



Dene Tha' First Nation

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM

COVID-19

Perimeter Controls – Checkpoint at Chateh

PUBLIC NOTICE

MARCH 14, 2021

On February 18, 2021, Dene Tha' First Nation Chief and Council declared a State of Local Emergency. As we continue to have covid-19 cases in our Nation the State of Local Emergency will remain in place. Since the start of the lockdown the cases have gone down, but the positive cases remaining are still concerning. As you will see on the letter from the Medical Officers of Health, the public health order for Chateh will expire Monday morning at 9:00 a.m., EXCEPT for those households that will remain under order to continue isolating until they have been cleared by the medical team. A modified plan will be in place to help the community of Chateh to bring the number of cases to ZERO. The leadership and EMT alone cannot bring down the numbers to zero, we need everyone's help to get rid of covid-19 infections in Chateh. The Emergency Management Team will be maintaining a measured covid-19 response to continue to intervene to stop the outbreak from spreading again. Together we have been making a difference, and together we will stay strong in our measures so we don't lose ground on what we have gained in the past two weeks.

This notice is being provided to the Community Members and Residents of Chateh. The perimeter controls will revert back to measures that were in place before the lock down, with checkpoint established in the Community of Chateh only.

Checkpoints will have Community Monitors that will be following and enforcing all restrictions, **effective Monday, March 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM**

The restrictions for implementation are as follows:

Perimeter Controls Implementation:

- **Ongoing** – maintain checkpoints and barricades into entry points of Chateh. Access roads will continue 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 monitors and gate Security. 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, the cases and risks remain high in the MacKenzie County area.
- **Ongoing** – Those who want to again go out on the land are encouraged to continue doing so. It is one of the safest and healthiest activities for physical and mental health wellness.
- **Ongoing** - **Non-residents are not allowed entry**, except approved essential services workers with clearance meeting AHS fit test criteria by their agency, or company. DTFN has an approval process in place. Contact the DEM for information and approval as required.
- **Ongoing** – Any non-member resident known or suspected of bootlegging and/or selling illicit or prescription drugs shall not be allowed back in once they leave 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) shall not be allowed into Chateh for the duration of the covid outbreak in Chateh and while our public health measures and perimeter security are in place. 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 continues to apply to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 spreading into other communities.
- **Ongoing** – **NO public or private gatherings are allowed**, as per Alberta Health regulations for all Albertans. This includes home bingos or card games. The Nation's housing shortages cause overcrowding in family homes and because of these conditions, family homes are vulnerable to viral spread, and person-to-person within our community.
- **Ongoing** – **ALL public health regulations and restrictions** in place by Alberta Health including additional public health measures enacted by DTFN are in force and effect. This includes, Physical distancing (2 meters or 6 feet) and masking for health & safety reasons.
- **Ongoing** - Essential Travel - families need to assign no more than 2 family members to travel to pickup 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 washhands 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** - 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** - 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, First Nation Inuit Health Branch, Indigenous Services Canada's and the Alberta Health Services.

Curfew Implementation:

- **Ongoing** – Curfew hours are in place are ongoing 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** - 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.

Mandatory Isolation and Quarantine:

- **Ongoing** – By law, those who remain on mandatory isolation and quarantine are required to uphold your responsibility of this legal obligation
- **Ongoing** – Please note: a record of all individuals who are moving through security are recorded. Names are cross-referenced with our DTFN public health officials twice daily to scrutinize the list for non-compliance of mandatory isolation and quarantine. We have partnered with both the local and High Level RCMP. They are actively part of our response measures for compliance.

Please contact the Emergency Management Team for any questions

Dene Tha' First Nation – Chief & Council and Emergency Management Team

Don't get it, Don't bring it, Don't spread it

Stay Safe & Stay Healthy

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