

**10/30/2020 RECOMMENDED ACTION BY FORT BELKNAP INCIDENT COMMAND AS ADDENDUM TO THE APPROVE TRIBAL RESOLUTION #:** With the influx of positive cases in Blaine County/Fort Belknap over the past 2 week shutdown, the Fort Belknap Incident Command and Fort Belknap Public Health Authority recommends that ***Fort Belknap Reservation be placed on a continued shut down for an additional 14 days beginning 11:59 p.m. Friday October 30, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. Friday November 13, 2020*** to continue contact tracing, quarantine and isolation for any Fort Belknap residents in our jurisdiction – to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

***Special instructions are:***

**Follow all previous safety measures put in place**

Keep everyone in the community safe - <b>stay at home</b>	Wear Masks
Screen and identify high risk employees and individuals and ensure their health and safety	Enforce <b>9:00 p.m. curfew</b> & vehicle impound yard
Work at Home using technology, and work plans to continue service delivery	Encourage public to stay at home while on quarantine or isolation
Avoid group gatherings	Travel ban to hot spot areas
Practice social distancing	Discourage visitors from out of town/state
<b>Alcohol Ban</b>	<b>Early closure of business 7:00 p.m.</b>
Sanitize and disinfect facilities	Enforce at home quarantine
Close public community centers	Health screening
Deliver senior meals & commodity boxes	Personal protective equipment
I.T. investments to enhance tele-work capability and Wi-Fi connectivity	Isolation shelter for positive cases
Restricting outside contractors/screening service providers	Tribal emergency stockpile
Upgrade to LES communications, dispatch and database	Public Alert System

**Agency Tribal Administration Building** – Closed to limit flow of traffic into the building and reduce coronavirus exposure. Health Screener posted at front main entrance.

**Council** – Come in only for signatures as needed, Telework from home, All Meetings via zoom, All business/constituent communication via telephone/email.

**Agency Central Administration** – All Telework from home except 1 Executive Assistant, 1 Assistant to CAO, 1 Recording Secretary, and 1 PBX operator and the CAO for limited governmental services operations. All business/constituent communication via telephone/email.

**Central Emergency Assistance** – will not be available during the 14 day shutdown period.

**Hays Central Administration** – The John Capture Center will be closed to the public. No public access. 1 Executive Assistant, 1 Custodian will be Telework from home...**WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BLAINE COUNTY ALTERNATIVE VOTING DATES SCHEDULED ON THE FORT BELKNAP RESERVATION.**

**Lodgepole Central Administration** – The Kills at Night Center will be closed to the public. No public access. 1 Executive Assistant, 1 Custodian will be Telework from home. ...**WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BLAINE COUNTY ALTERNATIVE VOTING DATES SCHEDULED ON THE FORT BELKNAP RESERVATION.**

**Fort Belknap Incident Command** - daily meetings to take place daily via zoom conference as usual.

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See Attachment 1 – FBIC Tribal Program Status

**VOTING FOR THE UPCOMING NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION**

- Native Voting is considered an essential activity during the shutdown
- Blaine County Alternative Offices will be open at the negotiated and agreed upon dates and locations during the shutdown:
  - October 21, 2020 – Fort Belknap Insurance Building – 10am to 5pm
  - October 22, 2020 – Hays John Capture Center – 10am to 4pm
  - October 23, 2020 – Lodgepole Enemy Killer Center – 10am to 4pm
  - October 28, 2020 – Fort Belknap Insurance Building – 10am to 5pm
  - October 29, 2020 – Hays John Capture Center – 10am to 4pm
  - October 30, 2020 – Lodgepole Enemy Killer Center – 10am to 4pm
- Tribal members are encouraged to use the quickest way possible to return your ballot; you can return your ballot by mail, request a ballot pickup, in-person to the alternative voting location on Fort Belknap Reservation.

**Tribal Enterprises –**

- **FB Housing** Closed with the exception of limited and selective housing maintenance to handle emergencies and renovation work are allowed to continue operating and with the exception of a telework from home system if possible is strongly encouraged during the shutdown.
- **FB Insurance** Closed.
- **FB TERO** Closed. **1 Director and 1 Assistant Telework from home.**
- **Tribal Construction** Closed. 1 Secretary on work from home and with the exception of the outdoor construction work allowed to continue.
- **IMDG** Closed with the exception of a telework from home system if possible is strongly encouraged during the shutdown.
- **PMU** Open and Operating during the shutdown.

