

SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA NATION COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Events and Activities at Sioux Valley
Dakota Nation

Self Government

The recent spike in COVID-19 cases in the Prairie Mountain region and the provincial government's public health orders of no more than 10 people gathering inside and outside has impacted our current community engagement. Our office conducted community engagements the month of July in Sioux Valley Dakota Nation (SVDN), Brandon and Winnipeg. Our goal was to have another round of engagement the month of August however these are postponed until there are changes to the public health orders.

The Self Government Office is complying with the public health orders, there is signage outside our building informing visitors that masks are required, there is a hand sanitizing station and sign in sheet at the door and a maximum limit of 10 people in our boardroom. We continue to encourage people that utilize our boardroom to comply with the COVID-19 protocols for use of the office and boardroom space. We also encourage people to continue to use this space in a safe and healthy way, through scheduling of pre-arranged meetings and booking of the boardroom. Community members can call our office to schedule a time to meet with staff at (204) 855-2760 or via email at info@svdngovernance.com

Community Engagement

In lieu of holding in person engagements our office will be hosting online webinar sessions on specific topics such as the review of the Election Law, Citizenship Law, and general governance updates. There will also be future updates from the Lands Advisory Committee, the newly formed Dakota Language Committee, and on the Child and Family Law. We thank all interested community members that joined the recent engagement sessions and encourage them to continue attending and bring family members to attend and provide feedback to the development of laws for our SVDN.

Cultural Research

Our office began cemetery mapping of the larger cemeteries and will include the smaller family ones the month of September. The purpose of this is to develop maps outlining information of the individual gravesites and to recall graves with no markers or information.

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Invitations were extended to representatives of different families from the Catholic and Anglican cemeteries to come together to collectively remember any information on these unknown/unmarked sites. Together they recalled the majority of the 200 plus sites, and there are more to be discovered as we look into technology to assess areas where there are no markers. The result of all this information will be put into a GPS for the development of maps and a report for future generations. A long-term goal is to explore fire proof markers for all the unmarked sites. Pidamiya ye/Thank you to all the community members who came and shared their time, oral history and knowledge to assist this project.

Committees

The Election Law Review Committee has resumed meetings and is reviewing the current SVDN Election Law to enhance and make revisions with feedback from the community. The current law was passed in November 2015 and based on feedback and experience from the 2016 and 2018 leadership elections it was found that there needs to be additional changes to ensure it runs more smoothly. At the end of the newsletter you will find a new survey seeking feedback from community on various sections of the Law.

The Citizenship Committee has also resumed meetings and is working to develop a law that will determine citizenship for the SVDN in the future. The Committee has reviewed a previously drafted law and is making recommendations to bring to the community through future engagements. The timeframe to vote on this proposed law is December 2020.

A new Dakota Language Law Committee was recently selected, they are: Gerald Bell, Alena Glenys Elk, Marilyn Hall, Kevin Tacan, Lisa Taylor, Judy Wasicuna, and Donell Whitehead. A first meeting of this new committee will occur in September. The purpose of this committee is to help develop and draft a new Law for the protection and preservation of our Dakota language. The Self Government office will be overseeing and coordinating this committee along with a newly hired Dakota Language Writer/Coordinator for this specific project. The timeline for a vote on this new law will be in March 2021.

The Lands Advisory Committee has also resumed meeting since being selected last fall, together with the new Lands Manager, Cheyenne Ironman they will work to develop a new lands management system, review the current law and consider either amending this law to include all of SVDN lands or develop a new one.

Intergovernmental Relations and Implementation Support (IRIS)

SVDN continues to participate in ongoing negotiations with the provincial and federal government as per the Governance Agreement which was ratified in 2012. As Sioux Valley develops a law it triggers the IRIS Committee to review and determine how SVDN's proposed law will harmonize with existing laws. Meetings of the IRIS occur on average 4 times a year or as required. The last meeting was held with the federal and provincial government on August 28, 2020 to discuss the amendment of the Governance Agreement to accommodate SVDN's proposed new Child and Family Law.

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Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination Discussion Table (RIRSD)

In 2018 Sioux Valley signed a Framework Agreement for the Co-Development of a Reconciliation Negotiation Mandate with Canada and Manitoba. These tables are to renew the nation to nation and government to government relationship. A number of internal activities and meetings have occurred since then and there have been ongoing discussions with the provincial and federal governments. Current discussion items include SVDN lands and research.

The proposal submitted to Canada in 2019 was approved however not at the full amount requested. SVDN is making the most of what was received to ensure necessary land research and mapping of traditional territories, economic analysis of loss of lands, community consultations, development of a Dakota language law, and support for ongoing negotiation team, and communications.

