



Dene Tha' First Nation  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM  
COVID-19

## Perimeter Controls – Checkpoint at Chateh

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Dene Tha' First Nation Chief and Council have declared a State of Local Emergency effective immediately. The Emergency Management Team will be implementing a measured COVID-19 response to intervene and get the outbreak of COVID-19 under control and prevent further community spread through restrictions.

This notice is being provided to the Community Members and Residents of Chateh. Perimeter controls will be implemented, and a checkpoint established in the Community of Chateh only.

Checkpoints will have Community Monitors that will be following and enforcing all restrictions, effective Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

The restrictions for implementation are as follows:

### Perimeter Controls Implementation:

- **Ongoing** – Establish checkpoints and barricades into entry points of Chateh. Access roads are to be monitored and restrictions apply to mitigate further risk of COVID-19 into Chateh daily 24/7. The community Patrols shall be maintained during COVID-19. There will be zero tolerance for abuse of the security personnel. Additional measures will be added as may be required.
- **Ongoing** – Other than for essential travel - we are asking all Dene Tha' members and residents residing in each of our three communities of Chateh, Meander River and Bushe River to stay home other than for food and supplies.
- **Ongoing** – Those who want to go out on the land are encouraged to continue doing so. It is one of the safe and healthy activity for physical and mental health reasons.
- **Ongoing** - **Non-residents are not allowed entry effective immediately**, except approved essential services workers with clearance meeting AHS criteria by their agency, or company. Written clearance on official letterhead of the agency or company is required.
- **Ongoing** – Any non-member resident known or suspected of bootlegging and/or selling illicit or prescription drugs shall not be allowed back into Chateh. This rule is in the best interest of Life and Safety of the Dene Tha' residents and members of Chateh.

- **Ongoing** – Any members who live abroad (out of the area) are now effectively given notice – they shall not be allowed into Chateh for the duration of the covid outbreak in Chateh. This rule includes for any reason including funeral services.
- **Ongoing** – Non-essential travel outside of northwestern Alberta: Nation Members or residents are to limit all travel outside the area. DTFN citizens (registered adult members) and their children returning into community from confirmed cases zones are required to self-isolate for 10 days. This applies to citizens (members) that have voluntarily left the communities of Chateh, Meander River and Bushe River into confirmed zones that have active cases. You must contact the Health Services upon returning into community to be given instructions on self-isolation guidelines. If symptoms arise please contact your health care provider at once (fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing). This requirement includes anyone leaving and returning for medical appointments.
- **Ongoing** – **Visitors are not allowed entry from other communities.** This restriction applies to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 spreading into other communities.
- **Ongoing** - All public or private gatherings is **NOT** allowed, including home bingos or card games. The Nation’s housing shortages cause over-crowding in family homes and because of these conditions, family homes are vulnerable to viral spread, and person-to-person within our community. Physical distancing (2 meters or 6 feet) is in effect for health & safety reasons.
- **Ongoing** - Essential Travel - families need to assign no more than 2 family members to travel to pick up food, medicines, and supplies. Where a family lacks transportation they may arrange to ride with a cohort driver to pick up essentials (3 maximum including the driver). When traveling to town, pick up the necessities, and return home as soon as you are done. Use hand sanitizer or wash hands frequently. Wipe down all your groceries before storing them away.
- **Ongoing** - Members and residents leaving and entering the community of Chateh for essential needs are limited to **ONCE PER DAY**. If you have your own vehicle **ONLY TWO PEOPLE PER VEHICLE**, and **THREE (3)** when using a cohort driver.
- **Ongoing** - Non-essential travel is restricted to protect the residents of Chateh.
- **Ongoing** - The RCMP detachment will be requested to assist Community Monitors personnel when it is necessary.
- **Ongoing** - Help us to help you by following all information provided by the Health Professionals through our Health Centres, Indigenous Services Canada’s First Nation Inuit Health Branch, and the Alberta Health Services.

### **Curfew Implementation:**

- **Ongoing** – Curfew hours are in place and will be enforced: Members and residents are highly recommended to follow the safety measures due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Should more restrictions be called for; a minimum of 12 hour-notice will be given – monitoring will remain in place.
- **Ongoing** - No one is allowed out of their homes from 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM

- **Ongoing** - No one will be allowed entry into community between curfew hours, only exception will be Essential services/Emergency Personnel such as RCMP, Ambulance, medical trips, approved medical taxis, DTFN essential services per list.
- **Ongoing** - Essential services will continue for water, sewer, garbage pick-up. No contact is to be made with the service providers during deliveries and pickup.
- **Ongoing** - No vehicles to be driven around our communities, no ATV/Snow Mobiles, No walking around. If you are found in contravention of this rule you will be directed to go home.

Please contact the Emergency Management Team for any questions

**Stay Safe & Stay Healthy**  
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