

# LITTLE RED RIVER CREE NATION

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

MEMO: LRRCN Membership & Staff

**RE: Medical Passes** 

In order to reduce traffic through the locked down checkpoint at HWY 58, and to decrease the risk of Covid 19 spreading into our communities; we ask that LRRCN Residents follow these steps for getting medical care:

# <u>Please note</u>, all people returning to LRRCN from a medical appointment through the <u>checkpoint</u>:

- must bring a Doctor's note and show to security at the checkpoint
- must isolate in their homes for 14 days (unless they go to another medical appointment), (this includes the entire household)
- For people driving themselves. No other passengers will be allowed through the checkpoint.
- An escort will only be allowed for the following reasons (in line with NPTC):
  - Prenatals (only when they are going out for confinement)
  - ♦ Minors (patient is under 18)
  - Elders (65 and older, or need English translator)
  - People who use wheelchairs or walkers
  - ♦ Cancer Patients

### Routine, Urgent or Emergency Care

- 1. First point of contact for all medical care will be at your community health center in John D'Or, Fox Lake or Garden River. Please make an appointment to see the Nurse, NP or Doctor. They will help you as much as they can with routine, urgent or emergency care.
- 2. If the Nurse/NP/Doctor believes you need medical care from the hospital, they will either:
  - Arrange a medevac
  - Arrange medical transportation (Patient will still need a medical pass)
  - Give a medical pass for the patient and possible escort to pass through checkpoint in their own vehicle



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#### Options for Prescription Refill Requests

- 1. Patients can phone Pioneer or High Level Pharmacy
- 2. Patients can phone their Doctor at their office
- 3. Patients can phone a nurse at their local Health Center
- 4. Patients can make an appointment at their local Health Center
- 5. Prescriptions will be delivered to the Health Centers as usual, and delivered to Patients by Health Staff

#### **Specialist Appointments**

In High Level, Fort Vermilion, Edmonton, etc. This might include IV Medications, prenatal ultrasound, OB appointments with Dr Walsh, Dr Parker, confinement for prenatals, radiation and chemotherapy etc. Please follow these steps:

- 1. Give the appointment notification to your local medical transportation coordinator
- 2. Medical Transportation Coordinator will arrange medical transportation and put on the list for security OR
- 3. For people driving themselves, the transportation coordinator will notify the Nurse in Charge who will write a medical pass for the patient and escort to pass through the checkpoint.

### **Discharge from Hospital**

- 1. Medical Transportation will be arranged by local Medical Transportation Coordinators
- 2. For those getting discharged from Edmonton, Grande Prairie, Peace River; NPTC can arrange special transport back to LRRCN. Discharging Hospital is to phone North Peach Tribal Council Medical Transportation 1-780-926-2151, 1-800-272-7925.

These steps will be effective as of April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Any concerns please phone the Covid 19 Call Center at 780-759-3912.

Please share.

Thank you,

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