

**AFN C-19 National Task Force  
Daily Update for: June 4, 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 2020-06-04 11:00AM EDT**

Province	Confirmed Cases	Hospitalization (ICU)*	Deaths	Recovered
BC	2,623	32 (7)	166	2,243
AB	7,076	48 (6)	145	6,587
SK	647	2 (2)	11	602
MB	298	0 (0)	7	282
ON	29,403	776 (121)	2,357	23,208
QC	51,884	1,076 (146)	4,794	17,098
Newfoundland/Lab	261	1 (0)	3	256
NB	135	5 (1)	0	120
NS	1,058	3 (1)	60	993
PEI	27		-	27
Yukon	11		-	11
NWT	5		-	5
Nunavut	0			
Repatriated Travelers	13			
<b>Total</b>	<b>93,441</b>	<b>1,943 (284)</b>	<b>7,543</b>	<b>51,445</b>
<b>Active Cases= 34,620</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>	6,551,290	386,795	2,832,566

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Data is as of June 4 at 11:33am from Johns Hopkins University:  
<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

**Epidemic Summary**

As of **June 2**, 2020, the majority (**84%**) of COVID-19 cases are related to domestic acquisition. Domestic acquisition is defined as any exposure that occurred within Canada.

As of **June 3**, 2020, Canada has an overall case fatality rate of **8.0%**.

As of **June 3**, 2020, **55%** 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

### Local States of Emergencies:

First Nation States of Emergency- As per ISC report June 02, 2020									
Region	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	ATL	Territories	Total
Confirmed	57	32	4	21	69	4	7	2	196

**WILDFIRE:** - As Per ISC EMD 2020 FN Flood / Wildland Fire Report as of June 2, 2020 - **Updates in Bold**

**\*\*Please note that given the decrease in significant incidents, this report will now be issued on a bi-weekly basis\*\***

#### **MANITOBA – Low to Moderate**

- **Pine Creek First Nation (282) (Chief Karen Batson) On-reserve population: 637, 2 evacuees**
  - **02JUN2020: Community no longer threatened by fire. SOLE rescinded. Repatriation efforts continue;**
  - 31MAY2020: Fire under control. Monitoring continues;

#### **QUEBEC**

- **Innu TakuaiKAN Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam First Nation (80) (Chief Mike McKenzie) Population: 3,659**
  - **02JUN2020: Fire is out. This will be the final notification unless significant changes occur.**
  - 20MAY2020: Two forest fires active 9km north of community posing a fire and smoke risk.

**FLOODS:** As Per ISC EMD 2020 FN Flood / Wildland Fire Situation Report as of June 2, 2020 - **Updates in Bold**

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#### **FLOODING 2020 Flood Season General Risk Assessments - New Information in bold**

**BC: FLOOD RISK FORECAST – Moderate**

- **Bonaparte First Nation (686) (Chief Randy Porter) Population: 201**
  - **03JUN2020: 91 residents on standby for possible evacuation. Flood peak expected by June 8, 2020.**
  - 25MAY2020: Water level monitoring, sandbagging and debris removal continues in anticipation of flooding.
- **Upper Nicola Band (697) (Chief Harvey McLeod) Population: 415**
  - **02JUN2020: 2 additional households (9 residents) evacuated. 15 total residents evacuated.**
  - 28MAY2020: 1 more resident evacuated. 6 total residents evacuated.

AB: FLOOD RISK FORECAST – Moderate

SK: FLOOD RISK FORECAST – Moderate

MB: FLOOD RISK FORECAST – Moderate

ON: FLOOD RISK FORECAST – Moderate

**QC: FLOOD RISK FORECAST – Moderate**

- **Zhiibaahaasing First Nation (173) (Chief Irene Kells) Population: 66**
  - **02JUN2020: High water levels from lake Huron threaten Water Treatment Plant (WTP).**

ATL: FLOOD RISK FORECAST – Moderate

YT: FLOOD RISK FORECAST – Moderate

**Communications Sector**

**Dr. Hinshaw praises Alberta Indigenous communities for steps taken to protect residents from COVID**

**Global News – June 3, 2020**

<https://globalnews.ca/video/7023596/dr-hinshaw-praises-alberta-indigenous-communities-for-steps-taken-to-protect-residents-from-covid-19>

**Protests are important but risks of COVID-19 must be considered: Freeland**

**The Canadian Press - June 3, 2020**

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/protests-are-important-but-risks-of-covid-19-must-be-considered-freeland-1.4967799>

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**GLOBAL NEWS - June 3, 2020**

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7021126/coronavirus-drive-thru-testing-to-expand-to-curve-lake-hiawatha-first-nations-and-north-kawartha/>

