta: <https://covid19stats.alberta.ca/#cases>

Saskatchewan: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/cases-and-risk-of-covid-19-in-saskatchewan>

Manitoba: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/index.html#cases>

Ontario: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus#section-0>

Quebec: <https://www.inspq.qc.ca/covid-19/donnees>

New Brunswick:

[https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory\\_diseases/coronavirus/case-map.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory_diseases/coronavirus/case-map.html)

Nova Scotia: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/data/>

Prince Edward Island: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/pei-covid-19-testing-data>

Newfoundland and Labrador: <https://covid-19-newfoundland-and-labrador-gnl.hub.arcgis.com/>

Yukon: <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>

Northwest Territories: <https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

Additional source (national): <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/tracking-every-case-of-covid-19-in-canada-1.4852102#alberta>

### **Housing, Infrastructure, Water & Emergency Management Sector**

#### **2020 FN Fire & Flood Situation Report as of June 22, 2020**

There are: 10 FN communities impacted by Flooding (5 BC, 3 AB, 1 ON, 1 SK) with 70 evacuated FN community residents due to Floods; 1 FN community impacted by Severe Weather (1 MB) with 2 families evacuated due to Severe Weather; and 1 FN impacted by Loss of Essential Services (1 ATL-NS).

Overall: There are currently 6 FN communities partially evacuated (2 BC, 1 MB, 2 AB, 1 SK).

#### **British Columbia**

According to the GOC, As of 21 Jun, the seasonal flood risk is diminishing throughout the province as snowmelt and weather conditions become more stable. However, the flow levels remain high compared to normal for this time of year and thus remain vulnerable to short-term, heavy rainfall events in the Peace, Northeast, Upper Fraser East, Cariboo, Nicola, North Thompson, South Thompson and Southeast regions. The Lower Fraser River remains at minor flooding risk due to the mixed effects of snowmelt and rainfall.

#### **Waterhen Lake First Nation (402)**

Population: 988    20JUN2020: Homes remain flooded, value protection efforts beginning. Displaced families continue to shelter in place; dependent on duration of event, the FN may look at temporary accommodations in a nearby location.

18JUN2020: Nation experiencing localized minor flooding near subdivision with 3 homes (approx. 11 persons) evacuated and sheltering in place within community. Sandbags and water pumps deploying. Water levels have plateaued, flooding expected to be short-term and subside quickly.

## **Nova Scotia**

Eskasoni FN

Population :

3950 Loss of Essential Services – Water Shortage 19JUN2020: FNIHB informed EMD of a water shortage impacting Eskasoni FN and recommends a DWA. Water will be shut off for a select number of residents overnight and water levels to be monitored closely.

TOTAL SEVERE WEATHER EVACUEES 13

TOTAL LANDSLIDE EVACUEES 9

TOTAL WILDLAND FIRE EVACUEES 9

TOTAL FLOODING EVACUEES 645

TOTAL LONG-TERM EVACUEES 676

## **Communications Sector**

### **2nd Island First Nation warns of possible COVID-19 exposure**

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## **Numbers**

<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1581964230816/1581964277298#chap5>

### **Confirmed cases of COVID-19**

On First Nations reserves in provinces, as of June 22, ISC is aware of:

- 285 confirmed positive COVID-19

- 27 hospitalizations
- 220 recovered cases
- 6 deaths

Case numbers per region:

- British Columbia: 42
- Alberta: 73
- Saskatchewan: 79
- Ontario: 56
- Quebec: 35

## Full Stories

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VANCOUVER -- A second First Nation on southern Vancouver Island is warning its members about possible exposure to COVID-19.

On Friday, the Tsawout First Nation sent a letter to community members informing them that a person who was at the nation's health centre on June 16 for a short period of time has now tested positive for the coronavirus.

The Tsawout announcement comes just one day after the nearby Pauquachin First Nation announced that it would be closing its office for 14 days because of possible COVID-19 exposure.

In a separate release on the nation's website, the Tsawout First Nation says it will also be closing its administration office for two weeks on the advice of health officials.

The person who tested positive after visiting the Tsawout Health Centre "observed appropriate physical distancing and hand hygiene measures" during their visit, the nation said in its letter, adding that the incident is considered a "low-risk exposure" for people who may have been at the health centre on that day.

