

COVID-19 Message from ISC - BC Region March 30, 2020 - Update#11

Good afternoon,

Updates

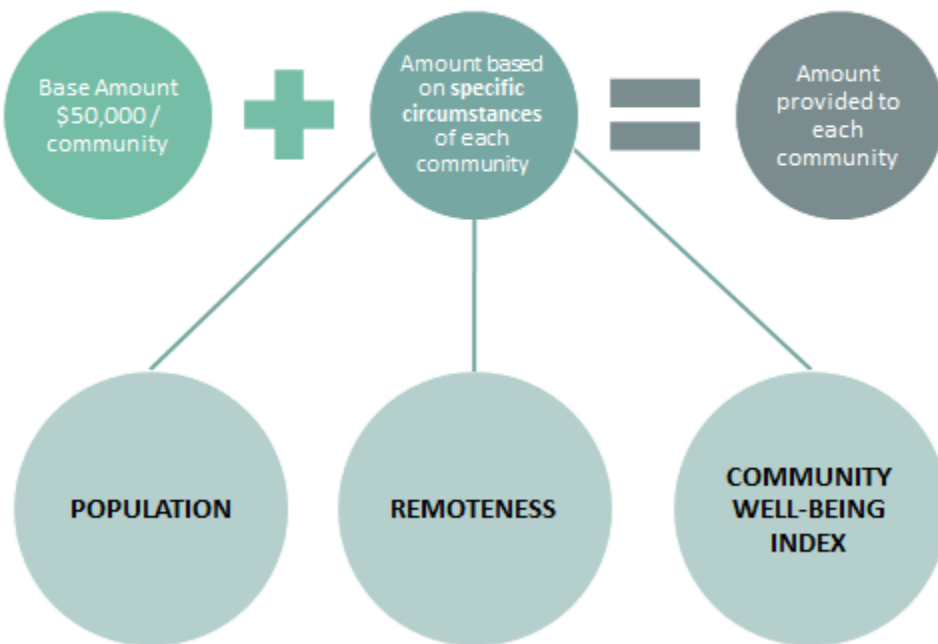
Over the weekend most of you will have received details about the funding allocations through Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan to your First Nation to assist in your response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding Explained

The \$305 million Indigenous Community Support Fund was created to address immediate needs in First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Nation communities related to COVID-19. As announced last week, \$215 million of this fund will be directed to First Nation and self-governing communities.

The formula for determining each First Nation's allocation is calculated as a base amount in addition to other factors like population, remoteness and community well-being.

DETAILS ON THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND First Nations On-Reserve and Self-Governing Communities



- **Population** is determined by 2016 Census data.
- **Remoteness** is measured by two key parameters: (1) the proximity to all population centres within a given radius that permits daily accessibility; and (2) the population size of each population centre, used as proxy of service availability.
- **Community Well-Being (CWB)** The 2016 index measures socio-economic well-being for communities across Canada. It has four components: education, labour force activity, income and housing.

Should you require further information about your allocation please contact the Funding Services Officer assigned to your community, if you are unable to reach them, please contact:

aadnc.iscbccovid19.aandc@canada.ca

First Nations Child and Family Services

In response to the extraordinary circumstances presented by this outbreak, ISC is taking immediate action to ensure that First Nations youth who would normally age out of care continue to receive the supports they need. As an exceptional measure, from at least March 9, 2020 to September 30, 2020, ISC will continue to cover the eligible maintenance costs to First Nations child and family services agencies who are currently providing services to youth who would be normally aging out of care during this period.

We would also draw your attention to the additional costs that may be eligible for reimbursement under the First Nations Child and Family Services Program:

- IT and communications equipment (i.e. laptops, printers, cell phones, tablets)
- Salaries and costs for extra resources as it relates to staff for agencies or BRS helping each other.
- Supplies: for front line; for First Nations communities to assist service providers (like CFS workers) who are visiting homes and interacting with the public; for children (i.e. baby formula, diapers, wipes); cleaning supplies; medical and cleaning supplies for CFS staff
- Personal protective equipment
- Emergency food support
- Child care for services providers/caregivers
- Communications expenses such as translation
- Temporary lodging
- Possible foster parents/group home requests
- Interim emergency assistance to First Nations to assist them with their planning.

If you have any questions regarding the submission of claims, please contact your usual regional representative, if you are unable to reach them, please contact: aadnc.iscbccovid19.aandc@canada.ca

