



- The group meets Monday and Thursdays via teleconference call and the calls are including Community Wellness Sub-Group on these calls.

- Traditional Healers – need to determine ways to bring the supports to the communities during the travel bans.
- Pandemic planning is beginning to take place – IFNA and SLFNHA have developed a partnership in the West and MoCreebec and Moose Cree First Nation are working closely to develop their pandemic plan in the East.
- Mental Health Supports – the use of telehealth in the communities is taking place right now.

Provincial COVID-19 Funding

- The Government of Ontario has released an action plan in response to COVID-19 with investments of \$3.3 billion of incremental investment in health care.
- Indigenous Affairs Ontario - \$16.4 million total- \$1.4 million (19/20), \$15 million (20/21)
- Five Pillars of Funding:
 1. **Distribution of People & Goods** - ensure immediate needs are there to support various health care initiatives, medical supplies etc., needed to self-isolate – air transport for remote
 2. **Indigenous Pandemic Planning** – to help develop protocols, plans and meet general needs of communities.
 3. **Self-Isolation** - help communities with self-isolation protocols, private or public facilities, hotels, etc.
 4. **Awareness & Prevention** – based on programming that already exists, to ensure capacity is in place.
 5. **Urban Indigenous Support** – ensuring that service providers have enhanced funding.
- NAN will work with the province on guidelines and ways to access the funding. The province will look to existing agreements to flow funds for efficiency.
- The province will be communicating directly with communities and organizations to assist them.

Canadian Rangers

- Holding back on the deployment of the Canadian Rangers into NAN communities unless absolutely necessary at this time. They are on standby and are reviewing their current mandate to be able to assist more.
- NAN will continue to follow up with the Canadian Rangers to determine how communities can be supported.

NAPS

- NAPS officers should and will be assisting with the enforcement of community safety measures around COVID-19.
 - Communities are to share information as to who they are asking to self-isolate with the NAPS officers at the community level.
- NAPS is unable to enforce the new provincial Emergency orders due to lack of access to provincial courts
- NAPS will be reviewing the Federal Quarantine Act to determine if/how it can be used in enforcement in the NAN communities.
- NAN will reach out to Public Safety for advocacy and advice.

Next call: Friday March 27, 2020 (1:00 pm EST/ 12:00 pm CST)