

DTFN Flood Evacuees,

The flood in the communities of Chateh and Meander was unexpected and has made the last two weeks challenging and stressful for everyone involved.

Chief and Council, EMT members, DTFN Staff, outside companies, government officials and numerous volunteers are working tirelessly to ensure your safety and comfort.

Our number one priority is to get you all back safely to your homes.

In order to do that, we must ensure the flood waters have all gone back to normal, and that the roads are repaired and safe to travel on. In addition, the inspection, clean-up of damage, and repair to your homes must be completed. All of this takes time. I assure you that we will be bringing residents back as soon as it is safe to do so. There are many resources and supports available to each of you. Please make use of those resources.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding.

-Walter Kent, EDO & Director of Emergency Management

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Update

EMT has been hard at work and making progress in repairing our community. In line with the recent assessments done, the EMT's response addressed critical and immediate needs of affected roads as well as cleanup and remediation needs, and water pumping to allow for the dry up process.

Access roads are currently in the process of recovery:

- Zone 1 – Road repairs have started, and progress is continuing.
- Zone 3 – Roads are graded and accessible
- Zone 2, 4 and 5 – dewatering is showing progress and should start to see dry up of the roads in the coming days. Accessible only by Haglund or Argos.

All breached riverbanks have been secured with tiger dams as part of mitigation, this will assist our efforts should there be further threat of flooding again. Although the water levels are on a downward trend, we are still in critical operations. The dewatering program is in full effect with all low-lying points nearly pumped out. This allows for the water to start the drying process of access roads.



Severe damage on first and second prairie roads; access is only available to a Haglund. Third prairie roads have experienced minor to major damage. A lot of the roads in the affected areas have been damaged, some to the point of complete impairment; along with driveways. Repairs to the main road into Chateh is currently underway.

Crews have assessed the third prairie cemetery and a protection plan is in place.

Also, with the main cemetery, water has been pumped out and tiger dams have been positioned.

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HEALTH UPDATE

- Our health staff continue to offer supports and are actively trying to ensure that our members receive the best medical attention.
- Jordan's Principal is currently being offered at the Native Friendship Center.
- For evacuees in Rainbow Lake, doctor days are on Mondays 9am – 12pm and Fridays 1pm – 5pm. Walk-ins are not accepted. So, please be sure to book an appointment. Along with this, there is a medication delivery setup for every Tuesdays and Fridays to Rainbow Lake from IDA.
- We are in the process of planning a talking circle, safety ticket courses and traditional events. Please stay tuned for more information on this.
- The health department is actively tracking members who are on medication to create a list so that those on medication are able stay up to date on their prescription(s).
- Also, vaccine clinics have been reactivated and available all week.

Clinic at Aurora Health:

June 2nd 8:30am to 5:00pm

Other dates: June 7th, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

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LODGING

Parents and Guardians are responsible for the supervision and care of all their children under the age of 18. Please ensure your child (ren) are in your place of residence by 9 pm every evening. Children 12 and under cannot be left in halls or stairways unattended.

Accommodations are based on hotel availability and the needs of evacuees such as the elderly, chronic illness patients and families with children. If you choose to vacate your hotel you cannot be guaranteed another room, please communicate with your designated hotel coordinator.

Transportation in and around High Level is available to evacuees by calling Charlene at 780-285-1704.

The lodging coordinator contact is Trisha who can be reached at 780-285-4441, we thank Karen for the work she has done as she returns to regular Social Development Programming.

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Although there are passable roads in the community, there is still much damage to others that limit the ability to provide services to homes such as water and sewer services; even to those homes where the flood did not reach. Without these services, a home cannot function properly where health and safety are concerned.

Water levels continue to decrease slowly by the main bridge. However, after a site tour of Habay road NW of Chateh and daily monitoring from May 22nd thru May 25th, it shows that a waterfront is moving inland toward the community. This threat needs to be further assessed before allowing residents back in; a regional hydrologist has joined in to assist in the assessment.

Team leads and plans have been identified to start cleanup and a remediation crew has been hired and cleaning of cistern tanks in the dry areas of Chateh will begin this week. Water pumping has commenced at targeted houses and will continue.

