Staying Deadly Survey – COVID-19 Response

The Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research and the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health are working together on the project to find out how many of our mob are living with mental disorders, what mental health services they use, and what are the barriers to accessing care. This is in the form of a mental health survey that we are also calling the ‘Staying Deadly Survey.’

The Staying Deadly Survey aims to recruit 1500 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander members of the community over the age of 18 who live in South East Queensland to participate in the survey. Recruitment of participants is through doorknocking and community awareness raising of the survey through health organisations, community hubs, events and social media. The Staying Deadly Survey itself is completed face-to-face and takes between 1-2 hours. The roll-out of the survey was planned to start in April, 2020, and continue for 6 months.

Due to the unprecedented and rapid progression of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Staying Deadly team have decided to temporarily suspend survey activities immediately, including all survey participation and any promotion in health services and community events.

It is no longer safe or appropriate to continue with the survey while the COVID-19 pandemic is still ongoing and evolving. This aligns with current government advice on social-distancing and restrictions on non-essential services. At this uncertain time it is more important than ever that the efforts of community services and health centres are used to provide direct assistance and primary health care to those in the community who most need it.

The Staying Deadly Survey will be temporarily suspended until it is once again safe and suitable for community members to participate.

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