



Chief and Council

Box 60
Standoff, Alberta T0L 1Y0

Phone: 403-737-3753
Fax: 403-737-2336

**Blood Tribe COVID-19 Enhanced Safety Measures
as of November 23, 2021**

Pursuant to its inherent authority and the Blood Tribe/Kainai Emergency Protection By-Law, on November 23, 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. For the most accurate results please wait 2 - 3 days before testing. Drop-in asymptomatic (no symptoms) testing can be completed at the fire hall, Monday to Friday - 9:00 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 or 403-737-3933.

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 implemented 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. The curfew will remain from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. and shall be strictly enforced.
3. Restrict travel for essential and important reasons only.
4. **Proof of Vaccination is required to gain entry at all Blood Tribe Recreation Facilities.**
5. Gatherings for any purpose shall be subject to the following rules until further notice as follows:
 - a. Increased Occupancy rate to 1/3rd of facility capacity and square footage at all BT Recreation Buildings. If Recreation Staff is not available, family or event organizers will be required to ensure the COVID-19 safety measures and proof of vaccination are followed.
 - b. Proof of Vaccination, 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 Wakes/Funerals at any Public Buildings are opened to 1/3rd capacity with Proof of Vaccination, Masking & physical distancing mandatory.
6. All entry ways to Blood Tribe Departments and Entities will require temperature checks and all persons accessing public services shall provide contact information.
7. Mandatory masking shall continue community wide until further notice; and
8. 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.