Partner Info

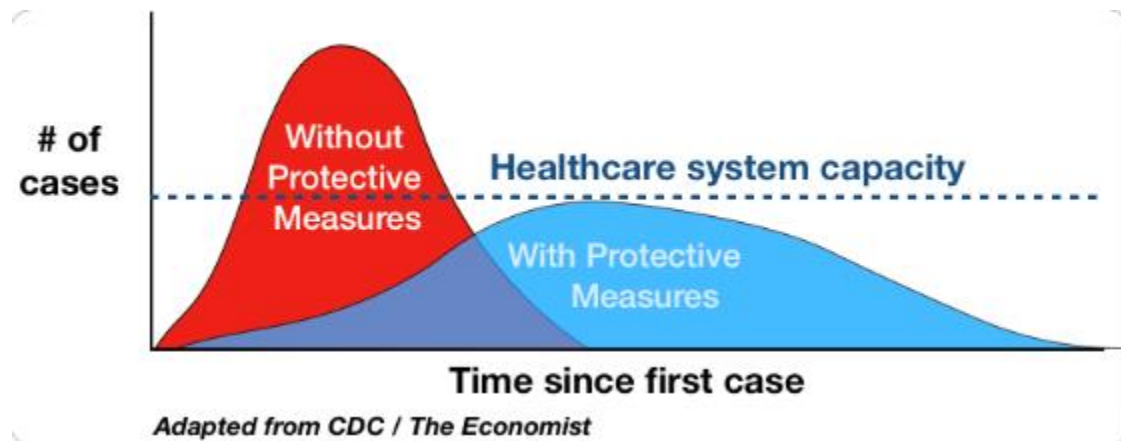
Governments and the private sector are providing a wide-range of supports for small businesses in British Columbia affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the Province of British Columbia's COVID-19 Action Plan, BC is providing an additional \$5 billion in income supports, tax relief and funding for people, businesses and services in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. In addition it has compiled the following resource to reflect all COVID related supports as of today's date:

[COVID-19: Financial Supports for Small Businesses in B.C.](#)

Question of the Day

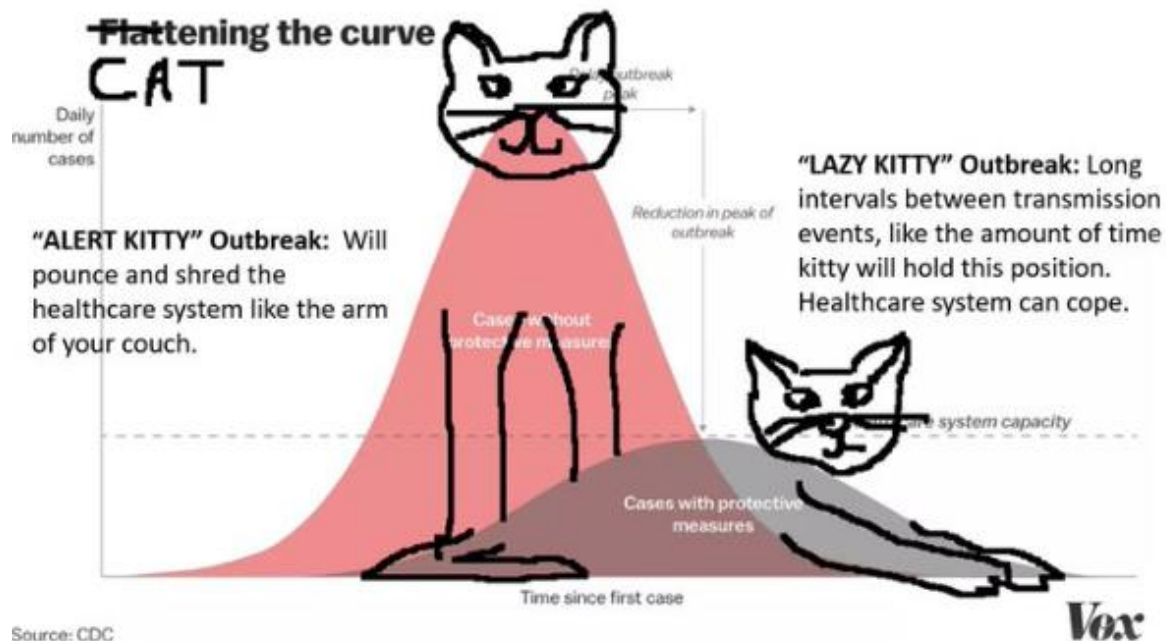
So what do health officials mean when they say “flattening the curve”?

The Centre for Disease control model looks like this:



Basically it means that we can all help limit the surge of COVID-19 cases giving our health care system time to prepare and manage. By not overwhelming the healthcare system capacity there is a better chance an ICU bed and ventilator will be available should we or a loved one needs it.

Epidemiologist Dr. Anne Marie Darling created an easy reference to remember through cats. She calls it #catteningthecurve, and it can be an understandable way to explain to our house-bound children why they can't go to the playground or have sleepovers at the moment.



National Information

[Public Health Agency of Canada: Infographics](#)

[The COVID-19 First Nations Community Guide on Accessing Additional Supports](#)

The Hope for Wellness Help Line is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week to support members of your community experiencing emotional distress and may be reached directly by dialling **1-855-242-3310** or via online chat at: hopeforwellness.ca

Useful Links

First Nations Health Authority

[Summary Page of COVID-19 information and response](#)

COVID-19 BC Support App and Self-Assessment Tool

[The app will let you receive the latest updates, trusted resources, and alerts. The Self-Assessment Tool is built in.](#)

First Nations Public Service Secretariat

[As Band offices close their doors in response to the COVID-19 threat, the FNPSS is providing a platform for Band administrators to access and review timely information.](#)

Public Health Agency of Canada

[Epidemiological summary of COVID-19 cases in Canada: includes map and other data](#)

Regional Contacts

We've set up a dedicated email address if you have any non-health COVID-19-related questions and requests, please email: aadnc.iscbccovid19.aandc@canada.ca The email address and other information are also available on the FNPSS website.

Executive Leadership Team

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