CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

British Columbia Centre for Disease Control
Indigenous KT Working Group
BC Immunization Forum 2023
Wednesday, March 1, 2023
BC Immunization Forum 2023
Presenter Disclosure

Harlan Pruden and Melanie Kurrein

Relationships with financial sponsors:
• WE WISH!
• No conflicts of Interests, but statements of relationship (relational accountability)
In late January, there was a CV-19 outbreak in Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake Community)
Purpose of Working Group

• To identify priority topics for Indigenous peoples and communities with a focus on prevention and vaccination messaging

• Working group to support content development, engagement and dissemination of new resources
Members

- Note: membership continues to grow and changes as we are inviting new organizations to join

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Role - Organization</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>David Murphy</td>
<td>BCAAFC (BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ricki-Lee Jewell</td>
<td>BCAAFC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Noella Horoscoe</td>
<td>BCAAFC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amanda Porter</td>
<td>BCCDC (BC Centre for Disease Control)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Andrea Boyce</td>
<td>BCCDC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harlan Pruden (co-chair)</td>
<td>BCCDC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zahra Abdulla</td>
<td>BCCDC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Melanie Kurrein (co-chair)</td>
<td>BCCDC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Estella Lum</td>
<td>BCCDC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Julienne Jagdeo</td>
<td>BCCDC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leela Steiner</td>
<td>BCCDC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leah Boulton-Chaykowski</td>
<td>BCCDC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adrian MacNair</td>
<td>FNHA (First Nations Health Authority)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ashley Simpson</td>
<td>FNHA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shoshannah Greene</td>
<td>Indigenous Artist + Illustrator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Angel Gunn</td>
<td>MNBC (Métis Nation B.C.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jillian Jones</td>
<td>MNBC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sheri Gee</td>
<td>MNBC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tak Ishikawa</td>
<td>BC Behavioural Insights Group</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Steph Wilkie</td>
<td>BC Behavioural Insights Group</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
COVID-19 Prevention Messages
Stop the Spread of COVID-19

- Keep 2 metres apart
- Open windows
- Wear a face mask
- Wash hands often

For more info on COVID-19, visit www.bccdc.ca
Questions? Call Healthlink BC at 8-1-1

BC Centre for Disease Control
Proudly supported by the Province of British Columbia
COVID-19 Vaccination Messages

Cover image of “What we heard: Indigenous Peoples and COVID-19,” a CPHO Report
why it's important to get your second dose of COVID-19 vaccine to protect yourself, your family and your community

Resource
Protect your community with COVID-19 immunity
Protect your community with COVID-19 immunity

"Take care of yourself so you can take care of others. Get your COVID-19 vaccine – I did."

Dr. Kate Elliott
Métis Nation
Métis Women BC Chairperson
Minister of Women & Gender Equity
Minister of Mental Health & Addictions

“When you fly on an airplane, the flight attendant instructs you to put your oxygen mask on first, before helping others. Why is this important? Because if you do not help yourself, you can’t help anyone else. The same is true for the COVID-19 vaccine. In order to care for our families and communities, it is important that we ensure our own safety first.

It’s okay to have questions about the vaccine and the potential side effects. We are here to support you so you can feel confident and safe.”

Dr. Kate Elliott | Métis Nation

Questions? Call Healthlink BC at 8-1-1
For more info on COVID-19, visit www.bccdc.ca
www.frha.ca/coronavirus or www.mnbca.ca
Protect your community with COVID-19 immunity

“Take care of yourself so you can take care of others. Get your COVID-19 vaccine – I did.”

Dr. Kate Elliott
Métis Nation
Protect your community with COVID-19 immunity

“I really do believe that vaccines are good medicine, and we have a duty to protect our Elders and children by getting vaccinated.”

Dr. Terri Aldred | T'Azti En Nation
Medical Director, Primary Care,
First Nations Health Authority

“When we do our prayers, when we give thanks and are in ceremony and receive our medicines in a good way, they have the most powerful effect. And it’s the same when we use Western medicine technologies.”

Dr. Terri Aldred | T’Azti En Nation

Questions? Call Healthlink BC at 8-1-1.
For more info on COVID-19, visit www.bccdc.ca
www.ffcih.ca/coronavirus or www.mtri.ca

Resource
Protect your community with COVID-19 immunity

Resource
Pregnancy & COVID-19 Vaccination

As of October 2021, there has been no evidence that vaccines cause harm to either the baby or the pregnant person.

Emma explains, “I want children and I’m not sure how safe the vaccines are if I’m pregnant.”

“My friends are also wondering because some of them are pregnant.”

“Told to my doctor and she said it’s actually safer for you and your baby if you get vaccinated. People who are pregnant are more likely to have a serious case of COVID-19.”

“If you get vaccinated, you can pass on COVID-19 protection to your baby if you breast or chest feed them.”

“You and your baby would be safer if you get a COVID-19 vaccine. The best way to protect and grow our community is for everyone to get vaccinated.”

Visit www.bccdc.ca or talk to your health care provider for more vaccine information.

For more info on COVID-19, visit www.bccdc.ca

Questions? Call Healthlink BC at 8-1-1
Feeling Sick?

Stop the spread

Resource

Feeling sick? Stop the spread

Lots of people are getting sick this season. It could be a cold, the flu, or COVID-19. If you’re not feeling well — no matter what virus you have — help stop the spread.

- Stay home if possible until you feel better.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Wear a mask when with others.
- Clean hands often. 20 seconds.

Keep up to date with your vaccines. Check with your healthcare provider for more information.

For more information, visit www.bccdc.ca

Questions? Call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1
Where is IKTWG going?
Pathways to healing from pandemic stress and loss

Resource
Mpox (monkeypox)

Resource
• Our work and how we work is informed by Indigenous ways of knowing, doing and being
• Emphasis on context of the lived or living experience of Indigenous peoples
• We are a working group of and for Reconcila(c)tion,
• The working group is building trust while sharing (health) info
• Listening to communities and meeting communities where they are
• The importance of partnership and collaboration:
  ➢ FNHA
  ➢ MNBC
  ➢ BCAAFC
  ➢ BC Patient Safety and Quality Council
  ➢ Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc Band
  ➢ Chee Mamuk staff and network
  ➢ Health Canada(?)
• Hyper attentiveness to content priorities, language and accessibility, so information is timely, accurate and culturally relevant
• Open to possibilities and not tied to one’s position(s), agenda or outcome
Harlan Pruden – Harlan.Pruden@bccdc.ca

Melanie Kurrein – Melanie.Kurrein@bccdc.ca

Artist Credit
Corey Bulpitt (Haida)