



Nibinamik First Nation

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COVID-19 Contractor Protocols

Nibinamik First Nation (NFN) is currently under a lock down due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. The First Nation has restricted travel to essential travel only. In order to mitigate risk of transmission to the community, increased Health and Safety protocols have been instituted by the First Nation.

Travel Authorization

- All travelers to NFN must present a letter of invitation signed by Chief and/or Council of NFN prior to boarding the aircraft.
- Authorization to enter NFN will be restricted to those providing services deemed essential by Chief and Council.

Self-screening

- Prior to boarding a plane destined for NFN, each individual must complete the attached self-screening tool, answering the following questions:
 - Have you travelled outside of Northwestern Ontario in the last 14 days?
 - Have you been in close contact with someone who is a confirmed or probably case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
 - Have you been in contact with someone who is waiting for COVID-19 test results in the last 14 days?
 - Have you been in close contact with someone who has symptoms and has been outside of Northwestern Ontario in the last 14 days?

Do you have:

- Cough, fever, chills, fatigue, shortness of breath, appetite loss, muscle ache?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, contact Chief and Council or designate for further instructions prior to departing for NFN.

- Self-screening for symptoms must be conducted on a daily basis while in the community.

Travel Practices

- Travelers are asked to self-isolate for 14 days prior to arrival in NFN.
- Mandatory, individuals should submit to a COVID-19 test prior to travel to NFN.
- Individuals travelling to NFN to perform essential (non-emergency) work, are asked to make arrangements to arrive in NFN 5 days prior to the start of the project and to self-isolate in NFN during those 5 days.
- Chief and Council or designate must be notified with as much notice as possible once flight arrangements have been made for both arrival and departure.
- Airlines will be responsible for screening prior to departing for NFN.
- Lodging and in-community transportation direction will be provided along with the signed authorization letter prior to travel. If transportation is required, a band vehicle will be left at the airport with keys in a designated location.
- Travelers are asked to self-isolate for 14 days prior to arrival in NFN.

- Travelers must wear a mask during travel to NFN.
- Chief and Council or designated contact must be advised upon arrival in the community by phone call or text.
- Physical distancing must be practiced when unloading any deliveries. Community members assisting with unloading must wear gloves and masks. Each box must be wiped down with disinfectant prior to delivery to the recipient. Once the boxes are wiped down, gloves and masks are to be thrown in a plastic garbage bag. Individuals must immediately wash their hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer.

In Community Practices

- While in the community, contractors must minimize contact with NFN employees and community members, using phone calls or texting wherever possible for necessary communication.
- If face to face contact is necessary, appropriate PPE, including masks must be worn and physical distancing directives practiced (keep 2 meters apart).
- Surfaces of work areas and common areas are to be wiped down with disinfectant wipes regularly and at completion of the work.
- Self-monitoring for symptoms must be conducted on a daily basis, if symptoms develop, individual must immediately inform the Health Centre by telephone (807) 593-2211 and follow any directives provided.
- In the event that an individual is diagnosed with COVID-19, the diagnosed person will be removed from the worksite and/or accommodations and placed in quarantine. The senior medical practitioner will determine the patient's transportation to hospital. The worksite will be shut down and a thorough deep clean performed prior to any continuation of work.
- All contractors, labourers and any other personnel performing essential services in NFN as directed by Chief and Council must adhere to the directives and protocols in place. This will help to protect the most vulnerable members of our community from being infected and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Departure Practices

- A full report of the completed work and next steps (if applicable) is to be provided to the designate contact prior to departure.
- Chief and Council or designate must be advised of departure by phone call or text.
- If band vehicle was used for in-community transportation, the vehicle should be left at the airport, with the keys in a designated location. The vehicle's keys, interior and door handles should be wiped down with disinfectant wipes.
- Individuals will be required to self-monitor for 14 days after departure from NFN, with any symptoms reported immediately to the Health Department (807) 593-2211.

IN COMMUNITY CONTACTS:

Chief & Council

Chief – Sheldon Oskineegish	(807) 631-6848
Councilor – Michael Sugarhead	(807) 620-6143
Councilor – Richard Roundhead	(807) 620-6139
Councilor – Gershom Beaver	(807) 620-6144
Councilor – Capinias Wabasse	(807) 620-6142

Pandemic Team

Rhoda Wapoose	(807) 631.4951
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Others

Walter Oskineegish	(807) 629-6885
Roger Oskineegish	(807) 214-7024
Jackie Wabasse	(807) 214-7023
Rick Wapoose	(807) 593-2211
Kerena Yellowhead	(807) 620-3007

Nibinamik First Nation	(807) 593-2131
Nibinamik Nursing Station	(807) 593-2211
Nibinamik Lodge	(807) 593-1078
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