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 &amp; 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 &amp;

Off Reserve).

 OF THAT NUMBER UP TO 20,000 First Nations will require Medical Treatment. (On &amp;

Off-Reserve).

 OF THAT NUMBER UP TO 10,000 First Nation citizens could perish. (On &amp; 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 &amp; 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.