



**LAKE BABINE NATION  
DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
OCTOBER 8, 2021**



WHEREAS there is a number of COVID-19 case clusters in Lake Babine Nation Communities;

AND WHEREAS the Delta variant of COVID-19 is now the dominant strain in BC and our Communities and it is much more contagious than the original strain;

AND WHEREAS Covid-19 is life-threatening, especially for the unvaccinated, our elders, and those with health conditions, and at least 6 Lake Babine members have already died from this disease;

AND WHEREAS immediate and strong measures are needed to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our communities and protect our members, particularly the most vulnerable;

AND WHEREAS every single member of our communities can make a difference and help stop the spread of Covid-19 by following the measures in this Declaration for 4 weeks;

AND WHEREAS Chief and Council discussed and decided this matter at an online meeting today.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Lake Babine Nation Chief and Council hereby declare a State of Emergency in Woyenne, Wit'at (Fort Babine), Tachet, Nedo'ats (Old Fort) and Pinkut/Donald's Landing in response to the high and rising COVID-19 cases in our Communities;
2. This State of Emergency takes effect immediately and lasts until November 5, 2021;
3. All Lake Babine Community members must help stop the spread of COVID-19 with these measures:
  - Do not travel to visit people in your community or any of our communities, even to see family and loved ones (only essential caregiving is allowed);
  - Do not hold or attend any gatherings anywhere in our communities: for example, no birthday parties, no Thanksgiving events, no family events, no funerals or potlatches;
  - Postpone any non-essential trips: for example, no vacations, family or other social visits, non-urgent out-of-town shopping at this time;
  - If you test positive for COVID-19, self-isolate for at least 10 days from when you first got symptoms and until you are symptom-free. If you need help finding a place to self-isolate or securing food or other necessities while isolating, please call the EOC at 250-251-6306.
  - If you had close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 – like someone you live with or work closely with – self-isolate for 10 days from the date of contact. If you start showing symptoms, get tested for COVID-19 right away.

- If you haven't been fully vaccinated yet, get your shot(s) as you will be safer and you less likely to spread the virus to others.

Every Lake Babine person, and everyone living in our communities, can help rid our communities of this deadly virus and stop it from taking any more of our loved ones. ***By staying apart for 4 weeks, we are working together to stay healthy and save lives.***

DECLARED on Friday, October 8, 2021 by:

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Chief Murphy Abraham

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Derek MacDonald, Deputy Chief

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Melvin Joseph, Woyenne Council

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Jason Charlie, Woyenne Council

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Debbie West, Woyenne Council

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Millie-Alec George, Tachet Council

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Wayne Johnson, Tachet Council

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Bessie West, Fort Babine Council

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Robbie Reid, Fort Babine Council

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Verna Power, Old Fort Council

**NOTE: Chief and Council adopted this Declaration by on-line meeting and as a result, only some Council members were available to sign it!**