

Celebrating Resilience through Reconciliation

2021 Events Calendar

2021 AHS National Indigenous Peoples Celebrations Events Calendar

On June 21, Canada will be celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day. First celebrated in 1996, **National Indigenous Peoples Day** is a day to recognize and celebrate the cultures and contributions of Indigenous peoples from across Canada.

This year, AHS is ***Celebrating Resilience through Reconciliation*** throughout the month of June.

As we continue to journey through the COVID-19 pandemic, all events will be online. Learn more and take part in the celebration by visiting our [celebration page](#).



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May 31 to June 4

Mon, May 31	9:00 a.m.	<p>Opening Prayer Circle, Teachings and Song Mondays at 9:00 a.m. Start the week in a good way by joining us for a prayer led by Elder Dale Awasis.</p>
	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<p>Opening Ceremonies MC Dr Esther Tailfeathers, Senior Medical Director, Indigenous Wellness Core, AHS</p>
Tues, June 1	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	<p>Bridging the Gap for Indigenous Children’s Services Sherri Di Lallo, Manager, Awasisak Indigenous Health, AHS</p>
	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<p>Maskekosak Inikey Tamasowin – Land of Medicines, Walking Together Enoch Cree Nation Lynette Avery - Executive Director, Mamowicitowin Amanda Morin - Councillor & Divisional Lead, Mamowicitowin</p> <p><i>“Reconciliation starts with us as individuals.”</i> Enoch Cree Nation will highlight the courage of their community members very personal, powerful healing journeys and how these raw and real stories can/are helping others to begin their healing process.</p>
	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<p>G4 Health – Our Nation’s First Margo Dodginghorse, Health Director Stoney Nakota Tsuut’ina Tribal Council / G4</p> <p>G4 Health Supports the Stoney Nakoda and Tsuut’ina First Nations in providing advocacy and capacity building efforts. We focus on the nations needs first and then work with stakeholders to find connections and solutions in advancing the health and wellbeing of our members. The G4 Health Team will share their journey to date and key highlights and visuals.</p>
Wed, June 2	12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<p>Métis Settlements General Council 101 Blake Desjarlais, Director of Public & National Affairs, Métis Settlements General Council</p>
Thurs, June 3	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<p>First Nations Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) 101 Indigenous Services Canada</p>

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Fri, June 4	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<p>Inuit culture and light of quliiq (oil lamp) Goota Desmarais, President, Inuit Community Development & Education Foundation</p> <p>Goota will provide a traditional education session on Inuit culture through prayer, interactive discussion and singing of our national anthem in Inuktitut.</p>
	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<p>Highlights & Closing Prayer Elder Emil Durocher</p>

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June 7 to June 11

Mon, June 7	9:00 a.m.	<p>Opening Prayer Circle, Teachings and Song Mondays at 9:00 a.m. Start the week in a good way by joining us for a prayer led by Elder Dale Awasis.</p> <p>Click here to join</p>
	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<p>Quality of Care for First Nations Members in the Emergency Department Lea Bill, Executive Director, Alberta First Nations Information Governance Centre Patrick McLane, Senior Researcher, Emergency SCN, AHS</p> <p>Emergency care services are an important health resource for First Nations persons. Working collaboratively with First Nations partners, academic researchers and health authority staff, this mixed-method study investigates First Nations emergency care in Alberta. In this presentation, we share qualitative results of interviews with physicians and nurses who work in emergency care, as well as results of ongoing analysis of health systems data. We provide recommendations for improving emergency care of First Nations members for individual healthcare providers, emergency departments and health systems.</p> <p>Click here to join</p>
Tues, June 8	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<p>Unconscious Bias & its impact on Cultural Safety Karen Brooks, Senior Patient Engagement Consultant, AHS Randall Bell, Senior Advisor – Indigenous Populations, AHS</p> <p>The objectives of this session are to become aware of our own world views and biases. In this session, we learn about the relationship between bias and systemic forms of oppression (e.g. racism), and the importance of cultural safety for people who are different to you.</p> <p>Click here to join</p>
	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<p>Four Winds: Indigenous Patient Navigation Model (Methodology) Kienan Williams, Assistant Scientific Director, Indigenous Health, AHS</p> <p>This presentation will focus on the co-design methodology with Indigenous communities in the South Zone and the impact on the overall project implementation.</p> <p>Click here to join</p>
	2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	<p>Little Wonders Presenter: Natalie Winn-Dempsey, Miskanwah Moderator: Lisa L'Hirondelle, Indigenous Hospital Liaison, AHS</p> <p>Little Wonders is a parented, early literacy, music and play program offering designed for families and their children from birth up to age 6 years old. This program has a distinctive rhythm and energy that perfectly captures the attention of young children and reflects traditional ways of connecting spiritually, socially and emotionally. Little Wonders is a program offering where parents & caregivers can delight in watching and interacting with their children in culturally rich environment. This program is offered throughout the year by the Tawaw Family Resource Network at Miskanawah.</p> <p>Click here to join Passcode: 690380</p>

