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The health and well-being of Indigenous people and communities is our top priority. Since we first learned of COVID-19, Ontario has been diligently monitoring the developing situation and taking decisive action to contain the spread of this new virus and ensure the province's health care system is ready for any scenario.

While the federal government continues to lead the response to COVID-19 on First Nations reserves, Ontario's Ministry of Indigenous Affairs, the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre are playing a critical role in coordinating Ontario's response.

To ensure a coordinated multi-level government response to COVID-19 we are working closely with our federal counterparts, the Minister of Indigenous Services, Marc Miller, and Minister of Health, Patty Hadju, on response actions. We are in daily communication with Indigenous Services Canada, the Chiefs of Ontario and the Provincial Territorial Organizations on the status of COVID-19 and provincial/federal preparedness. We are in regular communications with Métis, Inuit and urban Indigenous service providers to ensure a coordinated response.

We appreciate the unique challenges Indigenous communities face with COVID-19 preparedness during these uncertain times. We know many are becoming increasingly concerned about the health and safety of families in First Nation communities.

To provide you with current information, the Ontario Ministry of Health has posted up-to-date information in multiple languages about COVID-19 at ontario.ca/coronavirus as well as [Fact Sheets](#) that can be distributed as widely as appropriate for your organization. Fact Sheets are available in 28 languages including:

- [Nishnaabemwin \(Eastern Ojibwe\)](#)
- [Kanien'kéha \(Mohawk\)](#)

