



Dene Tha' First Nation

COVID-19 INFORMATION UPDATE

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Dene Tha' First Nation announces first confirmed case of COVID-19 in its community of Bushe River. We want everyone in our communities to know that the family impacted are cooperating and are now quarantined. It is very important for everyone to understand that the only way to prevent the spread of covid-19 is by fully cooperating with the medical professionals who will guide you through until everyone impacted has recovered. The Nation is concerned there may have been potential contacts with the person or family members. Contact tracing has begun and led by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Health Team, along with other Health officials. Testing will be made available for anyone who think they may have been in contact. If you are having flu like symptoms, you are advised to stay home until you can be tested. Please contact the Dene Tha' First Nation - Emergency Management Team Health Services at 780-841-1265 or 780-841-4923, or the NPTC Health Nurses at 780-821-0238, or 780-821-0502.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the impacted family during this difficult time. Please remember to be compassionate and kind, our nation members are encouraged to be sympathetic and understanding as we get through this, together we are Nation Strong - #DTFNSTRONG.

The COVID-19 pandemic is not over, and new cases are continuing to be reported all over Alberta, including neighbouring communities. This is a reminder that COVID-19 is still in the area and has now impacted a family in Bushe. The virus infections are still on the rise in the Mackenzie County region and is not going away. The coronavirus disease will continue to be around until such time a successful vaccine is developed.

We strongly encourage EVERYONE to continue practicing the Public Health guidelines provided by Alberta Health "Help prevent the spread – Take steps to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 by practicing good hygiene, social distancing and monitoring for symptoms." Please continue to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds, wear a mask when you cannot safely distance yourself of 6 feet from another person, use hand sanitizer when you don't have access to soap and water, maintain your distance of 6 feet as much as possible, stay home if you are sick or having flu like symptoms. Do not let your guard down and remain alert during this pandemic.

- It is strongly advised that **NO INTERCOMMUNITY TRAVEL** be done during this time, until such time it will be safe to do so. This practice will help us to reduce the risk of transmission and spread of the virus.
- We strongly advise against having large group gatherings including indoor bingo, home poker games and hand-games to help us to prevent or stop the spread of the virus. Mass gatherings increase the risk to members and residents.
- If you have been tested for COVID-19, you are advised to remain in home-isolation until the test results have been received.
- Reduce personal non-essential travel. Limit the number of times you need to leave the house for errands.
- We can all do our part to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus; remember, the virus does not move; it is the people that move it.

Stay Safe & Stay Healthy
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