Environmental Public Health Officer Name

Indigenous Services Canada

FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT HEALTH BRANCH

Date

Chief and Council

[\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] First Nation

Council Office Address

**Re: Drinking Water Advisory — Recommended Handwashing and Personal Hygiene Practices During COVID-19 Outbreak**

Dear Chief and Council:

This letter is to provide you with guidance and assurance to your community members with respect to the use of tap water under a Drinking Water Advisory (DWA) during COVID-19 outbreak.

Please be advised that you can continue to use tap water under a Do Not Consume Advisory (DNCA) for handwashing and personal hygiene. Infants and toddlers should be sponge bathed in order to avoid accidently swallowing the water.

It is important to follow proper handwashing techniques recommended by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to protect against the spread of COVID-19:

**Step 1:** Wet hands with warm water.

**Step 2**: Apply soap.

**Step 3:** Wash hands for at least 20 seconds

**Step 4:** Rinse well.

**Step 5:** Dry hands well with paper towel.

**Step 6:** Turn off tap using paper towel.

Attached you will find a copy of *the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Reduce the spread of COVID-19 – Wash your hands* visual factsheet developed by PHAC, which includes the handwashing techniques outlined above and can be shared in your community.

Should you have any questions on the above, please contact me at: [contact number].

Sincerely,

[Signature]\_\_\_\_\_\_

Environmental Public Health Officer

cc: Nurse in Charge

Regional Environmental Public Health Manager

Regional Medical Officer

Community-based Drinking Water Quality Monitor

Community Health Nurse

Community Health Representative

Tribal Council/Technical Service Providers