



Sucker Creek First Nation

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DATE: March 22, 2020
TO: Sucker Creek First Nation Members
FROM: Chief and Council
SUBJECT: **COVID-19 Declaring State of Local Emergency**

As of March 22, 2020, we have no known confirmed cases on-reserve. We want to stress that we are in this together and we need to work together to minimize the risk to our community.

Since February 2020, we have been monitoring the global situation closely and we have shared information about COVID19, general influenza, and emergency preparedness.

Protecting the health and wellbeing of our membership is our top priority. We are doing the best we can with what we have, but after careful consideration, we decided to **declare a State of Local Emergency** to continue to support the community and allow us reach out for additional resources.

Sucker Creek First Nation will be receiving \$25,000 from the Provincial Government for relief emergency. An Additional \$125,000 from the Federal Government will support emergency management and planning needs.

From the funding received, \$25,000 will be used to secure basic food needs in the event of complete community isolation. We have also given authority to release the following funding allocations:

- One-time release of \$500.00 emergency funds for post-secondary students residing off-reserve; and
- One-time release of \$300.00 emergency funds per household on-reserve

Distribution processes and the release date will be communicated shortly.

In order to be in the best position to determine membership needs, and to build pathways for resource distribution, we are creating an off-reserve registry and will be updating our residency list.

Our registry line will be available Monday to Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM starting Monday March 23, 2020. We encourage all off-reserve members to call 780-523-0405 to register. We are anticipating a large volume of calls so please ensure that you leave your name and contact number should the line be busy.

Starting Monday March 23, 2020, the Health Department will be contacting on-reserve members to update our residency list. They will be collecting information on occupancy and health needs.

We strongly recommend for all members of Sucker Creek First Nation to practice the following precautionary measures to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

1. Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
3. Practice Social distancing: limiting in-person interactions by keeping a 2-meter distance.
4. Stay home if you are feeling unwell.
5. Practice self-isolation for 14 days if you are symptomatic, have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19; have travelled internationally; or have tested positive for COVID-19. Please Call 811 for assessment if needed.

We are committed to getting updated information to our membership. We will be using our Facebook page “SCFN Covid-19”. We are also asking members to assist family members and share information with those who do not have access to technology.

On-going support services will continue to be updated on the “SCFN COVID-19” Facebook page.

Together we can reduce the risk by following safety precautions and recommendations. The health status of our members is top priority.