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Wed, June 9	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	<p>Four Winds: Indigenous Patient Navigation Model (Nurse Perspective) Chloe Crosschild, Indigenous Patient Navigator, AHS This presentation will focus on implementing an Indigenous Patient Navigation service in the South Zone and be presented from the Indigenous nurse in the role.</p> <p>Click here to join</p>
	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<p>ESim Indigenous Health Project Simon Ross, Senior Advisor, Cultural Competency, AHS</p> <p>Click here to join</p>
Thurs, June 10	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<p>Honouring Life Updates: Enoch Cree Nation</p> <p>Click here to join</p>
	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<p>Stories from South Zone: AHS Staff Highlights</p> <p>Click here to join</p>
Fri, June 11	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	<p>Supporting Indigenous Peoples in Continuing Care Orezy Imomoh, Lead, Provincial Seniors Health and Continuing Care, AHS</p> <p>Join us in learning how Alberta Health Services is working to improve the quality of care that Indigenous seniors receive from home care, in Designated Supportive Living and Long Term Care sites across the province. Providing quality care to Indigenous peoples involves supporting their individual physical, psychological, spiritual and emotional needs by working to provide culturally appropriate care that acknowledges their belief systems, background, history, community and experiences.</p> <p>Click here to join</p>
	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<p>Inuit Culture Atsinak Bishop, Indigenous Cultural Helper, AHS</p> <p>Click here to join</p>
	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<p>Highlights & Closing Prayer Elder Emil Durocher</p> <p>Click here to join</p>

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June 14 to June 18

Mon, June 14	9:00 a.m.	Opening Prayer Circle, Teachings and Song Mondays at 9:00 a.m. Start the week in a good way by joining us for a prayer led by Elder Dale Awasis. Click here to join
	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Indigenous Talent Acquisition Christine Traeger, Manager, Talent Acquisition, Students, Diversity & Inclusion, AHS Click here to join
Tues, June 15	12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Health Co-Management 101 Indigenous Services Canada Retirement presentations to Judith Hockney and Dr Wadea Yacoub Click here to join
Wed, June 16	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Métis Nation of Alberta Health Reaghan Bartel, Director of Health, MNA Click here to join
Thurs, June 17	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Indigenous Trauma & Reconciliation Randal Bell, Senior Advisor – Indigenous Populations, AHS Click here to join
	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Calgary Zone Indigenous Health Action Plan Nick Thain, Senior Operating Officer, Community Rural & Continuing Care, AHS Chelsea Crowshoe, Director, Provincial Indigenous Wellness Core, AHS Simon Ross, Senior Advisor, Cultural Competency, AHS Click here to join
Fri, June 18	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	The Northern Health Services Network Liz Kingan, Senior Advisor, Northern Health Services Network Click here to join
	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Highlights & Closing Prayer Elder Emil Durocher Click here to join

