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COVID-19 Bulletin: April 14, 2020

Strict Vigilance is still required by all First Nations in Isolation and Self-Quarantine Measures:

- **COVID-19 HAS NOW REACHED A SMALL NUMBER OF FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES IN SASKATCHEWAN.**
- **STRICTER VIGILANCE AND ADHERENCE TO ISOLATION & SELF-QUARANTINE MEASURES IS REQUIRED OTHERWISE MUCH MORE FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES WILL HAVE CONFIRMED CASES!**
- **COVID-19 HAS THE POTENTIAL TO INFECT UP TO 60% OF ENTIRE PROVINCIAL POPULATION;**
- **UP TO 100,000 FIRST NATIONS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CONTRACT COVID-19. (On & Off Reserve).**
- **OF THAT NUMBER UP TO 20,000 First Nations will require Medical Treatment. (On & Off-Reserve).**
- **OF THAT NUMBER UP TO 10,000 First Nation citizens could perish. (On & Off-Reserve)**

FSIN Pandemic Advisory to First Nations Governance, April 14, 2020

The FSIN Advises all First Nation Governments to Organize and Coordinate First Nation Response Teams!

- Establish Emergency Operation Centers to coordinate delivery and response to quarantine and isolation needs of community members.
- Advise all residents to remain Sheltered-In-Place. All residents of First Nations should remain isolated and quarantined in their homes with direct family members.
- Continue with plans for delivery of basic goods to quarantined residents.
- Response Teams (staff and volunteers) continue to provide delivery of basic food and other needs for quarantined residents
- Continue to monitor vulnerable community members and conduct regular welfare checks for their safety and well-being. (USE COLOR CODE/CARD SYSTEM-WINDOW ALERTS)
- Devise and implement safe plans for Infected Community Members, how they will be identified and transported to closest treatment
- Continue with safe plans for Vulnerable Community Members that require regular medical prescription or treatment.
- Devise and implement safe plans for Infection Protection and Containment measures for On-Site Personnel, or family members (Gloves, Masks, Handwashing, Isolation, etc.)

- Due to a world shortage of Face Masks and other PPE, use improvised Face Masks, (use bandanas and old t-shirts for face masking).
- First Nations using Border Closures should allow access to and from First Nations to Essential Technicians and Workers.
- First Nations using Border Closures should allow for Fair and Equitable access to non-members that are ordinarily residents of respective First Nation communities.
- First Nations with their own grocery stores should ensure that their goods remain affordable for community members. This will ensure that they do not have to travel to grocers off-reserve where prices might be cheaper.

The FSIN Recommends and advises Saskatchewan First Nation Households to Implement the following measures:

- All residents should remain sheltered-in-place. Continue to Self-isolate in homes with direct family members.
- Further maintain Social Distancing and Handwashing Washing and all related Sanitary measures.
- All households should self-quarantine if their family members display any symptoms of COVID-19 (Cold & Flu Symptoms)
- If you or a household member are displaying symptoms contact 811, and/or contact and notify your community health provider by phone, and await further instruction
- Households should designate healthy family members to carry out basic needs and food errands outside of the home.
- Households should coordinate with community service providers for immediate response measures and instructions. (USE COLOR CODE/CARD IN WINDOWS TO NOTIFY EM RESPONSE TEAMS).
- Any household members required to go out in public should use IMPROVISED FACE MASKS, and any form of gloves to avoid touching contaminated surfaces.