



DRAFTING A PROTOCOL FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SERVICES

While many people have been vaccinated, the pandemic continues to cause significant illness in Eeyou Istchee due to community transmission. We have to adapt as we learn how to live with COVID-19 (Yeyewaaspinewin e aashuumiitunaanuuch) over the long term. We continue to work together to keep each other safe while balancing community wellness. The following checklist includes Public Health guidelines to help you prepare a COVID-19 protocol for your event, to help reduce and prevent the transmission of the virus.

This checklist can be used for different kinds of events (indoor and outdoor, single day or multi-day), such as a skidoo races, general assemblies, canoe brigades or other land-based events, broomball tournaments, community feasts, etc.

It's important to follow community phase guidelines in any protocol.

1 BEFORE THE EVENT

Who is coming?

- ✔ Decide if activities will take place indoors, outdoors, or both. If indoors, is the space well ventilated?
- ✔ Decide how many people can attend the event.
- ✔ Consider how much space is needed, and who will come.
 - Will people be able to keep a distance from each other if they choose to?
 - Will people come in family groups, or will multiple families mix together?
 - Consider how much people may mingle at the event. Is there a need for "social bubbles"?
- ✔ Will Elders attend?
- ✔ Would someone who is immune-suppressed feel safe to participate?
 - People who are more vulnerable to illness don't always disclose this, whether they're old or young. They may seem outwardly healthy.
 - We have to consider people among us who may have health conditions that can't be "seen".