A new proposal was submitted in August to fund phase 2 and 3 of the lands research, cultural research, veteran's research and ongoing communication and engagement. Other Items of discussion at the RIRSD table include the conversion of the Brandon Residential Schools lands to reserve lands and the acquisition of new lands in the area.

60's Scoop Update - Collectivia Class Action Services Inc.

The deadline for the "Sixties Scoop Class Action" c/o of Collectivia Class Action Services Inc. was August 31, 2019. There was a further ninety-day extension for the individual claims (December 2, 2019). During this time, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation assisted individuals in completing the forms for the Sixties Scoop Class Action suit. There were 187 individual claims completed.

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation **does not** have information on the individual claims process or payments for this claim. Collectivia Class Action Services Inc. is handling the individual claims and payments.

If you completed the individual claim form with assistance of the SVDN Governance office and you have not received further information regarding your claim, please contact Collectivia directly

Sixties Scoop Class Action
c/o Collectivia Class Action Services Inc.
1176 Bishop Street, suite 208
Montreal, Quebec H3G 2E3
1-844-287-4270 or email at sixtiesscoop@collectivia.ca
<https://sixtiesscoopsettlement.info/>

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60's Scoop – Comprehensive Claim

As part of the work under the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Recognition of Rights and Self Determination table (RIRSD), it was identified that there were significant harms to the community in relation to the 60's scoop. Sioux Valley filed a federal court claim in 2018. This claim is in the courts and is different from the individual claim process. The federal court claim will take into consideration the harms done to the families and community as a whole.

Cochrane Saxberg is handling the court case. There will be further opportunities for community members and families to express the impacts that the 60's scoop had on them. It is too early to discuss specific compensation levels. The overall goal is to record the historical and ongoing impacts the 60's scoop had on Sioux Valley Dakota Nation.

The SVDN Governance office will be facilitating future opportunities for members to record the impacts of the 60's scoop through online and in-person sessions.

Indian Day School Class Action Settlement

Staff at the Governance office have been assisting community members send off their completed Day School Application forms. The deadline to apply is July 13, 2022.

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation **does not** have any school records. This settlement process is being handled by Gowling WLG. You will need to have the form completed, witnessed and have a government issued ID to apply for the Day School Settlement. Application

Forms are available at the Governance Office. If you would like further information on the Indian Day School Class Action Settlement, please contact:

Indian Day School Class Action Claims Administrator

PO Box 1775

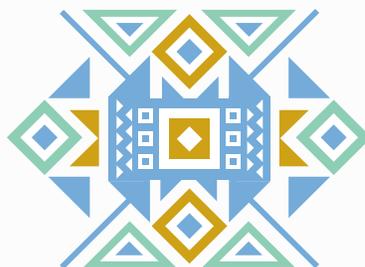
Toronto, ON M5C 0A2

Toll-Free: 1-888-221-2898

Email: indiandayschools@deloitte.ca

website: <https://indiandayschools.com/en/>

Please call the SVDN Governance office at 204-855-2760 to arrange an appointment for pick-up of applications or to fax off completed applications.



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SVDN Governance Consultation Events – July 2020

In July, the SVDN Governance office hosted three consultation events. The events allowed for members of SVDN to participate in the surveys (Citizenship and Election) as well as an opportunity to express their concerns with committee members on the proposed law(s).

Representatives from the Citizenship Committee, the Election Review Committee, the SVDN Lands Advisory Committee and the Dakota Tiwahe Board of Directors attended the three events.

July 14, 2020 – “Meet the Committees” - Sioux Valley Governance Office

Forty people registered for the event. There were door prizes and a bbq lunch. Staff took registrations, handed out surveys and took questions from community members.

July 29, 2020 – “Meet the Committees” – Victoria Inn, Brandon

Twenty-One people registered for the event. Members were notified of this session via social media, word of mouth and email.

July 30, 2020 – “Meet the Committees” – Canad Inns Polo Park, Winnipeg

Nineteen people registered for this event. Members were notified via social media, word of mouth and email.

On August 24, 2020, Prairie Mountain Health Authority was moved to “Restricted – Orange” under Manitoba’s pandemic response system. Under the “Orange” restriction, no public gatherings (indoor and outdoor) to exceed ten people and masks are mandatory in all public areas.

Sioux Valley Governance’s number one priority is the health and safety of the staff and our citizens. SVDN Governance will be looking at alternate methods of community consultations and moving sessions to online formats. Please keep an eye and ear open for future consultation dates and topics. The focus is to provide an opportunity to all members to voice their concerns and comments on the development of our future laws.



