



March 31, 2020

COMMUNITY UPDATE

NOTICE RE: STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

As of the date of this Notice, there are no cases of the COVID-19 virus on the Nation.

This Notice intends to clarify the following conditions for AFN Members. These conditions of the Declaration are in force on the Nation as of March 25, 2020 until further notice:

1. The Nation shall be put into isolation. Outside visitors are **NOT permitted** on the Nation at this time, and off-reserve members should limit their visits to the Nation at this time.
 - a. This prohibition applies to all non-resident employees and contractors who attend the Nation, unless specified in writing by AFN's Executive Management Team.

Outside visitors are not permitted to enter the Nation. The Security team operates 24/7 and will be monitoring the Nation's entrance points, and traffic on the Nation. Visitors will be escorted off of the Nation and/or the Visitor will be charged with trespassing.

Off-reserve members are cautioned against visiting their family at this time.

Employees that do not live on the Nation and provide an essential service, will require specific authorization from AFN's Executive Management Team to enter the Nation, this will be coordinated with the security team.

2. Individuals and households are required to self-isolate. People may leave their homes for essential purposes such as medical, grocery/supplies and employment off the Nation where members are being requested to exercise as much caution as possible.

There is a mandatory requirement for all individuals to self-isolate in their households at this time. This means that households should prepare their houses with supplies, including groceries, prescriptions and other household items and to limit leaving their homes as much as possible.

3. Social gatherings of more than 5 people are prohibited, with the exception of households with 5 or more individuals.

This means that AFN Members are being requested to not host social gatherings, including for any Easter related purposes, parties (including birthdays, anniversaries etc.).

We recognize that there may be houses that have more than 5 people in them, this is not defined as a "social gathering". You do not have to worry about breaking this prohibition.



4. Nation buildings shall remain closed until further notice, with the exception of essential services; and

The following have been identified as the Nation's essential services:

- Alexander Health Services, primary care;
- Social Development, CFA and SFI;
- Housing maintenance service calls;
- Public Works, roads and maintenance;
- Alexander Gas Bar;
- Fire Department; and
- Security.

The above may have limited personnel and/or modified work hours.

5. Increased monitoring of the Nation shall be in effect 24/7 for the Nation and essential services, including but not limited to, engaging the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

In addition to the Federal and Provincial policing measures in response to COVID-19, AFN has a dedicated Security team that will be monitoring the Nation 24/7. This team shall carry out the directives of Chief and Council, and the Response Team.

We also support the use of a community watch model on the Nation at this time. **Please inform AFN Security at 780.983.5240 should you see any activities that are prohibited at this time** (i.e., social gatherings).

Please note that as part of the enhanced protective measures, the Nation will be issuing road closures for our side roads (back roads) which will limit the access to the Nation. Access will be granted for emergency services only, such as ambulance and police. More information will be coming in this by the end of the week.

We also recommend that you stay up to date with the recommendations being made by the Public Health Agency of Canada, Alberta Health Services and Alexander Health Services. **Information about COVID-19 is changing rapidly, and we recommend staying up to date on recommendations to keep you, and your family safe at this time. If you are feeling ill, PLEASE STAY HOME.**

AFN is treating this pandemic very seriously and are continuing to take every precaution to promote the safety and health of all of our members. **We strongly urge you to make healthy decisions personally to ensure the safety, health and longevity of our Nation.**

Please visit our website (www.alexanderfn.com) or our social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), for continuing updates on the status of AFN's State of Emergency.

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Alexander First Nation Executive Management Team