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Questions from the community and responses

What is happening with our community pandemic plan?

The pandemic plan is an appendix to the Emergency All Hazards Plan. The plan outlines response procedures, evacuation considerations, incident command and site command structure and responsibilities.

The pandemic plan that was in place up until March 2020 addressed H1N1 and other similar diseases. The pandemic plan is currently being updated by Social Development staff under the guidance of the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to specifically address COVID-19/Corona virus.

A pandemic plan is a living document and is updated each time a new incident/issue arises.

Who is part of this plan?

The Emergency Operations Centre is located at the SIB main office.

The EO Team consists of Don Ignace, Vivian Simon, Lisa McColl, Chief & Council.

Staff still able to work are also part of this team. This includes Natural Resources staff, Social Development staff, and Public Works staff.

What are roles and responsibilities of each person involved?

The Emergency Operations Centre works as a team. The work we are doing includes:

- Monitoring information coming in from Health agencies, governments, etc
- Following guidance of DR. Bonnie Henry and Health Minister Adrian Dix.
- BC Emergency Management teleconference and updates (3 times/week)
- First Nations Health Authority, Interior Health teleconference and updates (3 times/week)
- Secwepemc Nation Health Caucus Teleconference (1 time/week)
- Coordinating with QHS (daily)
- Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau's daily address (1 time/day)
- Compile and digest supports coming in
- Getting food bins to all homes in Skeetchestn in March



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- Continuing to provide Income Assistance, Counselling services, Water Treatment, and other essential service.

Can community members (if interested) volunteer to be part of pandemic committee?

We are all part of this pandemic. Each person is part of the plan as it affects us all. Here are some things you can do to help.

- Stay home
- Check on your neighbours to see if they have anything they need.
- Stay in touch with your family.
- If you have family members that cannot call the SIB office, call for them.
- If you are travelling to get groceries or prescriptions be very careful. Take every precaution to stay safe and prevent spreading. Wash everything you purchase. Wash your hands often. Wash immediately after coming home.
- When possible, shop online. Send one person to pick up supplies.
- For your safety and ours, we have limited staff in the SIB main office. We are asking staff to work from home when possible. We are practicing physical distancing and have implemented extensive cleaning procedures.
- If ever we need support or volunteers, we will reach out. Thank you very much for offering help.

What will public safety look like if RCMP are not available to come out here?

- We ask the RCMP this questions directly, they assured us that RCMP will always be available to come out.

If off reserve members want to come home, what will this look like? Will there be a quarantine area if their families don't want them in their homes right away?

- Anyone entering Canada from another country are legally quarantined for 14 days. This is law.
- Anyone coming into the community is asked to isolate for 14 days.
- If a family is not prepared to receive a person and go into isolation for 14 days, - The family needs to help the person get support. For additional supports please see Summary of Supports. You can also contact the Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Society at 250-376-1296 or 250-376-1617.

Are we closing our community off to non-band members?

- EOC staff and Chief & Council met on April 1 with RCMP. We discussed implementing check point and monitoring all comings and goings from the community. We have been in contact with other First Nations communities and



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are implementing their best practices based on experiences.
As steps are implemented in Skeetchestn you will be kept up to date.

If hospitals were at max capacity with sick people....where will our people go? Is there a plan or process for this???

- We are working with QHS and FNHA to identify overflow areas should they be needed.
- Interior Health has identified overflow centre that will be used if needed.

Communication plan? Can community see some sort of action plan from leadership??

- Weekday community updates will continue to be shared on the SIB Facebook Page.
- If you would like to receive the weekday community update by email please call 250-373-2493 and give us your email address.
- Social Development staff are striving to connect with every home in the community weekly to check in.
- We will continue to put out information Monday to Friday.
- Please identify one person in your family we can connect with. From there, that person can call 4 – 5 other households in your family. This lets get information out faster.
- All of leadership (EOC and Chief & Council) are part of decision making and are scheduled to meet daily.