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## INDEPENDENT FIRST NATIONS

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### Messaging out to the IFN Communities/Clients regarding Jordan's Principle

*Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan*

*Anishinaabek First Nation*

On behalf of the Independent First Nations, I wanted to provide you with the below messaging so that you are aware of our current status for implementing Jordan's Principle.

*Bingwi Neyaashi*

*Anishinaabek First Nation*

The COVID-19 impact on Jordan's Principle and the communities we serve is rapidly changing by the minute, therefore our action plans and response must evolve accordingly. As Canada continues to deal with the repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic, IFN Jordan's Principle team remains committed to playing our part in ensuring the health and well-being of our clients and staff.

*Bkejwanong Territory*

*Chippewas of Nawash*

*(Unceded) First Nation*

In response to the pandemic, please be advised that the Jordan's Principle Finance will still be processing approved claims with minimal changes that include:

*Chippewas of Saugeen*

*Iskatewizaagegan # 39*

- All emergency claims will be first on the priority list along with reimbursements and services for kids at home i.e On-going Respite, Service Providers and essential goods and services that are needed.
- With stores limiting hours and store layoffs, purchasing items that are not considered a priority will be put on hold as stores are not equipped to handle random orders at this time with all the restocking issues that is happening. We will reconsider on a case by case situation.

*Kaishke Zaaging*

*Anishinaabek First Nation*

*Kitchenuhmaykoosib*

*Inninuwig*

Furthermore, our IFN Jordan's Principle Navigator's will still be available in providing assistance to IFN Families in submitting Jordan's Principle Applications to Canada.

*Mohawks of Akwesasne*

*Shawanaga First Nation*

IFN will continue to monitor the rapidly evolving situation and will actively follow the guidance and safety recommendations.

*Temagami First Nation*

*Wabaseemoong First Nation*

Finally, we will let you know of any changes we make to our processes during this difficult period, as we continue to proudly serve you. Please know that the safety of our clients, staff and communities we serve remains our top priority.

*Whitesand First Nation*

Chief Tim Thompson  
IFN Executive Chair