



MEDIA RELEASE

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STATUS OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT SUPPLY

(PRINCE ALBERT) Further to the Media Release of April 7, 2020, we would like to report some updates with respect to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). With assistance from our colleagues at Indigenous Services Canada in Regina we received an eight week supply of PPEs from the National Stockpile in Edmonton on April 8th and 9th. The amount received will support 18 of our northern community health centres, 13 of which are primary care sites. The items received included face shields, nitrile gloves, surgical gowns, procedural and N95 masks and hand sanitizer.

As fast as the items were received majority of the items were shipped out prior to the Easter weekend. On April 10th, NITHA was also in receipt of PPEs from the Saskatchewan Health Authority which included gloves and procedural masks. These additional items have also been sent out to communities.

Although we have received some PPEs we continue to explore all avenues to securing adequate supply to support our communities.

ABOUT NITHA

Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority (NITHA) is the only First Nations organization of its kind in the country. It is comprised of the Prince Albert Grand Council, Meadow Lake Tribal Council, Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, and Lac La Ronge Indian Band and each has extensive experience in health service delivery. The Partners formally joined together in 1998 to deliver a source of collective expertise in culturally based, professional practices for health services in northern Saskatchewan.

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