



CONSIDERATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES AT COMMUNITY LEVEL

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Considerations for Community Leadership

- Define what essential service means for your community (e.g. physicians, nurses, key infrastructure personnel) and develop a list of all essential services.
- Restrict non-essential travel out of community for band employees (e.g. meetings, conferences, etc.).
- Reconsider/ban all large gatherings/events at community level.
- Advise all community membership to limit non-essential travel out of the community.
- Restrict non-essential travel into the community for contracted services (e.g. consultants, etc.).
- Speak to your community about COVID-19 and what is happening. Encourage key messages on how to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses:
 - *Cover your cough*
 - *Clean your hands frequently*
 - *Avoid touching your face*
 - *Stay home if you are sick*
- Review your community emergency response plan and pandemic plan to ensure that key personnel and contact numbers are identified and up to date.
 - *If your community does not have an emergency response plan or a pandemic plan contact Approaches to Community Wellbeing at SLFNHA at 807-737-5189.*
- Identify a community-based COVID-19 response team.
- Decide whether alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be allowed in the community and communicate this decision to the Health Director.

Considerations for Health Director

- Ensure that community health staff (e.g. medical drivers, front desk clerk, CHRs/interpreters) have access to hand sanitizer (or soap and water) and disinfectant wipes to clean “high touch surfaces” (e.g. door knobs, light switches, arm rests, etc.).
 - *If you don't have enough supplies, speak with your NIC. If they are unable to help you, call Approaches to Community Wellbeing at SLFNHA at 807-737-5189.*
- Direct medical drivers to wipe down high touch surfaces in their vehicle at least four times daily (e.g. door handle, seat belt buckles, etc.).
- Direct nursing station housekeeping staff to wipe down high touch surfaces in the nursing station at least four times daily (e.g. doorknobs, light switches).
- Ensure that there is signage about health education and COVID-19 at key community locations (e.g. airport, band office, arena, etc.).
 - *If you don't have signage or posters please contact Approaches to Community Wellbeing at SLFNHA.*
- Ensure that there is hand sanitizer at key community locations.
 - *Confirm with Chief and Council whether alcohol-based hand sanitizer is okay for this purpose and determine whether additional security procedures need to be put in place.*
- Post health promotion messaging on Facebook or other social media.
 - *If you are unsure what messages to post please contact Approaches to Community Wellbeing at SLFNHA.*