

March 30, 2020



PUBLIC NOTICE

**SUBJECT: RESERVE ENTRY CHECKPOINT
VEHICLE REGISTRATION
BUSY BEAVER
CURFEW**

In compliance with the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations **to limit transmission or the possible transmission of the COVID-19 virus**, and to protect our vulnerable population e.g. elderly, and immuno-compromised. By Order of Chief and Council, and **until further notice**, the following restrictions will be put in place:

1. A mandatory **Essential Travel and Services** checkpoint will be in effect April 1, 2020 @ 8:30 am. Only Essential Travel and Services will be allowed through the checkpoint. Vehicles entering the Nation must be registered and zoned as follows:
 - 1.1. **RESIDENCY (INCLUSIVE OF ON-RESERVE MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBER RESIDENTS)**
 - 1.2. **OFF-RESERVE MEMBERSHIP**
 - 1.3. **EMPLOYEE/AFFILIATE (INCLUSIVE OF OFF-RESERVE MEMBERS WORKING ON RESERVE)**

Vehicles will be denied access if they do not meet the registration and zoning criteria. Emergency Response e.g. RCMP, medical, fire will not be required to register, however security personnel will record their entry and exit.

What is Essential Travel and Services?

- Travel for medical purposes, e.g. medical appointment, prescriptions
- Emergency and Public Health response; including government and emergency responders
- Food and supplies; you will be allowed to exit and re-enter once every 3-days for this purpose. Therefore, you are expected to have enough food and supplies to last for 3-days.

Where is the checkpoint located?

- Township Road 660A and Range Road 134 – Busy Beaver Store T-intersection

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What does this mean for Off-Reserve membership?

- If you are an Off-Reserve member who would like to return home, you will have until **April 5, 2020** to do so.

Upon entry, you will be required to go into a 14-day self-isolation period, and will answer the following questions:

- Where are you returning from?
- Where will you be staying?

With the emergent health and safety concerns at the forefront, and in compliance with the *Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Act*, the Nation enforced temporary precautionary measures at the Busy Beaver Store. Until further measures were put in place to protect our frontline essential employees, we reduced hours and enacted limitations. We are happy to announce that on March 30th plexiglass enclosures were installed for our employees, therefore:

2. Effective **April 2, 2020** the Busy Beaver Store will be **open** to the general public. New store hours are **10:00 am – 6:00 pm**, with the following protocols:
 - 2.1. **MAXIMUM 3 CUSTOMERS AT A TIME IN THE STORE, AT ANY GIVEN TIME**
 - 2.2. **2 METRE SOCIAL-DISTANCING MARKERS AT CHECK-OUT**
 - 2.3. **NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS OLD**
 - 2.4. **THE STORE WILL CLOSE FOR 15 MINUTES EVERY HOUR TO DISINFECT SURFACES**
 - 2.5. **THERE WILL BE NO CONGREGATING/VISITING IN THE STORE PARKING LOT**
3. Curfew will be put in place from **10:00 pm – 6:00 am**. During this time there will be no exit and re-entry, unless it is an emergency. Security personnel will be stationed at the checkpoint 24-hours a day.

We understand that these measures are not ideal and that they come with challenges. Due to the growing risk as the virus continues to spread, the implementation of these measures is necessary to ensure the continued protection of our Nation, its members, and its residents. Further, the tracking measures, if complied to, will ensure quicker response time when tracking a COVID-19 case. Finally, we are respectfully requesting that, if you are experiencing any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, please self-isolate. And, we ask that you all continue to exercise social-distancing.

Ekosi Pitama,

Chief Germaine Anderson

Councillor Charlene Cardinal

Councillor Shirley Paradis

Councillor Felix Lewis

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