## **John Ivison: First Nations success story threatened by COVID-19 lockdown needs a hand from Ottawa**

**There is a blossoming relationship between Canada's Indigenous communities and capital markets but the matchmaker sustaining that has been sideswiped**

**National Post - June 3, 2020**

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-ivison-ottawa-needs-to-help-out-first-nations-success-story-threatened-by-covid-19-lockdown#comments-area>

### **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 3, ISC is aware of:

- 223 confirmed positive COVID-19
- 22 hospitalizations
- 197 recovered cases
- 5 deaths

Case numbers per region:

- British Columbia: 43
- Alberta: 44
- Saskatchewan: 52
- Ontario: 49
- Quebec: 35

### **Full Stories**

#### **Protests are important but risks of COVID-19 must be considered: Freeland**

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OTTAWA -- Deputy prime minister Chrystia Freeland suggested Wednesday that COVID-19 will keep her away from anti-racism marches planned across Canada in coming days.

Freeland called peaceful protests a valuable and important form of political expression, but with large gatherings still restricted in Canada to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, they must be approached with caution.

"The coronavirus issue is a really serious one to think about in that context," she said.

"As a mother, I have been struggling very hard to say to my children that they can't see their friends, and they can't be in groups, so setting an example on that front is also an important one for me."

Freeland's comments came amid calls from opposition politicians and community groups for the Liberal government to move from words to actions in its efforts to address racism in Canada in response to protests over the issue escalate in the U.S.

Tensions have run high in several U.S. cities for days after George Floyd, a black man, died in police custody on May 25. A police officer knelt on his neck for several minutes, even as Floyd said he couldn't breathe.

The marches in the U.S. have been both peaceful and destructive, sometimes spurred on by aggressive policing, and have resulted in other deaths as well as widespread property damage. U.S. President Donald Trump has lashed out at the protesters, calling them thugs and anarchists. He has suggested the military be used to quash them and has appeared to advocate violence against protesters. This week, tear gas was used on protesters who were blocking Trump's path to a photo-op outside the White House.

The prime minister fell silent for several moments Tuesday when a reporter asked for his views on the crisis. He eventually said Canadians were watching in horror what was going on in the U.S., but did not mention Trump directly.

He then pivoted to acknowledging more must be done in Canada to address racism.

Trudeau's silence was deafening, NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh said Wednesday.

"The prime minister of Canada has to call out the hatred and racism happening just south of the border and if the prime minister can't do that how can everyday people be expected to stand up?" Singh said.

"The prime minister should lead by example."

For her part, Freeland said Trudeau's response was excellent and eloquent.

Trudeau has long ducked questions calling on him to respond to statements by the U.S. president, repeating -- as he did Tuesday -- that Canadians expect their government to focus on them.

But Singh said that's not acceptable.

He called Trump's actions reprehensible, accusing the president of inflaming hatred and divisions, fuelling racism and putting people's lives at risk.

"There are times when we have to be strategic and there are times when we have to stand up for what's right," he said.

"And this is one of those times you have to stand up for what's right."

Singh called on Trudeau to put actions behind his focus on Canadians. The Liberals could find a path through legislation to end racially motivated policing tactics and address the overrepresentation of visible minorities and Indigenous Peoples in prisons, he said.

They could also move faster to sew up holes in the country's social safety nets that create the inequalities that lead to racism.

"Those are just some of the things the government can do immediately that would go beyond the pretty words of a prime minister who says that he cares," Singh said.

In a separate appearance, the Green party's Elizabeth May said while it is true that Trudeau's "pretty words" were not the same as action, they are the epitome of what is making Canada different from the United States at this time.

"Pretty words are so much better than vile language so bad that Twitter decides to put a warning that it incites violence, that Facebook employees quit because Mark (Zuckerberg)

won't take down comments that are incendiary and those comments are from the president of the United States," she said.

May said Trump has made everything going on in his country worse and that Canada must stop pretending the United States offers a safe place of refuge for minorities.

She repeated the Greens' long-held stance that Canada must suspend the Safe Third Country Agreement between Canada and the United States. The deal sees both countries reject most asylum claims lodged at the land border on the grounds that both countries are safe, and so asylum seekers must seek refuge where they first arrive.

"It is clear that if you're Muslim, if you're black, if you're Latina, if you're Indigenous, the United States is not a safe country," May said.

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Drive-thru testing centres for the novel coronavirus will be expanding to Curve Lake and Hiawatha First Nations and in North Kawartha Township, Peterborough Public Health announced Wednesday.

During her weekly update on the pandemic, medical officer of health Dr. Rosana Salvaterra said that based on the success of the Peterborough drive-thru testing centre launched a week ago on Wednesday, the model will be expanded.

