

PUBLIC NOTICE



File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council

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BORDER CONTROLS ARE NOT BLOCKADES

(Treaty 4 Territory) At this time, we would like to remind the public that Checkpoints, Information Points, Security Teams, and any other form of Border Controls on Reserve are not to be confused with blockades.

These rightful border controls are just one tool to serve the very serious purpose of staving off the COVID-19 virus from the Nations they are implemented on. They are a precautionary measure for public safety. Band Members, essential staff and services, emergency services, medical services, and infrastructure services (such as SaskPower, SaskEnergy, etc), and whomever else deemed safe and/or essential by the leadership of the Nation are allowed to pass through the border controls. **For these essential services (excluding RCMP and medical), please contact the respective First Nation prior to your trip so they can inform their security.**

During these unprecedented times, we ask the public to kindly respect the border controls of our Member Nations. They are not there to intimidate, limit essential and emergency services, and/or entirely shut the Nation off from the world. They are there for the greater good and public safety.

Again, we ask the public to kindly respect the border controls, they are performing an important task with great personal risk to keep a larger population safe. Each Nation with border controls will have different guidelines, regulations, and criteria. We ask all visitors to call the destination Nation beforehand, if you are unsure. Contact information for each one of our Member Nations can be found at:

<http://fhqtc.com/member-first-nations/>

For more information, please contact us at: (306) 332-8200

We take the health and safety of our people very seriously and have implemented these extra precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused, assure you we are working diligently on this matter, and thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

We are asking our members who feel they may be exhibiting symptoms to please call 811 before going to the hospital. As well, a self-assessment tool is available on the Government of Saskatchewan website. For more information, please visit: <http://fhqtc.com/fhqtc-covid-19-updates/>