**EDUCATIONAL Institutions**

- **ANC** offices and classrooms are physically closed to the public with the exception of selective minimal staff to support general operation and distance learning already in progress. Science and nursing labs and carpentry in shop postponed. Please see college website for changes.
- **Hays/Lodgepole High-Jr. High-Elementary Schools** Open with hybrid model being implemented that provides opportunity for students to distance learn. school lunch program meals allowed to be passed out – no sit down dining; one-directional routing.
- **Harlem Schools** Open with Hybrid Model that provides opportunity for students to distance learn. School is set up to implement safety plans in place for instance of positive COVID-19 case(s). School lunches are allowed to be passed out curbside at the Agency New Community Center, at the discretion of the school.
- **Dodson School** Open under hybrid method (in-class/distance learning) and see school website for pending changes. School is set up to implement safety plans in place for instance of positive COVID-19 case(s). School lunches are allowed to be passed out **curbside at all regular drop off locations on the reservation**, at the discretion of the school.
- **St. Paul's Mission School** - call 673-3123 for updated information.

**BUSINESSES on Reservation close early at 7pm – All who enter must wear mask**

- **Kwik Stop** Open because is essential to provide gas and food, and supplies locally.
  - **Martin's Store** Open because is essential to provide gas and food, and supplies locally.
  - **Red Paint Creek Store** Open because is essential to provide gas and food, and supplies locally.
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- **The Smoke House Grill** Open with limited hours and carryout orders only – no site down dining.

#### Hospitals and Primary Care Programs

- **IHS** going to emergency visits only and virtual medical consultations/appointments only
- **PHN** immunizations postponed during shutdown, all walk-in appointments rescheduled until after shutdown, focus will be on contact tracing, travel restriction instructions, quarantine and isolation guidance
- **Diabetes Clinic** physical office is closed to the public however will be providing virtual appointments only, no-walk ins, no-in-person visits
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Party Centralized Billing** physical office closed to the public and continue to process only emergent medical travel assistance as needed
- **CHR** physical office closed to the public and continue medical drops to homes door steps only

#### Churches, Ceremonies, and Activities

- **No group gatherings, no exceptions**
- **All activities are to postponed, no exceptions**
- **Churches on reservation are included in the stay at home order and are strongly encouraged to host services strictly on-line/virtual**
- **The October 2020 Blaine County alternative election sites on reservation will be open during the shut down**

#### GENERAL SHUTDOWN GUIDANCE FOR ALL

**Plan ahead and get your supplies before the shutdown deadline.** Limit of 2 people per vehicle. Do your essential shopping quickly before the shutdown begins. This step is to reduce driving around and mingling with others during the shutdown period.

**Shut down** is to isolate you and your household so that the health authorities can catch up on contact tracing.

**Stay in your own home during the shutdown period.** If any person does not live in your immediate home – they should not be there, this includes relatives, visitors, friends, children’s friends.

**All travel must be reported in advance to PHN 353-3250, THD Admin 353-2525, or Dr. Show 353-3246**

**Out of the Area Travelers** are restricted from Fort Belknap during the shutdown. No exceptions. **Essential Travel is defined as** short travel for food and supply shopping in close proximity to Fort Belknap or an area that is not listed as a COVID-19 “hot spot” county, city or State. Emergent travel for Medical emergency to Emergency Room at Fort Belknap, Havre, or referred out from ER as needed. An emergent and unavoidable medical appointment at Fort Belknap or to a “hot spot” because of emergent need and recommendation by your medical provider. Commuting to your on or off reservation worksite is essential but only travelling to that work destination and home again is to be practiced.

**Non-essential travel is defined as** extracurricular activity, a group gathering anywhere for whatever the reason, any other travel not defined as “essential” is a non-essential travel and is strongly discouraged at all times during this pandemic and prohibited during the shutdown.

**Fort Belknap residents who commute to work places off the reservation** are encouraged to cooperate with the shutdown efforts by limiting contact on these trips to and from work, and following safety measures; wear masks, wash hands, keep social distance where possible, etc.

**Fort Belknap residents are discouraged from transporting their youth to school basketball practice** to assist with reducing the community movement/traveling and intermingling during the shutdown.

**Checkpoints** will continue to be in place at Route 1 and 66 near Hays main turn off; and at Rout 8 and Hwy 2; to include sobriety checks, turn around visitors, take temperatures, collect data for contact tracing (actual names, actual addresses, no nicknames, current phone numbers) to report to PHN.

**Other miscellaneous activities that are allowed to take place during the shutdown ONLY WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD** are hunting, fishing, farming, ranching, water hauling, biking, hiking, going for walks.