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Dear Mr. Bowen,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your work at Keeyask construction site to prevent and respond to the current COVID 19 outbreak. Please find recommendations for outbreak response and control at your worksite.

1. Implement an isolation period for all workers prior to traveling to Keeyask. The length of this isolation period will be communicated to you under separate cover. This recommendation follows the impending elevation of the Winnipeg metropolitan area on the provincial pandemic response system to Red – Critical. Please begin this isolation program as soon as reasonably possible for your operations.
2. Implement a program of self-monitoring for all workers at Keeyask site for a minimum period of 14 days.
3. Communicate to all Keeyask workers going home to a remote, isolated or First Nations community who have left the site on or after October 20, 2020 to self-isolate and self-monitor for COVID 19 symptoms for 14 days from date of departure from site and get tested for COVID 19 if they have not already done so. Outbreak code OB20_213 can be used at the nursing station or testing site.
4. Communicate to all other Keeyask workers who have left the site on or after October 20, 2020 to self-monitor for COVID 19 symptoms for 14 days from date of departure from site and get tested for COVID 19 if they have not already done so. Outbreak code OB20_213 can be used at the testing site.
5. Work with Keeyask Cree Nation partners and other stakeholders to implement a system of self-isolation for all workers who are returning to their First Nation community after working at Keeyask.
6. Decrease turnover of workers at your worksite as able for a minimum period of 14 days. This may include lengthening the rotation for workers coming to site from the current period of 3 weeks in and 1 week out. Inbound workers should be separated as much as reasonably possible from staff currently on site for a minimum period of 14 days.
7. Review and strengthen the system of workers cohorting into smaller group sizes to limit the number of contacts that each has at the worksite.
8. Close recreational communal areas including the wellness centre, entertainment centre and lounge for a minimum period of 14 days.
9. Review and strengthen the system of assigned seating, record keeping and distancing on worksite transport vehicles including buses.
10. Implement 2 metre social distancing in designated smoking areas at the site.



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It is my understanding that representatives from Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) have reviewed protocols with you and will attend your worksite. Further recommendations from WSH may be brought forward.

Thank you again for your efforts to prevent and contain COVID 19 at Keeyask worksite.

Sincerely,

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