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## **The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs mourns the loss of First Nations citizens due to COVID-19**

**Treaty One Territory, Manitoba** – The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) joins First Nation citizens across the province to mourn the loss of four First Nation citizens who passed due to COVID-19. Today, the First Nations Pandemic Response Coordination Team (PRCT) announced that of the nine deaths recorded today in Manitoba, four were First Nation COVID-19 deaths. Of those four citizens, two were on-reserve citizens and two were off-reserve citizens.

“Today is a very tough day and our Nations are in mourning. We send our most heartfelt condolences, thoughts and prayers to the families of those we have lost due to this terrible pandemic. First Nations now represent 12% of all deaths in the province due to COVID-19: a number substantially higher than that of other Manitobans,” said AMC Grand Chief Arlen Dumas.

“While our Nations continue to grieve for those we have lost, I remind everyone that from our grief we must look to draw strength: the strength that it takes to continue doing everything in our capacity to keep each other safe.”

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**About the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs**

The AMC was formed in 1988 by the Chiefs in Manitoba to advocate on issues that commonly affect First Nations in Manitoba. AMC is an authorized representative of 62 of the 63 First Nations in Manitoba with a total of more than 151,000 First Nation citizens in the province, accounting for approximately 12 percent of the provincial population. AMC represents a diversity of Anishinaabe (Ojibway), Nehetho / Ininew (Cree), Anishininew (Ojibwe-Cree), Denesuline (Dene) and Dakota Oyate (Dakota) people.