

## Adams Lake Indian Band

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# ALIB Community Communique

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 5, 2021

## 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<br>Active Covid<br>Cases | Recovered<br>Covid<br>Cases | Isolating at<br>Home<br>(Confirmed<br>case or close<br>contact) |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1                                | 49                          | *12   |

We are happy to report a decline in the number of cases at ALIB over the past several weeks.

### Covid Vaccine Update:

The Provincial Health Officer, Dr Bonnie Henry announced this week, that the interval between dose 1 and dose 2 of the Covid vaccine would now be up to 16 weeks. This is due to numerous factors. Data from around the world has shown that the first dose of Covid vaccine provides really good protection, and so the interval between dose 1 and 2 can be extended. This allows more of the population to be immunized with the first dose, which ultimately decreases overall Covid case rates across the Province. This is good news for everyone. It is important that even if someone is immunized (regardless of one or two doses), that they continue to follow all of the Public Health

restrictions until they are changed Provincially. Immunization adds one more layer of protection, but all other measures must still be followed.

We received an update from First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) that they are aware of how many doses are needed for second doses, and are aware that some people did not get first doses due to having recent Covid infection, or self isolating. They are not certain of how many extra doses we will be sent (on top of second doses), but invited us to send our additional requests for additional vaccine (which has been done).

Due to the current Provincial travel restrictions, FNHA has been clear that the Covid vaccines are for those living + working in the community, and that Band/Community members are **not to be** travelling home to get them if they live in different parts of the Province. People who live outside of the community will be getting their Covid vaccine through the Health services they access in their own areas (through Public Health, or other communities they live in), and will be a priority population within those areas.

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**Thank You!**

**To all the amazing people**

**Who follow Covid**

**safety protocols.**

**Together we fight**

**Coronavirus &**

**flattening the curve**

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With the new Provincial announcement earlier this week about the dosing interval, we are waiting on further direction from FNHA and Interior Health as to what our allotment will look like. We do not know when we will be getting these second doses. We must remember that there are numerous factors beyond our control, and things are constantly evolving, and so there may be different direction at the time we receive the next batch of vaccines.

Public Health has finished immunizing long term care facilities, and is now beginning the Covid vaccine rollout, based on age categories. For people who missed first doses when it came to the community, you may be eligible sooner through Public Health before the vaccine comes back to community (and we are unsure what quantity looks like yet). Please see the BC Covid Vaccine Rollout to learn more about the timeline, and when you would be eligible if you missed the first dose: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/plan#phases>

With spring break approaching, it is important to remember that travel is still only for essential purposes only. This means:

- At this time, all non-essential travel should be avoided. This includes travel into and out of B.C. and between regions of the province. For example:
- Do not travel for a vacation
- Do not travel to visit friends or family outside of your household or core bubble.

ALIB Band Offices will continue to be temporarily closed in response to the confirmation of the coronavirus within the community and surrounding areas. You can still contact us by phone **250-679-8841** to leave messages. Staff are working remotely and have access to email and phone messages. Band office re-opening will be assessed every Friday as to an opening date and will post on our website and Facebook page when we're open again.

The Covid 19 Care Packages were delivered door to door in the Chase and Salmon Arm reserves on Friday, February 26th. Some packages were undelivered and are at Band Office. Please call the Band Office if you didn't receive your care package. Encourage all residents to continue to practice Covid safety protocols as a means to prevent and slow the spread of Covid 19 in our community and surrounding areas.

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**.

ALIB continues to provide communications with the community via several communication tools. Visit our *Covid 19* section on our website for the most recent information related to Covid 19. You can also follow us on Facebook in an effort to keep you informed.

We recognize and are grateful for, the important actions and sacrifices that all residents are making during these unprecedented times. Know that the actions you are taking to physically distance yourself will help protect the most vulnerable among us and support front line workers dealing with the Covid 19 outbreak.



STAY HOME  
STAY SAFE  
SAVE LIVES



WE'RE  
**ALL**  
IN THIS  
*together*  
we will get through this together.



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## **Final Call for Band Member Covid Relief Cheques**

March 5, 2021

As this month is the end of our fiscal year 2020/2021. Those Band Members who missed their December, 2020 Covid Relief Cheque have **until Monday, March 15, 2021 by 1:00 pm to send in their request.**

\$125.00 as been allotted to every registered Band Member (man, woman and child). Please send your request to [addressupdate@alib.ca](mailto:addressupdate@alib.ca).

### **Application:**

Require your full legal name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: (month, day, year) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

List any registered children under 18 years living in your household:

Children full legal name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: (month, day, year) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Processing:**

Applications will be reviewed and forwarded onto Finance Department to process cheque on scheduled cheque run days and mailed out to the address provided.

**Final cut off to submit application is March 15, 2021.**

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