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## NOTICE ON COVID-19 TO ALL TENANTS OF WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION AND WHITEFISH RIVER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Whitefish River First Nation is taking a number of measures to protect health and safety due to the COVID-19 pandemic. You can find our notices at <https://www.facebook.com/whitefishriver>.

We remind you that we have a small community with many vulnerable people who are at high risk. We also do not have the kinds of health services available in a major urban centre, and responding to the presence of COVID-19 should it enter our local area would be extremely challenging, presenting extreme risks for all residents and visitors.

We are now operating with reduced community services, and we need to prioritize the needs of community members to obtain these reduced services, such as fire protection, water, and so on.

Due to this unusual emergency situation, all tenants renting properties on WRFN land or WRDC land shall comply with the following measures:

- All tenants are **asked to stay in their home communities**, in accordance with public health recommendations on social distancing and limiting unnecessary travel. We strongly discourage tenants from coming to your cottage rental property at this time.
- **Travel back and forth** to and from WRFN/WRDC lands **is prohibited**.
  - If you are not currently at your cottage, please do not come until further notice.
  - If you are are currently at your cottage:
    - Please consider returning to your home community. WRFN assumes no liability for your health and safety in these circumstances. We cannot guarantee adequate services will be available for you.
    - If you are already here and wish to remain at your cottage throughout the COVID-19 situation, despite our recommendation not to do so, you assume all risk of this choice and we cannot guarantee the availability of services. You must notify the Lands Manager that you are here. You may not travel back and forth, as indicated above. Guests and visitors are prohibited. You must also comply with all prior and future notices about COVID-19 issued to WRFN community members – please locate them on Facebook and read carefully.

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- You must also comply with the requirements in the next bullet point, i.e. self-isolation if it applies to you.
- Anyone now present on WRFN or WRDC lands, or arriving on WRFN or WRDC lands, who has any symptoms **or** who has been in a High Risk Location (see below) within the **previous 14 days** must:
  - Self-isolate for a minimum period of 14 days
  - Notify WRFN Health Services of your presence, name, current location, prior locations attended, symptoms, date of arrival and all other information requested
  - Report to WRFN Health Services if anyone in the home shows symptoms, and comply with all further directions of WRFN Health Services

High Risk Locations For Purposes of this Notice:

- Within Canada, any urban location (whether or not COVID-19 is believed to be present)
- Within Canada, any municipality or region in which there are reported or suspected cases of COVID-19
- All locations outside Canada

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We wish you and your family good health and safety during these challenging times.

On behalf of Chief & Council



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