



## Chief and Council

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### **Blood Tribe COVID-19 Enhanced Safety Measures as of April 13, 2022**

Pursuant to its inherent authority and the Blood Tribe/Kainai Emergency Protection By-Law, on March 28, 2022, the Blood Tribe Chief and Council Amended 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. There is evidence that the Omicron BA.2 variant is more transmissible than Omicron BA.1 and in recent reports that it appears to double every week, leaving the vulnerable at risk. All Blood Reserve (vaccinated and unvaccinated) residents attending off-reserve events are encouraged to self-test for COVID-19 upon returning to the Reserve. It is 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.

1. All individuals that are ordered to be in isolation by the 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. All Blood Tribe Recreation Facilities will require temperature checks, masking, physical distancing of at least 2 meters, and hand sanitizers until further notice.
3. Gatherings for any purpose shall be subject to the following rules until further notice:
  - a. BT Recreation facilities occupancy limitations have been revised to 2/3 of the occupancy capacity based on the 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 are followed
  - c. Temperature checks, masking, physical distancing of at least 2 meters, and use of hand sanitizers.
  - d. Indoor gatherings, outside of family cohorts, are to be kept at a low number and practice public health measures (e.g. masking)
  - e. All Wakes/Funerals at any public buildings are open to 2/3 capacity with proof of vaccination, masking and physical distancing
4. The Blood Tribe will continue following an isolation period of five (5) days for vaccinated or 10 days for unvaccinated members when a test (PCR or Rapid) result is positive. Individuals who test positive on the home test kits are required to report results to Blood Tribe Community Health Nurses, so eligibility for the Monoclonal Antibody Treatment or Anti-Viral Treatment can be determined.
5. Kainai Board of Education will provide information for on-reserve schools: Please refer to [kainai.ca](http://kainai.ca).
6. All Blood Tribe members are strongly advised to receive all three (3) doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccination to avoid severe symptoms. Anyone who feels sick must stay home, this will help increase the safety of the vaccinated vulnerable population attending public events.
7. All persons shall continue to physical distance of 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.***