Privacy Information COVID 19 – Indigenous Services Canada's Public Health Response

Privacy is an individual's fundamental right in Canada.

Personal information shall not be disclosed by ISC employees without the consent of the individual to whom it relates, unless the disclosure is in accordance with *Privacy Act* and the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

As your healthcare provider, Indigenous Services Canada takes the privacy of individuals seriously.

Employees of the department:

- **Must adhere to** the *Privacy Act* and *Regulations* that govern the use of and access to your personal information.
- **May collect information** required for your care and treatment as authorized under the *Department of Indigenous Services Act*, and in some instances, for home and community care or communicable disease control and management and is authorized to collect your personal information.
- May share your information with other health professionals, provincial or other federal health care institutions for continuity of care; with public health agencies for public health purposes; and with social agencies and child welfare authorities, when necessary for the protection of an individual or the public at large as permitted by the *Privacy Act*.
- May ask your consent to share or disclose your health information, if required for any other purposes, unless otherwise permitted by law.

<u>In the current environment we understand you may have questions related to Public Health in your community. Please contact (for the OPI to provide)</u> for more information.

Indigenous Services Canada is guided by:

- The *Privacy Act* and its *Regulations*;
- The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat Privacy and Security Policies, Directives and Guidelines:
- Indigenous Services Canada Policies

For more information, please ask to speak to the Nurse-in-Charge or contact Indigenous Services Canada Access to Information and Privacy at aadnc.upvp-ppu.aandc@canada.ca or 1-819-953-3947.