Island Health is investigating the case and notifying people who may have come into close contact with the individual who tested positive, the Tsawout First Nation said.

Everyone who was in the health centre on June 16 is being asked to monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19, but people without symptoms do not need to self-isolate unless contacted by public health officials and told to do so, the nation said.

"If you or any family members develop symptoms of COVID-19, please self-isolate right away and call 811 or the Island Health testing call centre (at) 1-844-901-8442 to determine if you need testing," wrote Lois Williams, health manager for the Tsawout First Nation, in the letter.

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The Northwestern Health Unit, Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority and the Meno Ya Win Health Centre are all working to keep hospital patients and the Sioux Lookout community safe, after 6 hospital staff screened positive for COVID-19.

Over the weekend, the Northwestern Health Unit and Meno Ya Win Health Centre in Sioux Lookout were notified of 'several' positive COVID-19 test results, through a screening program of Meno Ya Win hospital staff.

All 6 of the hospital staff are in isolation at this time and are considered asymptomatic, as no cases of illness have been found within the facility or the extended care facility. Contact tracing is currently underway for at least 18 Sioux Lookout community members.

Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit, Dr. Ian Gemmill, had more details into how the cluster of asymptomatic cases was found.

"I want to emphasize that this is a cluster of asymptomatic people, who on screening, were found to be positive with no symptoms. At this time there is no outbreak of illness, and we are carefully monitoring anyone who is in the hospital or has an associated risk from the cases," said Gemmill, in his weekly virtual conference with regional media.

CEO of the Meno Ya Win Health Centre, Heather Lee, joined Gemmill in the call. She adds the three organizations are conducting a joint investigation into where the virus originated within the hospital, and to help find any other asymptomatic cases in patients before they can turn into an outbreak.

"We are very grateful to our partners who are helping to navigate this with us. We want to reassure the public and our communities, both locally and in the north, that we are here to serve you. We have everything in place that we need to have in place to ensure that you stay safe."

Lee adds that 147 staff members have taken voluntary COVID-19 testing as of June 21. The hospital employs 430 total residents, and further voluntary testing has been 'strongly recommended' by hospital leadership. Visitor restrictions have also been reinforced.

Dr. John Guilfoyle, the Public Health Physician of the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority, says they are working daily in partnership with the hospital and health unit, and there is no known evidence of community spread at this time.

"Unfortunately, this is to be expected given what's happening across the world. But the good news at this point, is that we really have had no illness associated with this so far. That is great. But we are not taking this without a great degree of concern."

Guilfoyle notes that visitor restrictions and additional staff testing has been reinforced in the Jeremiah McKay Hostel as well, and SLFNHA is not reporting any evidence of community spread of COVID-19 at this time. He's encouraging all members with possible symptoms to get tested immediately.

All community members are asked to assume that COVID-19 is in your community, and to always follow social distancing and hand hygiene measures at all times.

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**'At this point in time, we really do need that laughter and that community spirit,' says Thompson organizer**

A physically distant community picnic. Virtual jiggling contests. Online fiddling concerts. Indigenous communities in Manitoba are finding new ways to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

"Although there are a lot of safety measures and protocols we have to take, we still should celebrate our culture and our Indigenous way of life," said Shyanna Lynxleg, the Thompson Urban Aboriginal Strategy co-ordinator and the event co-ordinator for Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak.

Lynxleg is putting together the Thompson area's [first virtual celebration](#) for National Indigenous Peoples Day on Sunday, including a full day of contests and speeches.

"Everybody is so very fearful and trepidatious of COVID-19," she said.

"The celebration is only going to help alleviate some of that fear and take away some of that anxiety people have.... At this point in time, we really do need that laughter and that community spirit."

The only part that cannot be virtual, said Lynxleg, is the sunrise pipe ceremony at 5 a.m. Only 25 people will be there.

"We don't want too much activity going on because it's a sacred ceremony," said Lynxleg. "It's meant for the pipe carrier and the sun."

**'We're just moving ahead'**

Normally, thousands of people would gather at The Forks in Winnipeg for [Indigenous Day Live](#), a day-long, multi-city event.

