



LITTLE RED RIVER CREE NATION

August 7th, 2020

MEMO: LRRCN Residents

RE: LRRCN - COVID19 Measures Survey Results & Moving Forward

Tansi Netotemmak,

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our LRRCN COVID-19 Measures Survey, we are extremely grateful for your honest feedback, taking the time to fill out the survey, and with your participation, you have helped LRRCN move forward with new measures, plans and protocols to combat COVID-19.

Chief, Council, and our LRRCN Emergency Management Team (EMT) met today to review the results of the LRRCN COVID-19 Measures Survey. Our survey was performed online and in-person, which started on August 1st at 12 pm and concluded on August 6th 12pm, 2020.

The purpose of this survey is to find out how our LRRCN Residents feel about the current measures in place to protect against COVID-19. The answers will help GUIDE the Emergency Management Team and Chief and Council on future decisions to move forward through this pandemic.

Our EMT team and Chief and Council struggle day-to-day to find the right balance between lowering the risk of COVID-19 transmission in our communities and asking our residents to give up some of their freedoms. This road we are all on is not easy. Everyone in this Nation has a different opinion on what this balance is or how it should look like.

We are now just over four months since this global pandemic started, our Nation quickly learned that there are certain items and services we need that are not food, water, or medicine. Our residents are quickly learning how to cope with the threat of COVID-19, and we need to find ways as a Nation to move forward with Alberta.

It has become increasingly clear that the Nation is divided about COVID-19 measures in LRRCN. We have had some time since this pandemic started, and we have learned a lot about how we can lower the risk of getting and spreading this virus. But this risk will never be zero.

We would also like to remind everyone; this was not a **VOTE**.

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Using LRRCN COVID-19 Survey results as our guide, here are some changes moving forward:

Essential Services and freight will be allowed to pass through the checkpoint starting Saturday, August 8, 2020 (this includes all Nation Affiliated Businesses, LRRCN resident-owned businesses, and Northern).

LRRCN Residents who wish to pass the checkpoint for hunting and gathering medicinal plants and or seek help for spiritual healing can do so starting tomorrow, August 8th, 2020. Passes from the EMT will not be required. But security will still need to collect vehicle and passenger information (names and license plates). We acknowledge the importance of practicing our Treaty Rights, and we, as a Nation, will never stand in the way of limiting those rights to our residents.

Parents and guardians who need to get school supplies for their children can do so starting tomorrow, August 8th, 2020.

Post-secondary students will be allowed to pass through the checkpoint as they will need to find a place of residence, and prepare for their Fall and Winter terms for 2020/2021.

In addition to these announcements, Mask's will be mandatory for all indoor spaces; this includes all LRRCN buildings, LRRCN Member/Resident owned businesses and Northern. Masks are going to be supplied to all public places; anyone not wearing a mask in our public places will not be allowed on the premises.

Once there are zero cases in the surrounding region, checkpoint access will then become unrestricted. We also would like to remind LRRCN residents that we are still in a State of Local Emergency (SOLE), the checkpoint barriers, checkpoint security and COVID-19 measures will always be in place until COVID-19 is no longer a threat to our people.

Thank you,

LRRCN Chief and Council, LRRCN Emergency Management Team.

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