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COVID-19 UPDATE:

Alexis is communicating directly with the provincial and federal governments regarding the ongoing developments with the Corona virus. We ask that members traveling in and out of the community take extra precautions when returning. We recommend traveling only if absolutely necessary.

TESTING AND HEALTH SERVICES

If you are feeling unwell or showing any signs of illness, please self-isolate for 14 days. Symptoms of ANY illness is enough to take precaution and stay home for the recommended two weeks. In order to protect one another, we must follow the recommended safety measures in place to slow the spread of the illness. Please practice social distancing to minimize the risk for our Elders and more vulnerable members. Drive thru and/or mass testings are becoming available, however are only provided through referrals from Health Link. Alberta Health Services is working to increase the capacity and resources for testing and health services. If you feel unwell, please do not visit your Doctor's office or local hospital. Please call 811 if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms. If it's an emergency situation, please call 911.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND SANITIZATION

Essentials such as water, waste, garbage, road maintenance and the store will continue to operate and maintain services. We are submitting bulk orders of food and water in preparation for potentially quarantined families or if the Nation has to be put on lockdown. We will stay in touch with off reserve members, if they're quarantined we will provide supports at that time. We are ordering cleaning kits for all homes and expect to have them ready this coming week. In order to provide kits, we will need the number of people in each home and the homeowners contact info. Please send this to Dorian Alexis.

ANSN OPERATIONS

Schools and Daycares are now closed indefinitely. As of now, the office will be operational with local staff only until further notice. Health and social services are still available and operating. All staff who are in Edmonton may work from home. Again, if staff have ANY flu like symptoms, please stay home.

COMMUNITY CARE

We have hunters out right now and they are providing us with regular updates. They have and will provide for Elders, disabled, low income and other vulnerable families in the community. We will continue to send hunters out to support as many members possible. Elders have been engaged and will be providing traditional medicine for members as needed. For more information, please contact Dorian Alexis.

ANSN CONTACTS

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Dorian Alexis - Chiefs Office, (780) 937-9426

Willis Kootenay - ANSN Operations, (587) 599-1060

Edmonton Office – Charlene Stroeder, (780) 908-0412

Whitecourt Office - Rosemary Aginas, (780) 268-4600

Emergency Response Lead - Duane Kootenay, (587) 784-1355

We will be posting on the Alexis Facebook Page, Website, and sending Elders information on a group text. If community members want to be contacted on the group text, please forward your contact to Brandis Roan, Communications Officer at +1 (587) 598-5001.

Chief & Council

Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation