

March 20, 2020

Bulletin 1:

SFN COVID-19 Planning and Response

Selkirk First Nation (SFN) is creating a weekly bulletin to keep Citizens updated on our planning and actions in response to COVID-19. SFN is taking a proactive approach to slow the spread of this virus in our community.

How will we communicate with Citizens?

While things continue to change rapidly, we will issue this bulletin weekly on Wednesday on our **Selkirkfn.com** website, on our [Selkirk FirstNation](#) Facebook page, and by email. We will also distribute the bulletin door-to-door in Pelly Crossing and by other means when there is important new information to share.

What new steps is SFN taking?

With direction from Chief and Council and in keeping with recommendations by the Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health:

- ✓ **All SFN buildings and offices will be closed to the public starting March 19, 2020** until further notice.
- ✓ **The SFN government will close for the week of March 23 and will review the closure on March 27 and make a decision about re-opening.**
- ✓ **We will provide essential services.**
- ✓ **New contact information:** While SFN offices are closed, please refer to the attached phone list for support. Many staff are also monitoring and responding to their emails.

What services will continue?

ESSENTIAL SERVICES - SFN will continue to provide:

- ✓ **Community Services:** water delivery, garbage collection, road maintenance.
 - ✓ **Capital: Emergencies Only** - home maintenance and property management.
 - ✓ **Communications** as mentioned above.
 - ✓ **Finance** regular payroll, accounts payable, account receivable.
 - ✓ **Chief and Council** and some of the staff will continue to carry out the important business of the SFN government, including our response to COVID-19.
 - ✓ **Citizen Development** will be handing out food hampers in Pelly Crossing to Elders, people with chronic illnesses and families with children.
 - ✓ **Community Safety** will take the lead in developing a Community Emergency Response Plan and oversee the implementation.
 - ✓ **Health and Social** will have on-call staff. The on-call workers should be contacted by phone only. There will be no person to person contact or home visits. On-call staff will only deal with emergencies such as medivacs or family in need. In order to keep
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everyone healthy, Meals on Wheels and Home and community care are closed until further notice.

Ongoing Measures

- ✓ All SFN gatherings remain cancelled or postponed until further notice.
- ✓ Citizens who do not have family to assist and requesting extra support may contact Governance Director, Sandra Roach, 867-334-9562.
- ✓ We will continue to share new information with Citizens regularly.

What is the Yukon government doing?

On March 18, 2020 Dr. Brendan Hanley, Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, declared a public health emergency. "We are continuing to ramp up our response as all of Canada braces for COVID-19. Yukon has no confirmed cases at this time, but the threat is real and COVID-19 in the North is inevitable. By taking these precautions now, we have the ability to limit its spread. We are taking the necessary incremental steps to save lives and ensure the sustainability of our health-care systems."

Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health. Dr. Brendan Hanley, March 18, 2020

Yukon actions include:

- ✓ Suspending classes at Yukon public schools until April 15, 2020.
- ✓ Closing public indoor recreation centres, including the Canada Games Centre and ice rinks.
- ✓ Closing all Yukon hospitals to visitors, with limited exceptions.
- ✓ Closing all public libraries.

For full details for Yukoners on COVID-19 visit: [Yukon.ca](https://www.yukon.ca)

What is the government of Canada doing?

The Government of Canada is taking new actions daily to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and manage its impacts on society. For the most current information visit: [Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca)

Governance, Sandra Roach	867-334-9562 governance@selkirkfn.com
Community Safety Officer, Darcy Marcotte	867-332-5585 comsafetyofficer@selkirkfn.com
Health and Social – On-Call Staff	March 20 to 27 McGinty-Dawson, 689-8646 Lena Joe, 334-1014 March 28 to April 3 Carmen Baker, 335-0761 Cindy McGinty, 334-8417. Milly Johnson and Lucy McGinty will be on standby to assist staff on call.
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