



LAKE BABINE NATION COVID STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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What is a Declaration of a State of Emergency?

A Declaration of a State of Emergency is a self-governing tool that First Nations can use to address crisis situations.

Why did LBN issue this State of Emergency?

Covid is spreading quickly through our communities. For the last several weeks 2-3 members per day have been testing positive. The Nation has lost at least 6 members to Covid which is extremely high given our population.

Will the Nation offices be open?

Yes, Lake Babine Nation has a strong safety plan with mask mandates for all of our offices. It is important that we remain open to provide vital services to our members. Non-essential staff travel will be on hold until the State of Emergency expires.

Can our children still go to school?

Yes, for now. Schools are governed with safety plans that minimize transmission, including mandatory masking. The strong mental health, social and educational benefits of attending school are always balanced with the risks. We are monitoring the situation closely and will adjust our plan as necessary.

What do we know about how Covid is spreading?

The common thread for Covid transmission is gatherings and travel and that is why we are mandating all members to stick close to home. Transmission is happening while visiting and attending funerals and potlatches.

What can I do to keep my family safe?

Being double vaccinated is the best way keep you and your loved ones safe. When you are shopping, please keep your distance, wash your hands, and wear a mask.

What do I do if I test positive or are awaiting test results?

The State of Emergency also orders all members who have tested positive for Covid or live with someone who has tested positive to stay home and isolate. Lake Babine Nation has services and supports available for member to isolate and recover at home including groceries, medications and other essential items. Call the E.O.C. at (250) 251-6306 to access services and supports.

Lake Babine Chief and Council and E.O.C. thank you for your cooperation as we work together to contain the spread of Covid-19. Please share this important message with your relatives.

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