Finance Department

Covid-19 Pandemic Funding

Sioux Valley received \$418,338.00 in Covid 19/Pandemic funding from Indigenous Services Canada on April 13, 2020.

Ending August 31, 2020 Sioux Valley Dakota Nation has spent \$539,301.01 on Covid 19/Pandemic expenses for the community, for both on and off reserve membership by way of issuing gift cards, purchasing food and supplies, signage, games and gifts for children, providing security, purchasing laptops and iPads for Education, providing masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and thermometers to every household on reserve.

We are currently running a deficit of \$120,963.01 ending August 31, 2020 and seeking additional funding to provide more supplies for our membership.

ISC Covid 19 Funding Received April 2020										\$ 418,338.00
Covid 19 Expenditures:	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20		
Sobeys Gift Cards Off Reserve Membership	-	56,250.00	12,500.00	125.00	-	-	-			68,875.00
TD Bank Drafts - Off Reserve Membership	-	-	2,067.04	-	-	-	-			2,067.04
Band Unit - Household Cleaning Supplies	-	44,125.00	-	-	-	-	-			44,125.00
COVID Signs (NRG & K Pashe)	-	-	2,211.00	-	-	-	-			2,211.00
Games/Puzzles	-	-	4,824.01	-	-	-	-			4,824.01
Cloth Masks	-	-	300.00	-	-	-	-			300.00
Security Social Issue	-	-	1,200.00	400.00	200.00	200.00	-			2,000.00
Mail Boxes - on reserve homes	-	-	3,135.60	-	-	2,767.68	-			5,903.28
Travel	-	-	414.91	-	-	-	-			414.91
Butcher (J&S/Oak River)	-	-	3,445.73	400.00	2,500.00	-	-			6,345.73
South End Lumber	-	-	873.05	155.00	-	-	-			1,028.05
Fuel	-	152.04	952.72	1,707.62	1,293.60	50.00	-			4,155.98
Disinfectant Supplies	-	913.58	161.01	-	-	-	-			1,074.59
Security PR	-	2,381.12	5,496.95	21,016.82	10,830.37	21,430.80	15,060.19			76,216.25
Security-Cell Water,R&M	-	-	-	281.00	379.22	25.00	-			685.22
Evolution-Video Conferencing System	-	-	-	11,108.00	-	-	-			11,108.00
Groceries/Dry Goods	-	784.39	-	-	-	-	-			784.39
Laptops,Printers	-	13,677.52	-	-	-	-	91,289.06			104,966.58
Respirator Fit Training	567.70									567.70
Staples - laptops for school								99,251.04		99,251.04
Freezer purchase-household food storage								1,500.00		1,500.00
Elder assistance-masks, gloves, cleaning supply		20,250.00								20,250.00
Social assistance-emergency 2 week issue		80,647.24								80,647.24
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Current Covid 19 Revenue & Expense deficit:										-\$ 120,963.01

Sioux Valley Health Centre

Autumn is here now and hopefully the tornado season will soon be over as we slowly head into the winter season. Many things have happened and changed during this time of pandemic as life slows down while we remain vigilant and do things in a careful way to avoid coming into contact with the virus. People are learning to plant gardens, spend time with each other as family and do things around the home and yard because there is no bingo, no movie theatres, sports or recreation activities or anything else we used to do for enjoyment or to pass the time.

All we can do now is be careful where we go, always use hand sanitizers and now masks are mandatory and we can't go into a place of business unless we wear one.

We all have to limit our trips into Brandon because COVID has shown up in many places of business there. If we can plan ahead and make lists and get things done in Brandon in one trip then remain home to spend more time with family the better off we all are.

To that end, we are currently in code Orange which is below the Red code when there will be more restrictions put in place if the rate of COVID keeps increasing. Let's be very careful in how we do things especially if we have to go outside the community.

Be aware and practise what you need to do to keep your families and community safe from the virus. If it means wearing a mask please do so and continually wash hands or use hand sanitizer to clean your hands and don't touch your face or shake hands with people.

In spite of the pandemic, the health office has not closed its doors and continues to provide essential services to members of the community. There are certain areas that have not resumed service since March such as the dental office, recreation activities, Jordan's Principle and prenatal/postnatal activities due to the physical distancing requirements and as precautionary measure for prevention of the virus. The front doors remain locked and appointments should be made if you need to come to the office. There is screening done at the front prior to admittance into the building for safety purposes.

