



## Chief and Council

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### **Blood Tribe COVID-19 Enhanced Safety Measures As of February 22, 2022**

Pursuant to its inherent authority and the Blood Tribe/Kainai Emergency Protection By-Law, on February 22, 2022, 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. All Blood Reserve (vaccinated and unvaccinated) residents attending off-reserve events are strongly encouraged to self-test for COVID-19 upon returning to the Reserve. It is strongly recommended that residents also self-test at least once a week, as long as free Rapid Antigen Test Kits are free and available. Testing is available for symptomatic (flu-like symptoms) at the BTDH ATCO trailer by appointment only, please call 403-737-8411 or 403-737-3933.

This is a time of transition for the Blood Tribe, as measures are being removed across the country. The Blood Tribe Emergency Management will be removing measures based on Active Cases and the needs of our Blood Tribe members. We want to ensure to provide a balanced approach that will still support our members in this transition.

These new 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 isolation by Blood Tribe Department of Health or by Alberta Health Services through contact tracers must stay in strict isolation as directed or they will be subject to applicable penalties.
2. The curfew has been removed as it no longer aligns with the current situation.
3. Proof of Vaccination is required to gain entry at all Blood Tribe Recreation Facilities will Remain until March 10, 2022 when it will be reviewed based on active cases on reserve.
4. Gatherings for any purpose shall be subject to the following rules until further notice as follows:
  - a. BT Recreation facilities occupancy limitations have been revised to 1/2 the occupancy capacity based on square footage of the building.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Temperature checks, masking, physical distancing of at least 2 meters, and hand sanitizers will be required at all public buildings and outdoor gatherings, will remain until March 10, 2022, when it will be reviewed based on active cases on reserve.
  - d. Indoor gatherings, outside of family cohorts, at private residences will be allowed up to 10 adults but masking and physical distancing is encouraged., allow for distancing.
  - e. Outdoor private gatherings are allowed but are limited to a maximum of 20 adults. Gatherings will align with current provincial measures.
  - f. All Wakes/Funerals at any Public Buildings are opened to 1/2 capacity with Proof of Vaccination, Masking & physical distancing mandatory.
5. The Blood Tribe will continue following an isolation period of five (5) days when a test (PCR or Rapid) result is positive. If vaccinated individuals are symptom free after five days, call Community Health for further direction and consultation.
6. Kainai Board of Education – on-reserve schools: Please refer to [kainaied.ca](http://kainaied.ca) - KBE will provide information.
7. All persons who are feeling sick are advised to stay home, this will help increase the safety of the vaccinated vulnerable population attending public events.
8. All persons shall continue to physical distance at least two meters when in public unless they are with their family cohort.
9. Mandatory masking shall continue community wide until further notice.

**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.**