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Lessons of Indigenous Mental Health Promotion and Health Communications During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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This presentation highlights the importance of Indigenous mental health promotion and relevant health communications in the midst of the COVID19 pandemic. While life under the threat of pandemics of various forms are not new to Turtle Island, and the homelands of Indigenous peoples around the world, COVID19 has laid bare the various ongoing colonial inequities in mental health care and services for Indigenous peoples. This presentation will offer some reflections, experiences and resources in regard to Indigenous mental health promotion, with particular regard for the importance of contextually-informed, culturally-relevant, and structurally-transformative mental health practices and health communications.