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## Impact Assessment Agency of Canada Commitments Regarding Consultation During COVID-19 Pandemic

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) recognizes that the Government of Canada has advised all Canadians to implement social distancing measures, including avoiding close contact with others, to minimize COVID-19 transmission in communities. In consideration that social distancing measures often need extensive preparation and currently take priority, the Agency highlights its current measures and commitments to support your community's COVID-19 response at this time:

- The Agency is currently following <u>guidelines</u> that have been issued by the Public Health Agency of Canada and local health authorities;
- The Agency has halted in-person and in-community meetings; when a meeting is unavoidable during the current circumstance, we will conduct those activities through digital communications including: teleconference calls and WebEx as appropriate and to the preference of Indigenous groups to discuss projects;
- The Agency remains flexible and able to adapt our conduct as necessary to prioritize the health and safety of communities participating in Impact Assessments; and
- The Agency continues to be in touch with proponents to understand how Projects are affected by COVID-19.

The Agency will provide updates to Indigenous groups about the status of Projects at regular intervals.



