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NOTICE – Travel Restrictions due to increase in COVID-19 cases, FNFN Community

Dear Community Members,

Under the direction of the FNFN Council, and in compliance with recommendations from FNFN Community Safety Services & our EOC, commencing immediately and for a minimum of 14 days, the FNFN Council has agreed to restrict all **NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL** into the community from outside the FNFN Traditional Territory. Essential travel will be permitted.

The Provincial travel advisory states that all non-essential travel should be avoided. This includes travel into and out of B.C. and between regions of the province. For example:

- Do not travel for a vacation
- Do not travel to visit friends or family outside of your household or core bubble

ESSENTIAL TRAVEL IS PERMITTED. What is essential travel?

Individual circumstances may affect whether a trip is considered essential or non-essential. Essential travel within B.C. includes:

- Regular travel for work within your region
- Travel for things like medical appointments and hospital visits

For example, if you live in Fort Nelson and work Fort St. John you can continue to commute.

If you need to travel for essential reasons, take the same health and safety precautions you do at home.

- Wash your hands often
- Practice safe distancing, 2 m
- Travel only with yourself, household or pandemic bubble
- Stick to the outdoors whenever possible
- Clean spaces often
- Wear a mask in indoor spaces

To view the Provincial Health Order that is in effect until Feb. 5, 2021 see:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/restrictions?utm_campaign=20201118_GCPE_AM_COVID_1_NOTIFICATION_BCGOV_BCGOV_EN_BC_NOTIFICATION#travel

“For as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the rivers flow.”

Our Council has enacted COVID-19 community protection measures including travel bans for non-residents and non-essential visitors. It is important to respect these restrictions in addition to the province-wide travel advisory.

If you are coming from outside of B.C., as per guidelines, people travelling to B.C. from another province or territory within Canada should only come for essential reasons. If you do travel, you are expected to follow the same travel guidelines as everyone else in B.C.

International travellers returning to B.C. are required by law to self-quarantine for 14 days and complete the federal ArriveCAN application.

- All air passengers five years of age or older will be required to test negative for COVID-19 before travelling from another country to Canada. Anyone who receives a negative test result and is authorized to enter Canada must still complete the mandatory 14-day quarantine

The restriction of all non-essential travel at the Canada-U.S. border remains in effect.

- Travellers to and from the United States going to and from Alaska must proceed directly to their destination and self-isolate during any necessary overnight stops

Enforcement

During a public health emergency under the Public Health Act, the PHO can make orders as needed. All citizens in the province of BC must follow the orders.

If you are experiencing potential key COVID-19 symptoms, we ask that you self-isolate, and contact your primary care provider or the NH COVID-19 Online Clinic and Information Line at 1-844-645-7811, or call 8-1-1.

Stay safe, and stay healthy, we are all in this together.

Yours truly,
FORT NELSON FIRST NATION per,



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