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Hotii ts'eeda hosts online sharing circle with Indigenous knowledge holders about COVID-19

(Pronunciation of Hotii ts'eeda: **Hoe-TEE-tsay-DUH**)

Yellowknife (May 12, 2020) - Hotii ts'eeda will host an online discussion, featuring NWT Indigenous knowledge holders, about staying healthy while undertaking safety measures in the NWT during the COVID-19 pandemic. The one-hour discussion will be an interactive sharing circle from an Indigenous cultural perspective. Members of the public can submit comments and questions.

- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020**
- **7 pm – 8 pm (MT)**
- **www.facebook.com/hotiitseeda**

The sharing circle is being moderated by Dēneze Nakehk'o, a journalist, educator and facilitator. Dēneze is a member of the Líídlı́ Kųę First Nation.

Panel speakers include:

- Respected Tłıchǫ Elder Nora Wedzin from Behchokò;
- Lianne Mantla-Look, a Tłıchǫ registered nurse and patient engagement specialist. Lianne is originally from Behchokò;
- Dr. Nicole Redvers, doctor of naturopathic medicine and co-founder of the Arctic Indigenous Wellness Foundation. Nicole is originally from the Deninu K'ue First Nation; and,
- Jennie Vandermeer, a mental health and wellness advocate originally from Délı̄nę.

Hotii ts'eeda is a research support centre for community members, organizations and researchers involved in Northwest Territories health and health research. Hotii ts'eeda is hosted by the Tłıchǫ Government. It is a SPOR SUPPORT Unit funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and supported by a partnership of NWT governments and organizations.

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