



FEHNCY

Food, Environment, Health, and Nutrition
of First Nations Children and Youth

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all in-person data collection for FEHNCY is currently on hold to comply with the physical and social distancing recommendations issued by the provincial and federal governments. FEHNCY study activities (interviews, group discussions, and questionnaires) will be done through secure videoconferencing, or by phone, as preferred by the participant. The FEHNCY team will be starting online interviews with food experts in the fall of 2020 and will continue modifying the project methods, timeline, and protocols in collaboration with First Nation partners to adapt to the current circumstances.

In the spring of 2021, the housing inspection will be replaced with a shortened remote housing questionnaire, during which the participant will be directed to take pictures of mould as well as housing issues that could increase the risks for mould and poor indoor air quality. Indoor air quality monitors (to measure carbon dioxide, humidity, temperature, radon, particulates, etc.) will be sanitized and left at the participant's doorstep. Community researchers will give guidance remotely on how to install these monitors.

Unfortunately, the collection of dust in homes as well as mobile clinic component, which includes blood, urine, hair sampling, blood pressure, lung function and mental health assessment will be postponed until further notice.

We are committed to engaging and communicating with you as conditions change. Check our website and social media for updates on FEHNCY data collection. If you any have questions, please contact fehncy@uottawa.ca. Also follow us on us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Fehncy.firstnations/, or visit our website at www.fehncy.ca for updates.

This project has been approved by participating First Nations, the Research Ethics Boards of the University of Ottawa, the CHU de Québec - Université Laval, Université de Montréal, McGill University, the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) and Health Canada to ensure its conformity to the principles governing the research ethics, and will ensure its continual review.