A specialty team has been assembled to care and monitor pets and specialty animals in the community and we're pleased to share that all pets in the community are being fed and continuously being monitored.





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FOOD SUPPORTS

Evacuees must follow meals venues set out for their hotel, this is to ensure all hotels have the inventory and staffing to accommodate both evacuees and the public.

Evacuees in Rainbow Lake must have their meals at their designated camps.

Food gift cards are only available to evacuees residing with family, friends, or alternate accommodations outside of hotels and camps.

Additional supports such as snacks are all donated and are available for a limited time.

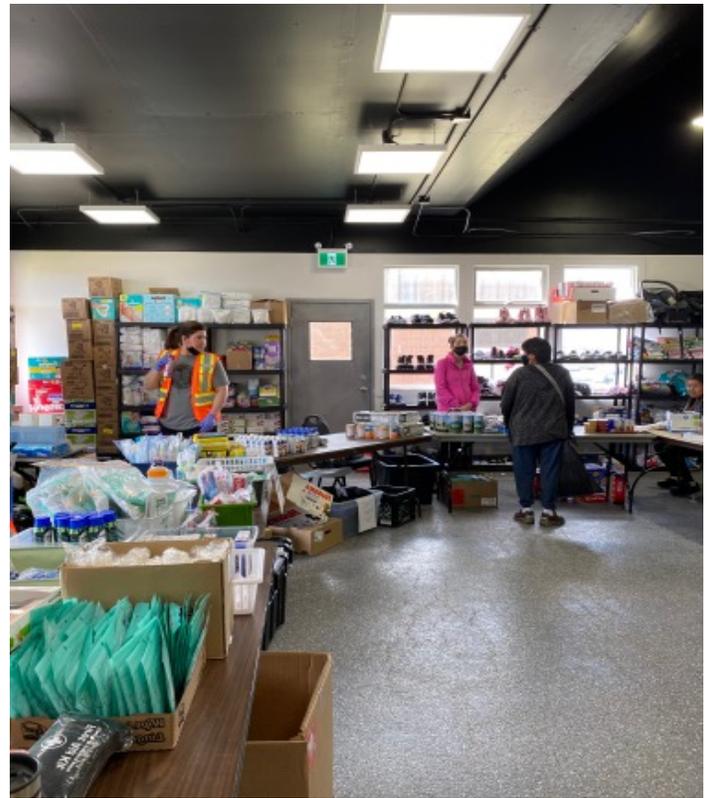
FURTHER UPDATES

Evacuees are encouraged to check the bulletin boards in each hotel for updates and provide feedback to the comments and suggestions boxes at each hotel.

Hotel Coordinators are available Monday to Friday 9 am-6 pm and weekends 11am-6pm, please check your bulletin boards for more information on services available.

Elder concerns can be forwarded to Carol Natannah at 780-926-1877.

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OPERATIONS UPDATE

As mentioned in the Emergency Operations Center update, multiple roads have been compromised within the community, and with such limited safe and functioning roads, sewer and water services cannot be provided to homes. Work is underway on some of the roads, but other areas must wait for dryer conditions before work can begin.

Water systems are fine; pipe and wastewater are running well. Environmental health is expected next week for testing.

Cistern cleaning expected to start May 25th and crews are in the process of emptying basements full of water. Also, the removal of drywall and insulation has begun in fully saturated homes. A cleaning crew has been assembled for cleaning, disinfecting and drying process.

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COOKING STAFF

EDUCATION UPDATE

On Tuesday, May 24th, students from DTCS evacuated to High Level began their learning at the Christian Fellowship Church.

The details of the daily bus runs and schedule have been distributed to all hotels and parents.

It is important to keep some routine in children's lives during a time of displacement. It is also important for parents to have some time to themselves to get the little daily things done.

We will continue our Covid protocols as best as we can.

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Laundry
KITS

CHATEH EVACUEES
can access weekly kits
to keep up with laundry

Contact Trisha at
780-285-4441

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Getting ready for the return of the students. Thursdays will be Dene traditional skills and teachings.

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