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June 21 to June 25

Mon, June 21 NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY	9:00 a.m.	Opening Prayer Circle, Teachings and Song Mondays at 9:00 a.m. Start the week in a good way by joining us for a prayer led by Elder Dale Awasis. Click here to join
	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Introduction to the Indigenous Wellness Core Val Austen Wiebe, Senior Provincial Director, Indigenous Wellness Core, AHS Marty Landrie, Executive Director, Indigenous Wellness Core, AHS Join us for an overview of the AHS Indigenous Wellness Core (IWC). The IWC leadership will provide some background on the evolution of Indigenous Health at AHS, an overview of the IWC strategy, and the vision for the future. Click here to join
Tues, June 22	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Generational Impacts on Indigenous Health due to government Indian policy Dale Awasis, Awasisak Advisor, AHS Click here to join
	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Stardale Women’s Group presentation Click here to join
Wed, June 23	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	What is family? Looking through an Indigenous lens Dale Awasis, Awasisak Advisor, AHS Click here to join
	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Honouring Life Updates: Bonnyville Friendship Centre & Urban Society of Aboriginal Youth (USAY) Click here to join
	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Land Acknowledgements Jamie Harmon, Health Promotion Facilitator, AHS Inspired by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Land Acknowledgements are a stepping-stone in the reconciliation process. This presentation provides a look at Land Acknowledgements through an Indigenous lens. We will talk about their significance, how to prepare one and the best way to present one. Some of the content may be emotionally triggering as we will be learning the truths of Indigenous history in Canada. These topics will include: Indian Residential Schools, 60’s Scoop, Indian Hospitals and how these historical events affected the Indigenous population. Click here to join
	1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Social Determinants and Indigenous Health (TBC) Jennifer Mantha, Health Promotion Facilitator, AHS Click here to join
	2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Indigenous Allyship Sondra Baker, Health Promotion Facilitator, AHS Click here to join

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Thurs, June 24	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Parenting for today Dale Awasis, Awasisak Advisor Click here to join
	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Honouring Life Update: Métis Calgary Family Services (MCFS) Click here to join
	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Honouring Life Update: Makai'sto Foundation Click here to join
	2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Radon ReconciliACTION Kienan Williams, Assistant Scientific Director, Indigenous Health Reconciliation through discussions alone are just words; ReconciliACTION by leading through tangible activities with real world implications are positive steps forward. This project that tested 70 homes for radon gas in Samson Cree Nation in a collaboration led by Maskwacis Health Services with Alberta Health Services and Indigenous Services Canada. Click here to join
Fri, June 25	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Realities of on-reserve life Dale Awasis, Awasisak Advisor, AHS Click here to join
	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	MMIWG (TBC) Joanna Gladue, Health Promotion Facilitator, AHS Click here to join
	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Highlights & Closing Prayer Elder Emil Durocher Click here to join

June 28 to June 30

Mon, June 28	9:00 a.m.	<p>Opening Prayer Circle, Teachings and Song Mondays at 9:00 a.m. Start the week in a good way by joining us for a prayer led by Elder Dale Awasis. Click here to join</p>
	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<p>Celebrating a year of Walking, Talking and Learning Together in Cancer Care Alberta Chris Carriere, Project Manager, Cancer Care Alberta Click here to join</p>
	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<p>The Indigenous Alberta Healthy Communities Approach: Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Fund Brenda Roland, Indigenous Integration Lead & Indigenous Community Team Prayer by Elder Thomas Durocher Click here to join</p>
Tues, June 29	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	<p>Update on the New Edmonton Hospital Tom Alston, Senior Project Director, New Edmonton Hospital Click here to join</p>
	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<p>Anti-Racism at AHS – Update and next steps Marni Panas, Program Manager, Diversity & Inclusion</p> <p>On behalf of the Anti-Racism Advisory Group, AHS Diversity & Inclusion is proud to share about the journey of developing the AHS Anti-Racism position statement and provide an overview on anticipated next steps.</p> <p>Click here to join</p>
	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<p>Circle of Life: Cancer prevention and support, a Friendship Centre Perspective Tessa Jourdain, Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association (ANFCA)</p> <p>Circle of Life was a two-year ANFCA initiative in partnership with Sagitawa Friendship Society (Peace River) and the Hinton Friendship Centre. The goal of the Circle of Life was to explore, develop and implement strategies where the cancer journey is self-determined by Indigenous peoples living in two Friendship Centre communities. This presentation will discuss project learnings and next steps in fostering an equitable cancer journey for urban Indigenous peoples.</p> <p>Click here to join</p>
Wed, June 30	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<p>Closing Ceremonies Click here to join</p>