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**Blood Tribe COVID-19 Enhanced Safety Measures
as of Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

Pursuant to its inherent authority and the Blood Tribe/Kainai Emergency Protection By-Law, on September 13, 2021, the Blood Tribe Chief and Council Ordered safety measures that were put in place and enforced on the Blood Reserve. These safety measures were originally established on March 16, 2020, by Blood Tribe Chief and Council after they declared a State of Local Emergency (SOLE) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through quick response and organization by the Director of Emergency Management (DEM) and the Emergency Management team, safety measures and restrictions were developed and implemented and since March 2020, have been effective in the success of protecting Blood Tribe members.

Members are strongly encouraged to get fully vaccinated to protect themselves and others from the COVID-19 virus prior to travelling. All Blood Reserve (vaccinated and unvaccinated) residents attending off-reserve events are strongly encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 upon returning to the Reserve. Drop-in asymptomatic (no symptoms) testing can be completed at the fire hall, Monday to Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For symptomatic (flu-like symptoms) testing is done at the BTDH ATCO trailer, by appointment only please call 403-737-8411.

All restrictions and safety measures will be strictly enforced through the coordination of the Blood Tribe Department of Health, Director of Management/Team, and Blood Tribe Police.

These measures shall continue for at least the next 30 days or until further by Order of Chief and Council: These new measures have been amended and take effect immediately.

The following restrictions will be lifted or modified as follows:

1. All individuals that are ordered to be in quarantine by Blood Tribe Department of Health or by Alberta Health Services through contact tracers must stay in strict quarantine as directed or they will be subject to applicable penalties.
2. A curfew is now reinstated from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. and shall be strictly enforced.
3. Outdoor activities and easing of travel restrictions will be permitted in line with Alberta Provincial Stage 3 Guidelines.
4. Gatherings for any purpose shall be subject to the following rules until further notice as follows:
 - a. Indoor public gatherings will be limited to half capacity of fire regulations.
 - b. Temperature checks, masking, physical distancing of at least 2 meters, and hand sanitizers will be required at all public buildings and outdoor gatherings.
 - c. There shall be no indoor gatherings, outside of family cohorts, at private residences.
 - d. All funerals shall only be held at funeral homes and not at private residences. Outdoor wakes are permitted and then only as approved in advance by the DEM and Blood Tribe Community Health with continued safety measures for outdoor gatherings.
5. All entry ways to Blood Tribe Departments and Entities will require temperature checks and all persons accessing public services shall provide contact information.
6. Mandatory masking shall continue community wide until further notice; and
7. All persons shall continue to physical distance at least two meters when in public unless they are with their family cohort.

If there is a conflict with the measures in this Order and any Federal or Provincial law or regulation, this Order is paramount and must be followed on the Blood Reserve.