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COVID-19 Update – May 12, 2020

Indigenous

- Anishinabek News Articles
 - [Pro Wiikwemkoong hockey player signs contract with expansion Toronto franchise](#)
- Dr. Evan Adams is joining Indigenous Services Canada in a two-year appointment as deputy chief medical officer of Public Health. Adams, the chief medical officer of the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) in British Columbia, will be working with Dr. Tom Wong.

Provincial

- Ontario Premier Doug Ford said yesterday he believes people can now gather with immediate family after two of his daughters visited his home on Mother's Day weekend while COVID-19 physical distancing rules were still in effect. Ontario's chief medical officer, however, told the public yesterday that single-household isolation measures are still in place.
- The Ontario government is asking its school boards to reschedule high-school graduation ceremonies for the fall.
- A financial watchdog is estimating that Ontario will face a \$41-billion deficit as a result of COVID-19 relief measures.
- Ontario's network of 58,000 non-profit organizations, which also includes arts, culture, recreation and sports organizations, is asking Queen's Park to help bridge a \$680 million shortfall due to the health crisis.
- According to the premier's office, internal talks between the Ford and Trudeau governments over supports for the long-term care sector have not included the aim of reducing for-profit facilities.
- In his announcement today, Premier Ford told the public to expect more good news on Thursday, including a decision on whether social gatherings can be expanded to 10 people, information on getting people back to work, and entering the first stage of Ontario's recovery plan.

Federal

- The agri-food sector is expressing concerns that federal dollars aimed at helping food processors deal with a rash of COVID-19 outbreaks might not move until the end of September. There are no details currently available regarding what the requirements will be to qualify.
- Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland says Canada and the U.S. are working on plans to deal with an inevitable increase in cross-border traffic as recovery begins.
- There will be a formal House of Commons sitting on Wednesday, during which the limited number of MPs in Ottawa are expected to be asked to fast-track legislative changes implementing an aspect of the federal government's aid to farmers.