

Adams Lake Indian Band

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ALIB Community Communique

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Adams Lake Covid 19 Update

Submitted by Health & Wellness Department & Administration Department

Total cases since January 1, 2021: 50 cases.

*approximate, as we don't know all contacts.

Current Active Covid Cases	Recovered Covid Cases	Isolating at Home (Confirmed case or close contact)
0	50	*5

We are happy to report no current active cases. Three consecutive weeks leveling the curve.

#Remember to Pause

March 11th marks the one year anniversary of the World Health Organization declaration of the global Covid-19 Pandemic. To say that it has been a year like no other is an understatement. Globally, there has been **117,799,584 Covid cases, and 2,615,018 deaths from Covid.** The Pandemic has touched everyone's life in so many different ways. It's important that we all take time to acknowledge how the Pandemic has impacted us - to pause, reflect and remember. How have we each contributed to a better, safer world in this Pandemic? How have our words and actions positively or negatively impacted the Pandemic and the world around us? While there have been numerous challenges

and difficulties through the Pandemic, it's important to not lose sight of the opportunity for growth and learning- those are gifts. Kindness in word and deed still matters.

Covid vaccine update:

We received a few more additional doses of Covid vaccine for first doses. These doses went to those who had called the Health Centre to let us know they were interested (as previous communication had advised). We are unaware at this time whether we will be getting any more allotments of first Covid doses. We know that information with FNHA and IHA can change rapidly during this Pandemic. Public Health is now starting their Public Vaccine campaign, and so people may be eligible sooner through Public Health if they missed their dose in the community. The Health Centre will continue to take names of those who live in the community who would like a first dose of Covid vaccine (on the slight chance that we get more vaccine), but we strongly encourage people to look at the opportunities available to them through Public Health. To see when you are eligible to receive the Covid vaccine through Public Health, please see: <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/covid-19-vaccines/> . For those who live outside of the community/Interior Health, please refer to your local Health Authority, or the Provincial vaccine rollout: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/plan>



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Please only call Public Health to book a Covid vaccine when you are eligible (as per Provincial schedule), as the call centre is being overloaded with calls from people who don't actually qualify yet, and those who do qualify are unable to get through.

As a reminder, even when vaccinated, it is important to continue following all Public Health Covid guidelines until they are changed Provincially.

After you get your Covid vaccine: <https://www.fnha.ca/Documents/FNHA-After-You-Get-Your-COVID-19-Vaccine.pdf>

Be Kind. Be Calm. Be Safe.

Administration Department Update

As discussed at Chief & Council table taking into consideration of the decline in active cases in our community, the directive that ALIB Band Offices will **re-open on Monday, March 15, 2021** with regular hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, closed for lunch hour from noon to 1:00pm. Upon returning to work after a period of absence from Band Offices, employees will continue to follow the orders issued by the office of the provincial health officer, guidance provided by the BC Centre for Disease Control and the latest news released from the government. In addition follow ALIB's *Covid 19 Pandemic Staff Policies & Procedures*.

In order to help reduce the spread and to eliminate or reduce potential for exposure to Covid 19, the following Covid 19 protocols and procedures will continue to be implemented:

- Health screening for employees and Band office visitors
- Practicing good hand hygiene
- Adhere to handling of food and utensils
- Maintain physical distancing
- Environmental cleaning and disinfecting

- Adherence to wearing Personal Protective Equipment
- Self monitoring and reporting Covid 19 symptoms.

Let's all continue to taking precautionary measures so that we can keep working with a low risk factor.

For Band office visitors it is recommended to contact us by phone **250-679-8841** to make appointments.

Chief Atahm School continues to implement the Provincial and ALIB Covid Health and Safety protocols. If anyone needs masks, please contact the school **250-679-8837**.



*Thank You
to All the
Amazing
People
Working
Hard
Taking Care
of Us
and
Saving
Lives.*