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FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

DATE: March 17, 2020
TO: Sucker Creek First Nation Membership
RE: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Prevention/Mitigation Update

Sucker Creek First Nation Chief and Council want to assure Membership that we are doing all that we can to support our Members as the threat of COVID-19 increases daily. The health and safety of our Members is top priority. We have taken many steps towards preparing for and mitigating negative impacts of the coronavirus. We've devoted additional resources to cleaning and sanitizing our workplaces repeatedly on a daily basis, provided health staff training, implemented staff supports systems to provide peace of mind in a time of need, and stopped all Council and staff travel as of March 15, 2020.

The established Sucker Creek Emergency Management Team comprised of experienced and skilled Members are meeting regularly to develop and update the response plan to prepare for and mitigate the threats of COVID-19. Risk at the community level is low at this time; however, we will continue to assess the situation daily and revise our plan as needed. Supports for On-Reserve Members will be provided at the band level.

Council Members are communicating and collaborating with Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta and Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council representatives along with other external partners on behalf of Off-Reserve Members. If you are an Urban or Off-Reserve Member from one of the Treaty 8 First Nation's, please register for information regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic. You can register online on Wednesday March 18, 2020 on the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta website at www.treaty8.ca. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Treaty 8 office at (780) 444- 9366, Toll free 1-888-Treaty-8. SCFN Council and staff will also provide information on other resources Off-Reserve Members may access as we become aware of them.

Traditional livelihood is of great value: Hunters, trappers, people who fish and people who would like to share their knowledge about traditional medicines are asked to contact Allan Koski, Emergency Management Director @ 780-523-7412 as we may need your skills and service.

Also, currently, we are closing our Administration/Health/Regional Council doors to the public. All appointments can/will be done by phone. Please call the offices if needed, we will be providing emergency contacts.

Our main communications designate is Tanis Willier. She has been and will continue to be the main person responsible for continuous communication to Members.

Again, we are working with the Emergency Management Team, dedicated staff and external partners to provide the best possible supports to combat the threat of COVID-19. Together we will get through these trying times.

Respectfully,
SCFN Chief and Council