



COVID-19 Response and Innovation

Pandemic Response

- Engaged Public Health experts to organize task groups, set objectives, and support identification/execution of priorities for all task groups;
- Provide public health, planning and management support for Siksika Nation's overall pandemic response;
- Clarified and established protocols for testing, contact tracing, isolation options with AHS Calgary zone.
- Pursued multiple private and public supply chains for PPE.





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Infection Prevention and Control

- Clients & staff health screening procedures and documentation tools for all facilities, congregate living sites, businesses and Nation administration buildings
- Full implementation of IPC measures at Siksika Elder's Lodge to ensure the safety of staff and residents (in most cases 2-3 weeks ahead of provincial guidance and orders)
- Development of Guidance and implementation toolkits for gatherings. Siksika Health met with Society leaders to review and discuss health and safety precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 amongst Siksika's Sundance participants.





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Siksika Nation Testing

- Worked with clinical services team/EMS/MDs to implement first coordinated testing program on reserve in AB, through medical clinics and 24/7 mobile COVID-19 Response Unit (CRU)
- Siksika Nation manages testing 7 days/week, and test results are checked twice a day, every day
- Launched coordinated testing on reserve and neighboring communities for anyone living, working or accessing services on reserve

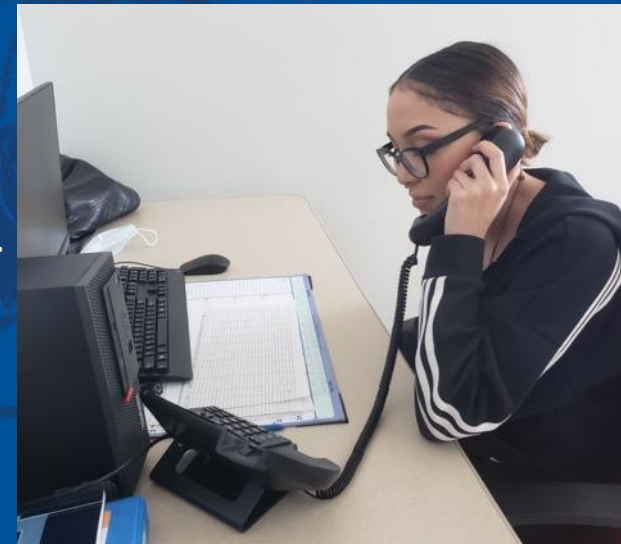




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Communication with Matapiiks

- COVID-19 Call line with Blackfoot translation was established in the first week of the pandemic to ensure consistent information with Nation members. Addictions, mental health and youth support lines were created as well.
- Launch of Kelsey, the COVID-19 assistant, chatbot designed to provide information about COVID-19 to Nation members via social media and our COVID-19 specific website.
- Task force that coordinates access to information and resources about COVID-19 with Siksika Nation elders. Includes Blackfoot translation and support to elders and persons with disabilities.



HELP PROTECT OUR ELDERS.

If you're reading this, it means that you have Elders who did what they needed to do to survive **COLONIZATION, RACISM, AND RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL**. You needed them then; they need you now. During this time of COVID-19, limit activities outside the home and practice physical distancing - stay 6 feet away from others.

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Siksika Nation CDC Team

- Defined processes for follow-up and monitoring of suspect, probable, and/or confirmed COVID-19 cases
- Developed process for assessing essential service workers on isolation for COVID-like symptoms and facilitating risk assessment and return to work
- Mentored team of new community health nurses to carry out all CDC functions and implemented information workflows and shared case tracking system
- Developed information resources for individuals tested and households on isolation