The temporary testing centres — with tests conducted by Peterborough County-City Paramedics — will be held on Friday at Hiawatha First Nation, Saturday at Curve Lake First Nation and on Monday in North Kawartha Township.

The Hiawatha site will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the L.I.F.E Services Centre at 431 Hiawatha Line. The centre will be for community members and residents of bordering Otonabee-South Monaghan Township.

The Curve Lake site is expected to run from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 65 Chemong St. (Curve Lake First Nation School) and will test asymptomatic residents. The clinics will be for community members only.

Details of North Kawartha's site have yet to be released.

At the Kinsmen Civic Centre in Peterborough, 1,855 people have been tested at the drive-thru centre since it opened May 27.

"It's been very successful," said Salvaterra. "That's a daily average of about 265 people."

Salvaterra noted that 1,350 tests (73 per cent) have been reported, with just one person testing positive for the coronavirus.

"It was an individual from Durham Region who travelled here to be tested," she said. "That will not be counted for our numbers."

As of Wednesday morning, there were 89 confirmed cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, in the health unit's jurisdiction of Peterborough city and county and Hiawatha and Curve Lake First Nations. One in 16 residents has been tested (9,150 tests total) with more than 1,800 tests done in the last week.

Almost 53 per cent of the health unit's cases are from close contact with an existing case, while 19 per cent of cases are considered community transmission, as they do not have a link with travel or a known contact. The 19 per cent is consistent with the provincial average of 20 per cent, said Salvaterra.

The health unit reports 60 cases per 100,000 people, which is "notably less" than the provincial rate of 193 cases per 100,000 people, she said.

"What we are seeing here is very indicative of what is going in other parts of the province. Even though our cases are lower and we don't have as many, the proportion of where those cases are coming from seems to be in line with what is being experienced in other parts of the province," said Salvaterra.

The health unit's weekly situation update can be found online.

### **Rally**

Salvaterra also said she was "very impressed" with physical distancing and the use of masks by participants in Tuesday's Black Lives Matter rally held in downtown Peterborough.

The medical officer of health said she was among the several hundred participants. The rally included a march from Millennium Park to Confederation Square.

"I did not see anyone that wasn't wearing a mask," she said. "At the very beginning of the organized remarks, the emcee asked people to adhere to physical distancing. And people did move apart. Household groups stayed together.

"I thought the community was very respectful both of the issue of racism but also in regards to the pandemic and ensuring they were adhering to physical distancing."

Salvaterra recommended any organizers of future rallies to contact the health unit for guidance on how to ensure individuals stay safe.

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There should be no debate about systemic racism in Canada.

The residents of Rosedale in Toronto or Rockcliffe in Ottawa would not tolerate boil water advisories or youth suicide rates seven times higher than the national average – the norm for a number of indigenous communities.

But there have been successes in Canada's relationship with its First Nations and they need to be nurtured during the current COVID-19 crisis.

A singular achievement has been the First Nations Finance Authority, a native governed institution that raises money from institutional investors in Canada, the U.S. and beyond. It is a success story, but one which is threatened by the scale of the lockdown.

The FNFA has a history of prudent lending.

Ernie Daniels, president and CEO, said his organization made its inaugural loan in 2012 and has since raised \$940 million on capital markets, creating an estimated 9,000 jobs.

The FNFA boasts that it has had no defaults because of its structure. All of the bands granted loans have some form of revenue source – from property taxes to mineral rights or gaming revenues. The FNFA calculates borrowing capacity based on those activities and then requires the band to sign a “revenue intercept mechanism” that guarantees the community’s revenue stream as repayment for the loan.

To reassure nervous investors, loans are also backed by a debt reserve fund financed by all borrowing members of the pool and a \$30 million credit enhancement fund, back-stopped by the federal government.

However, even its frugal practises have struggled to cope with COVID. Daniels appeared before the federal finance committee this week and noted that the “induced coma” of COVID-19 had affected the revenue-raising capacity of all the FNFA’s borrowing members. “The risk management and credit enhancement features of the FNFA did not contemplate as many borrowing members being in financial stress at the same time,” he said.

He recommended that the federal government inject \$50 million into an emergency fund that would allow on-going liquidity for borrowing members.

He also suggested that the Bank of Canada buy around \$250 million of commercial paper issued by the FNFA to backstop existing needs.

Skeptics should look more closely at the FNFA’s track record.

When Chief Clarence Louie of the Osoyoos Indian Band in British Columbia’s dusty interior was contemplating new office space he didn’t want a typical looking office building. He was looking for something that drew inspiration from the history of the Osoyoos. The striking structure that was eventually constructed featured logs used in traditional reed-covered tee-pees and a gathering space built to look like a plateau-style hat used by the tribes of the interior.

