

Media Statement



FILE HILLS QU'APPELLE TRIBAL COUNCIL

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FHQTC POSTPONES ALL PUBLIC EVENTS AS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

(Treaty 4 Territory) In the wake of the COVID-19 global pandemic and in the interest of taking responsible, pro-active measures to ensure the health and safety of our communities, youth, Elder's, and most vulnerable peoples, **the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council made the decision to postpone all events until further notice.**

The Tribal Council offers programs and services through its location in Fort Qu'Appelle, as well as within the City of Regina, to citizens (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) within Southern Saskatchewan. We are working together to ensure all citizens we serve are informed and have access to essential services during this time.

We take the health and safety of our people very seriously and have begun to take extra precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

PRECAUTIONARY STEPS YOU CAN DO WITHIN YOUR DAILY ROUTINE AND/OR HOME

**Please take the time to take these preventative measures (via Health Canada):*

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 30 seconds, especially after using the washroom and when preparing food.
 - use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available when coughing or sneezing:
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend of your arm, not your hand.
 - dispose of any tissues you have used as soon as possible in a lined waste basket and wash your hands afterwards
- **Avoid** touching your eyes, nose, or mouth *with unwashed hands*
- Clean the following high-touch surfaces frequently with regular household cleaners or diluted bleach (1 part bleach to 9 parts water):
 - Toys, phones, electronics, door handles, television remotes, coffee/bedside tables, etc.
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The membership of the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council are 11 First Nations within the Treaty 4 territory. It is a strong, vibrant organization evolving to assist, enhance and promote First Nations entities and its people, based on the spirit and intent of our Treaties.

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