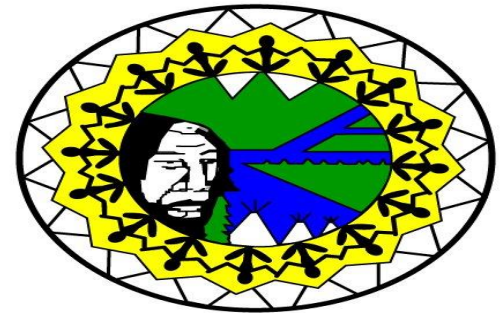


Building resilience in Indigenous communities in preparedness for communicable disease emergencies



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Background

Communicable Disease Emergency Tabletop Exercise (CDE TTX) Toolkit designed to assist First Nation communities in assessing their level of preparedness for a Communicable Disease Emergency (CDE).

It aims at providing the necessary tools to enable Indigenous peoples to independently conduct a CDE tabletop exercise.



What is a Communicable Disease Emergency (CDE)?

An urgent and serious situation of a temporary nature.

- ❖ Infectious disease / Person-to-Person
- ❖ Affects health of First Nation peoples
- ❖ Overwhelms capacity

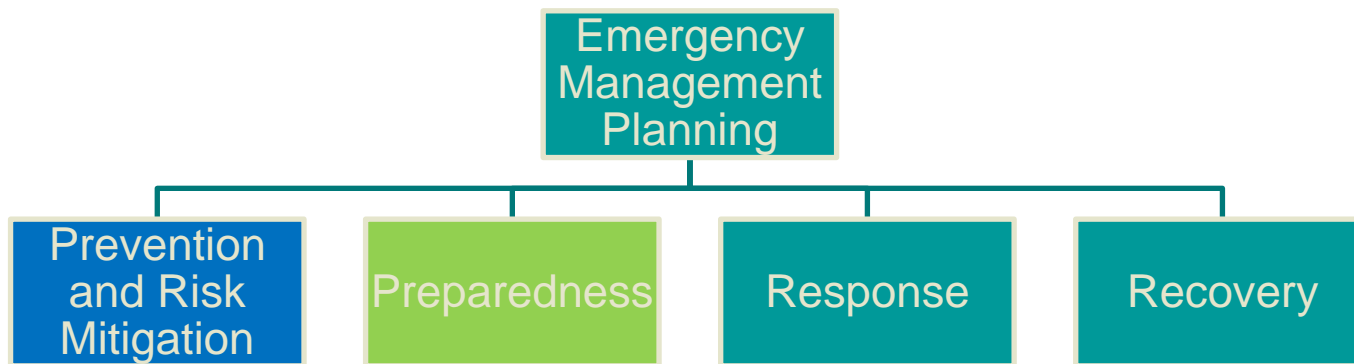
Why the need for a CDE Tabletop Exercise Toolkit?

- ❖ Partner Engagement
- ❖ Roles & Responsibilities
- ❖ Alignment of all plans

How is the CDE TTX linked to Emergency Management (EM) Planning?

Identifying and minimizing the impact of risk to life, property, and the environment.

PREPAREDNESS



What are the steps involved when utilizing the CDE TTX Toolkit?

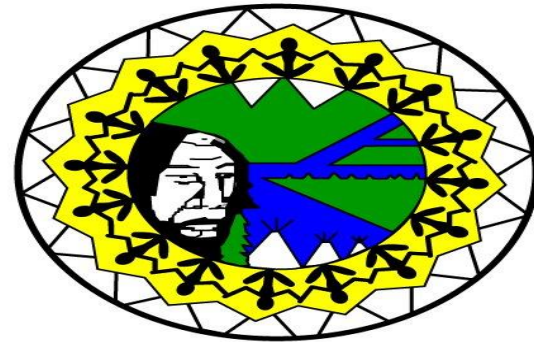
1. CDE Tabletop Exercise (1 day)
2. Evaluation Meeting (1 day)
3. Completion of Improvement Plan
4. Approval of Improvement Plan by Chief and Council
5. Follow-up on identified action items and revision of CDE plan.

How was this CDE TTX Toolkit Evaluated?

Waywayseecappo
First Nation, Manitoba



Wemotaci First Nation,
Quebec



Waywayseecappo First Nation Experience



- ❖ Extensive participation from community staff and members: health, education, EMS, fire, leadership, youth
- ❖ External partner participation: regional health authority, Red Cross, Office of Disaster Management, First Nations & Inuit Health Branch
- ❖ Community planning expanded beyond pandemic to encompass CDHEs within their all hazards plan.
- ❖ Partnerships with external stakeholders were strengthened through sharing knowledge and experiences.



Waywayseecappo First Nation Experience



- ❖ External partners recognized and appreciated the strengths and abilities that already exist within the First Nation community.
- ❖ Need identified → Additional health care staff
- ❖ 15 Assiniboine Community College students from Waywayseecappo FN graduates.



Manitoba Region CDHE Going Forward

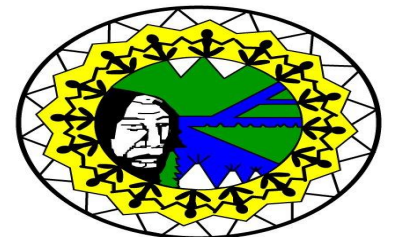


- ❖ MB Region supports ongoing First Nation community capacity through funding to Tribal Councils or directing to the First Nation
- ❖ First Nation communities are building strong partnerships with their provincial partners and the Red Cross
- ❖ Continue to share responsibility for establishing and maintaining mutually respectful relationships.



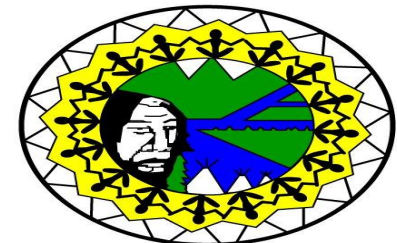
Première Nation des Atikamekw de Wemotaci

- ❖ Les Atikamekw de Wemotaci et les sinistres majeurs
- ❖ L'exercice de table et la rencontre d'évaluation
- ❖ Recommandations suite à l'exercice de table



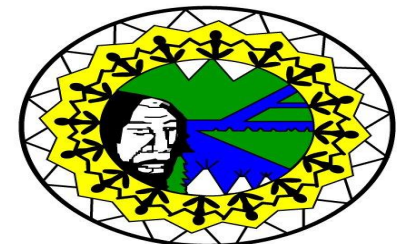
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- ❖ Plan d'amélioration et la présentation au Conseil des Atikamekw de Wemotaci
- ❖ L'importance des communications et du volet psychosocial
- ❖ Plan des mesures d'urgence – Mission santé



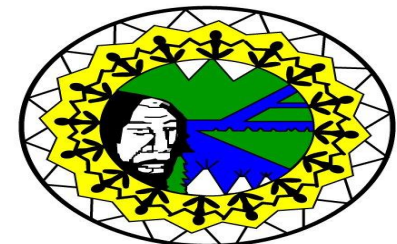
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- ❖ The Atikamekw of Wemotaci and the major disasters
- ❖ The table exercise and the evaluation meeting
- ❖ Recommendations following the table exercise



Atikamekw First Nation of Wemotaci

- ❖ Improvement Plan and Presentation to Council Atikamekw from Wemotaci
- ❖ The importance of communications and the psychosocial
- ❖ Emergency Plan - Health Mission



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