



October 24, 2020

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

URGENT: COVID-19 UPDATE

We regret to inform you that a positive case of COVID-19 has been identified on Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation #133. This member is now in isolation and is not showing any symptoms, their asymptomatic case was confirmed earlier today.

We are working closely with Alberta Health Services and the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. Those who have come in close contact with the individual, are being notified. Please cooperate with the health authorities if you are contacted and follow their recommendations for quarantine. A testing plan is in development.

The social services department and the mobile addictions treatment program may have had low exposure. If you have visited the offices recently, please self-isolate if you are experiencing any symptoms and notify the Health Centre.

In the meantime, all departments will be closed and any scheduled meetings or events will be canceled for the next 7 days while we monitor the situation. Alexis will continue to offer essential services only during this time.

This includes social client benefits, who will have benefits delivered directly to their homes until further notice.

A reminder to the community that health information is private information. While we understand that you may want answers about who has tested positive, we cannot release personal information nor do we have the name of the member who has contracted COVID-19 deserves our kindness and compassion as they navigate the next two weeks of their quarantine. Please pray for them and those around the world who are struggling due to this unrelenting virus. COVID-19 continues to be difficult to navigate and there should not be a stigma attached to anyone who happens to test positive.

It is our priority to keep our members safe - if you think you may have symptoms, please stay home until you can be tested. Members can make appointments to get tested by calling 780-967-1090. Again - please take all necessary precautions. Wash your hands, wear a mask, keep 6 feet apart, and if you feel unwell, please stay home. There are many symptoms of COVID-19, if you have any of the following, it is cause for concern: runny nose, sore throat, diarrhea, congestion, fever, fatigue, aches, loss of taste or smell, and/or pink eye.

Please stay safe and do your part to protect our community.

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