This year, however, organizers have postponed the event to an undetermined date, as the maximum size for crowds at outdoor events in Manitoba will be [100 people as of Sunday](#).

Lake Manitoba First Nation cancelled a powwow planned this weekend over COVID-19 concerns, but Chief Cornell McLean says people have been gathering in groups of 50 or fewer all week celebrating his community's Treaty Days.

Now, the community is planning a Father's Day event on Sunday to coincide with National Indigenous Peoples Day.

"We're just moving ahead," he said.

"We had the chance to meet one another again, and greet one another and share stories of how it felt to be cramped up at home.... It's really good to see the members out enjoying themselves."

People in Peguis First Nation will also be gathering outside at the Peguis Treaty Grounds on Sunday.

Chief Glenn Hudson says there will be handwashing stations, hand sanitizer, and staff from the Manitoba First Nations pandemic response co-ordination team to make sure people physically distance from others.

Sunday marks the start of Phase 3 of Manitoba's reopening plan, which allows for outdoor gatherings of up to 100 outside under provincial rules, but Hudson says they're expecting about double that.

"Given that it's on federal land, sure, we do look at the provincial guidelines and how they're opening up their services, safety first and all the feedback. But for us, we make that decision." Manitoba's premier has said the federal government needs to clarify rules on large gatherings in Indigenous communities.

Indigenous Services Canada said in a statement earlier this month that it "respects the measures the chiefs and councils have put in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19 within their own communities, based on public health guidance," and that cancelling or postponing cultural events "remains the decision of spiritual leaders and community leadership alone."

### **'We did not want COVID to steal this from us'**

The Manitoba Metis Federation is busting out fiddling and jigging on Sunday with their first virtual [Metis Jig & Jam Variety Show](#).

For eight hours, the MMF will host live entertainment, workshops and speeches from the Park Theatre in Winnipeg, and different historic locations in Manitoba like the site of the [Victory of Frog Plain](#) (which is also sometimes called the Battle of Seven Oaks) and [Ste. Madeleine, Man.](#)

"We have pride in who we are, and we just want people to celebrate with us," said MMF President David Chartrand.

"We did not want COVID to steal this from us."

These celebrations are much needed, says artist Annie Beach.

"There are so many conversations about Indigenous trauma, violence or police brutality, but I feel that our young, Native population needs more contemporary, happy Indigenous people doing their thing," said Beach, who is from Peguis First Nation and just graduated from the University of Manitoba's fine arts program with honours.

"That's something that's important to celebrate this year. Not necessarily these hardships that we've dealt with and we know we deal with, but pushing forward and celebrating contemporary initiatives and projects."

Beach's work was [highlighted by the university](#) as a recommendation for art to seek out on National Indigenous Peoples Day. The artist has been painting murals since 2017, including ones with Winnipeg artist Kenneth Lavalley's [Star Blanket Project](#), which involved murals around Winnipeg and beyond.

"I remember during the Star Blanket Project in Brandon, Man., it was in a community housing area. There was a little boy who was just blown away by this star blanket pattern," she said.

"He knew what it was, and was showing it to his dad while they were walking into the building. I was lucky to catch that one, but who knows how many times a young Indigenous kid walked by and felt seen?"

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Exposure risk low, Island Health advised, nation says

The Tsawout First Nation is warning community members of possible exposure to COVID-19 after a person who tested positive for the virus attended the health centre located on Tetayut Road in Saanichton.



In a letter to community members posted to the Tsawout First Nation [website](#) on June 19, the nation's health manager Lois Williams explained that someone with COVID-19 had attended the Tsawout Health Centre for a short period of time on Tuesday, June 16.

"The person observed appropriate physical distancing and hand hygiene measures," while at the health centre, Williams said, adding that exposure risk is considered low for others who were there that day.

According to the letter, Island Health has been advised and is working to contact people who may have been exposed. Anyone who attended the health centre on June 16 is asked to monitor themselves for symptoms. Williams pointed out that those without symptoms don't need to self-isolate unless Island Health recommends it.

"If you or any family members develop symptoms of COVID-19, please self-isolate right away and call 811 or the Island Health testing call center [at] 1-844-901-8442 to determine if you need testing," Williams wrote.

As a precaution, the Tsawout administration building will remain closed until [July 6](#).

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