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## COVID-19 Update – May 21, 2020

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### Indigenous

- Anishinabek News Articles
  - [First Nations health leaders remind citizens to continue exercising caution as provinces begin reopening economies](#)
- The federal government announced today funding of \$75 million for organizations that address the critical needs of Indigenous people living in urban centres and off-reserve. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the additional funding for community groups that help Indigenous people with everything from groceries and mental health services to computers so kids can keep up with their schoolwork. This comes in addition to the \$15 million announced in March for these groups.

### Provincial

- 413 new cases have been reported today, including 31 more deaths. A total of 10 506 tests were processed yesterday.
- Premier Ford and Minister Romano announced today that 15 proposals for post-secondary research into COVID-19 are being pursued using \$7.2 million of the \$20 million previously announced in funding for post-secondary research. Minister Romano reminded the public that this is only the first announcement of COVID-19 research funding, with more to come.
- Ontario is now the leading province in the country in vaccine trials for COVID-19. 20 trials are currently taking place in the province, 11 of which have already been approved by Health Canada.
- The provincial government announced yesterday that students will not have to make Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP) payments for a six-month period between March 30 and September 30 as the province recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. Interest will also no longer be accrued on top of their loan throughout this time period.
- A Toronto-based accessibility advocate is calling on the Ontario government for a comprehensive plan to remove barriers that online learning creates for students with disabilities.

### Federal

- According to newly released details of Ottawa's loan program for struggling large companies, the federal government will be able to take an ownership stake in public companies and will block executives from earning more than \$1 million.



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- There will be no cap on the size of Canada's emergency loans to large companies harmed by the coronavirus pandemic; however there will be multiple restrictions.
- Canada's chief medical officer Dr. Theresa Tam is now recommending the use of non-medical masks in situations that do not allow for the appropriate physical distancing.
- The Canadian government is proposing legislation to temporarily suspend or extend bankruptcy deadlines and hundreds of other time limits affecting Canadians, the courts and government.

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