



## **COVID-19 Preparedness Plan: Phase One**

### ***Introduction:***

The Piapot Pandemic Planning Committee met March 13, 2020 to discuss preparedness planning in relation to the COVID-19 global pandemic that has been declared by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020. The following information is meant for our membership and is based on Phase One of our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. The issues that are addressed are a result of the questions and concerns from our community. We would like to keep everyone updated on our response to-date. Ongoing planning will continue to take place and the situation and procedures will be assessed and revised as necessary.

### ***Health Services:***

- Business as usual.
- Implementation of pandemic plan including forming the pandemic planning committee. This includes meeting with partners (e.g. First Nations Inuit Health, ISC and Tribal Council) for pandemic planning consultation.
- Assessing community buildings for infection control. Once assessment is complete, recommendations will be made.
- Audit on immunization on HeadStart and Daycare.
- Hand hygiene training for students and staff.
- Process on entering homes. Health will use colored and laminated paper to distinguish members health status.

### ***Chief Payepot School:***

- Business as usual.
- Soap and hand sanitizers will be stocked up for the facility.
- Presentations will be done to teach students proper hand hygiene.
- Communications will be sent home with students.
- School will be thoroughly sanitized on a regular basis.
- All field trips are cancelled.
- Afterschool programs will be discontinued until further notice.
- Information/updates will be disseminated at weekly staff meetings.
- Reminders to tell parents to keep children home if sick.
- Chief Payepot School will follow suit with Regina school closures.

### ***Daycare/HeadStart:***

- Business as usual.
- Soap and hand sanitizers will be stocked up for the facility.
- Children will be taught proper hand hygiene.
- Frequent hand washing will take place.
- Communications will be sent home with students.
- Education on hand hygiene and sanitation for parents.
- Daycare will be thoroughly sanitized on a frequent basis.
- Gatherings will be discontinued until further notice.
- Reminders to tell parents to keep children home if sick. Keep children up to date on immunizations.



- Daycare will follow suit with Chief Payepot school closures.
- Toys will be disinfected, and most will be put away.
- Will stockpile food to minimize travel.

***School Bus Services:***

- Business as usual.
- Will sanitize seats and railings frequently.

***Band Office Services:***

- Business as usual.
- Soap and hand sanitizers will be stocked up for facility use.
- Band Office will be thoroughly sanitized on a frequent basis (offices and common areas).
- To minimize risk to exposure, we will be limiting the amount of traffic to the band office. This will include introducing new security protocols (e.g. by appointment only, sign-in/out sheets, etc.).
- Social Development – No walk-ins will be accepted; visits will be by appointment only.

***Water Services:***

- Business as usual.
- Water pail fill controls will be disinfected frequently.
- Members will be required to sanitize their water jugs with bleach regularly.
- Communication notices will be posted.
- Back-up drivers available in the event drivers get sick.

***Septic Services:***

- Business as usual.
- Back-up drivers available in the event drivers get sick.

***Housing Services:***

- Business as usual.
- Communications on proper hygiene and sanitation will be delivered door-to-door.

***Large Gatherings:***

- Effective immediately, large gatherings will be discontinued. This includes bingos, Cree classes and round dances, etc.

***Care Packages:***

- Planning the availability of proper supplies for the most vulnerable (seniors and elders 65+) is pending due to the availability of supplies.

***Loitering:***

- To minimize exposure, we are discouraging our members from loitering at community buildings and other public facilities.

***Non-Essential Travel:***

- To minimize exposure, we are discouraging staff and members from unnecessary travel.

***We appreciate everyone's cooperation in this matter.***