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Manitoba First Nations COVID-19 Pandemic Response Coordination Team

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As part of the response to the declared State of Emergency for all First Nations in Manitoba, a First Nation COVID-19 Pandemic Response and Coordination Team (PRCT) was established by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC), Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO), Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO), and the First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba (FNHSSM). The team also includes partners who are assisting communities in various capacities, such as the Canadian Red Cross.

The PRCT's purpose is to:

- ✓ Coordinate and respond in a collective and consistent manner to any concerns raised by First Nation Chiefs, Health Directors, and Tribal Councils
- ✓ Assist in federal and provincial planning efforts, risk mitigation strategies and management for COVID-19 with Manitoba First Nation communities
- ✓ Support community pandemic planning and preparedness efforts in collaboration with Tribal Councils and regional partners
- ✓ Streamline communications, messaging, and advice with regional health and emergency planners for timely and consistent response

Highlights of PRCT Efforts in collaboration with First Nations, Government and Partners

1) Pandemic Planning & Preparedness

- Co-chair of Provincial Critical Incident Command Centre
- Supporting First Nation pandemic planning and execution

2) Medical and Human Resources

- Preparing for medical rapid response directly with First Nations
- Mobilizing First Nation medical teams to provide advice and guidance

3) Social Support

- Identifying social issues that will need to have coordinated response ie.; public safety, food security, supply chain
- Coordinating mental wellness supports

4) Operations

- Providing overall coordination and support to PRC Teams
- Participating in external partner calls and meetings to ensure First Nation concerns are addressed

5) Rapid Response Emergency Management

- Red Cross representative working on natural disaster emergency management
- Direct support to First Nations

6) Communications

- Communications staff from AMC, MKO, SCO, and FNHSSM are working together on sharing information and developing useful COVID-19 information and resources related to the above areas
- Communities are invited to visit AMC, MKO, SCO and FNHSSM websites for information they need

If your community requires support or you need help getting further information, please email: covid19@fnhssm.com



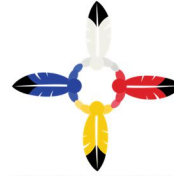
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Messages for Communities

TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 INTO OUR COMMUNITIES, WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO SHARE THE SAME MESSAGE. Communities are asked to use all forms of communication to relay their own community directions and the following messages:



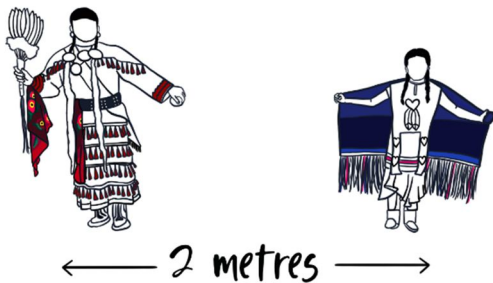
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- COVID-19 must be taken very seriously by all of us
- Stay home
- Practice physical distancing (2 metres / 6 feet)
- Respect and follow First Nation and Health Staff direction
- Wash hands often and for 20 seconds
- Find other ways to keep in touch and check on those who may need help (phone, Facebook, Messenger, FaceTime)

Documents and social media resources are to use for from the AMC, MKO, SCO, and FNHSSM websites and social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram). We will also continue to share weekly communiques with important updates for Manitoba First Nations leadership, health directors, and community members. If any Chiefs or regional health leads are not yet on weekly PRC Team teleconferences, please contact amckay@manitobachiefs.com and we will ensure you are directed to the appropriate contact to invite you.

Please visit any of the following websites for more information and resources:

Physical Distancing



#MBFirstNations #StopTheSpread #COVID19MB

Connect with your friends & loved ones VIRTUALLY

- Video messaging (FaceTime, Messenger Video, Zoom, etc.)
- Social Media
- Phone Calls (try use speaker phone)



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