The 540-member band needed new offices because it had outgrown its existing space – the consequence of turning one of the hottest and driest parts of Canada into an economic powerhouse. The rattlesnake infested sagebrush canyons now host an award-winning winery, a golf course, a hotel and motor racetrack designed by former Formula 1 driver, Jacques Villeneuve.

Osoyoos has the financial clout to borrow money from commercial banks. Yet when it was raising funds for the band office, it opted to take a loan from the FNFA.

Chief Louie said many banks won’t lend to First Nations that don’t have the revenue-raising ability of richer bands like Osoyoos because in an Indigenous world where property is held communally they are often unable to offer collateral.

The FNFA was set up to address that problem.

It is rated by major credit agencies such as Moody’s, which upgraded it to Aa3 investment grade rating three weeks ago.

“In terms of reception, we have seen a significant uptick in interest by the market since the FNFA’s first bond offering, when it was not a known entity,” said Adam Hardi, assistant vice-president at Moody’s in Toronto.

Steven Fleckenstein, managing director of fixed income at National Bank of Canada, which has acted as dealer for the FNFA, said the initial wary response to bonds issued by an indigenous organization was reflected in the yield – 37 basis points over the rate offered by the bellwether issuer, the province of Ontario. But as comfort levels have evolved, that spread narrowed to 16 basis points in a more recent issue, which was doubly oversubscribed.

“It’s quite a success story,” said Fleckenstein. “The market has accepted the FNFA as bona fide.” The appetite in capital markets has been stimulated by the desire for ethical environmental and social investments – 30 per cent of projects funded by FNFA loans are in renewable energy; 60 per cent are in social infrastructure like schools and health centres.

Ryan Goulding, a fund manager at portfolio manager Leith Wheeler, has invested in every FNFA issue and his firm is now its largest investor. “I love the credit and it has performed very well for us,” he said. “What attracted us in the first place is the structure of this debt. I can’t think of another issue where the credit profile gets better the more debt that is issued. As more First Nations become members, it spreads out the liability and diversifies the revenue streams.” While there is a demand for the debt, it is limited by the revenue-raising capacity of First Nations.

There are two solutions to this – leverage the government’s annual funding allocation for First Nations on capital markets; or, transfer more revenue-raising capacity to First Nations.

In the longer term, Daniels told the finance committee this week that the FNFA could facilitate an alternate financing scheme to build community infrastructure on reserves. He proposed a monetization program that would raise funds to help finance infrastructure programs at today’s prices, rather than the pay-as-you-go model the government currently employs.

Daniels said that the FNFA has identified shovel-ready infrastructure projects on 28 First Nations, with a value of \$541-million, that would be suited for such a monetization policy.

The infrastructure gap on Canadian reserves has been estimated at \$35 billion, leaving many with boil water advisories, power from diesel generators and poor housing stock. Indigenous Canadians are just 4.3 per cent of the population but their numbers are growing at four times the rate of non-indigenous citizens.

The second way to utilize the FNFA model to greater effect would be to increase the revenue-raising capacity on reserves.

The criticism levelled against the FNFA is that it favours communities that are already doing well.

However, Daniels said that the FNFA and its sister organization, the First Nations Tax Commission, are working with the federal government to use the same model with less well-off bands that could see borrowing capacity grow ten-fold.

The deal being proposed is that Ottawa would transfer excise tax being raised on reserves through the sale of petrol, tobacco, alcohol and cannabis.

Justin Trudeau’s government has made reconciliation with indigenous Canadians one of its top priorities and has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Assembly of First Nations to work towards “sufficient, predictable and sustained funding” for the country’s native population.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau and his most senior bureaucrats are said to be keen to roll out FNFA funding because they believe it works.

Kevin Page, the former parliamentary budget officer and now head of a public policy think-tank at the University of Ottawa, sits on the committee struck by the government to come up with a new fiscal relationship with First Nations. He said the idea of allowing First Nations to keep excise tax revenues raised on their territory has merit. “I personally think it is in keeping with a vision that gives First Nations more autonomy and resources for development of badly needed infrastructure,” he said.

There is a strong argument that the FNFA offers a more measured approach to infrastructure development than direct federal government investment, since every project needs unanimous approval from a board made up of borrowing members.

“They are joint and severally liable, so the scrutiny is above and beyond anything you’d get from federal politicians,” said Leith Wheeler’s Goulding.

Manny Jules, chief commissioner of the First Nations Tax Commission, said the pitch to the federal government is “the more responsibility we have to look after ourselves, the less responsibility you have”.

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