

Community Guide: Covid 19 Public Health Surge Funding for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities

Who can access this public health support?

- First Nations communities and organizations that deliver community-based services in response to COVID-19 public health needs

Eligible items

Supplies and storage

- Personal protective equipment for essential workers in communities that require:
 - Non-medical-grade masks
 - Gloves, hand sanitizer
 - These would be supplies not covered by the provincial, territorial, or ISC stockpile which are dedicated to health care workers in homes and community long-term care, health facilities, or caregivers. Communities are encouraged to contact the Province for PPE first.
- Infection prevention and control supplies such as soap, sanitizers, disinfectants, and personal care supplies.
- Storage cost of supplies

Surge health infrastructure

- Adapting community space for surge health infrastructure to be used for screening, testing, isolation, or accommodation of clinical staff. Related operational and maintenance costs are also eligible.
- Purchase of mobile structures for surge health infrastructure to be used for screening, testing, isolation, or accommodation of clinical staff. Related operational and maintenance costs are also eligible.
- Rental of space for isolation, or accommodation of medical professionals.
- Adapting community events, workplaces, or ceremonies to ensure physical distancing and other public health measures are in place

Staffing and Surge Capacity

- Staffing additional primary care nurses, public health nurses, paramedics, administrative staff, and community workers (ie. health facility security)
- Community training

Mental health and wellbeing

- Mental health and addictions services, and funding to adapt these services to maintain physical distancing
- Access to virtual platforms to safely provide tele-health sessions
- Surge capacities for crisis lines
- Virtually facilitated peer support sessions for youth and community members

Food security to support physical isolation

- Activities on the land to support physical isolation
- Support for people isolating/quarantining on the advice of a public health professional or as required by public health regulations related to essential travel

Supports to update, review, or activate pandemic response plans

- Support from emergency management/public health expertise to develop/update pandemic response plan
- Development and implementation of recovery/reopening plans

Vaccine Clinics

- Surge capacity to run and support vaccine clinics (immunizers, entrance screeners, mental wellness workers, post-vaccination observers, cleaners, transportation drivers, etc.)
- Signage
- Catering for clinic staff
- Post-vaccination snacks for clients
- Supplies to maintain physical distancing and other public health measures
- Hand Sanitation stations

Other types of expenses

- Translation of documents or messages into Indigenous languages, English, or French

Template to request public health support under COVID-19

Submissions and questions can be sent to: sac.covid-19atlantic.isc@canada.ca

Name of community: _____

Date of submission: _____

Name of authorized requestor (print name): _____

Submit estimates for purchase requests, see example below:

| | Requested Item | Cost per unit | Quantity | Total cost | Reason for request |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------|---|
| Example 1 | Bed linens | \$100/package of 5 sheets | 1 package | \$100.00 | Additional 5 bed sheets to support infection prevention control measures in communities where self-isolation of members occurring in separate facility from house |
| Example 2 | Public Health Nurse | \$39.50/hr x 37.5 hrs/wk | 4 weeks | \$5,925.00 | An additional Public Health Nurse to provide surge capacity during the current Covid-19 outbreak in the community |