We continue to provide medical care during this time with Dr. Charles Penner resuming his visits to the health office. Dr. Myranda Sopel, has been coming into the community on Mondays for anyone who needs to see a doctor. We also have Jillian Turner, Nurse Practitioner, who comes into the health office every Tuesday and Thursday.

However, if you have cold symptoms please phone ahead and use the north east door at the health office to be screened and seen by the doctor or Nurse Practitioner in a private room. This is a prevention measure to ensure privacy in the event that you may require a COVID test.

For medical transportation, we ask that you attend Brandon only if it's absolutely necessary to avoid the virus. Otherwise please see the medical personnel here at the health office. If you receive a gas voucher please return the signed forms as soon as possible because failure to do so will prevent you from getting another gas voucher. These signed gas vouchers help us to get reimbursement of travel funding from Health Canada-FNIHB.

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Also, please submit your specialist appointment notices outside of Brandon as soon as you get them so they can be sent into FNIHB for approval so that a cheque can be ready prior to your appointment date. **Remember to return signed appointment slips.**

The health centre has ordered and received Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for each public building and they are currently being distributed to each program/building in the community. Prior to the distribution of the AEDs there was 1st Aid training including the use of AEDs provided by the health office to all volunteer fire fighters in the community including health staff who needed to renew their certificates. The training took place on July 22 at the community hall with all participants following the pandemic prevention guidelines. The tables and chairs were placed to maintain physical distancing and hand sanitizers were placed strategically for use by participants.

An appreciation dinner was held at Benny's in Brandon for all Crisis Line volunteers on the evening of Thursday, July 23, to show how much volunteering is valued within the community. Gift certificates were given to the volunteers during the dinner. Benny's was chosen because they were willing to accommodate the needs of our group with physical distancing away from the other patrons of the restaurant.

A Proctorship program has been implemented within the health office with a full time employee tasked with additional duties to provide proctor services to those who require this type of assistance. The proctorship program works closely with Mental Health, Addictions and Medical personnel to provide guidance, medication on a regular schedule and training to those who require additional help in managing their lives so that they are able to achieve their full potential in life.

The Home and Community Care program has undergone some staff changes and we welcome Lydia Taylor as the new Home Care Manager. Additional staff have recently been hired after the Health Care Aides graduation and we welcome Sky Blacksmith and Erica Hotain as new recruits with Danica Hapa returning in July to resume her duties. Long time HCC worker Gina Francis is still on medical leave until November. We all wish her a good recovery.

Please be patient as new schedules are worked out to accommodate the needs of each client. Darryly Hapa reassigned in March from the recreation program to HCC maintenance will continue to provide help to clients. With the large number of clients he is stretched pretty thin at times as he works alone so please await your turn as he works to complete his many tasks.

I want to wish everyone a happy autumn as we move forward into a new season. However, we at the health office want to express sincere condolences to the many families who have experienced loss of a loved ones recently. Let us support each other with kind words and deeds as we go through hardships such as death and sickness especially during this time of pandemic.

Dakota Oyate Lodge

The Lodge remains open 24/7, providing around the clock nursing care for the Elders. As the COVID-19 Pandemic evolves and the Prairie Mountain Health Region moved into a CODE ORANGE, the Lodge has unfortunately had to suspend visitations.

We are hopeful that the infection rate of the Coronavirus will drop, and it will be safe to resume visitations once again. Please do not forget that the Lodge is able to provide 'virtual' visitations via Facetime or Skype. Do not hesitate to call us at the Lodge if you wish to speak with an Elder on the phone or set up a virtual visit.

The Elders have thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful weather this past month and were thrilled to go and visit the buffalo on August 12th. While viewing the herd of buffalo, the Elders enjoyed prayers and a picnic lunch. We would like to extend a special 'thank you' to Tony Tacan and Harold Blacksmith for making this happen.

On August 14th, a few Elders travelled to Brandon to view the Unity Riders and historic flag-raising ceremony at City Hall.

It was truly meaningful to witness this historic event! Our Annual Resident Memorial was held on August 27th on the grounds of Dakota Oyate Lodge. This yearly event is held in honour of the Elders who have gone to join the spirit world. Thank you to the drum group who joined us this year (Shaun Taylor, Bruce Elk, Billy McKay, Donnell McKay, Glenn Pratt) and to Oswald McKay for providing opening remarks and prayers.

Membership

Our office continues to be open but still closed to the public. Appointments can be booked for Status Cards and Registration. Please call and make an appointment.

At this time Membership services will NOT be available at the Brandon Sub-Office. We will update you when we can resume services to this office.

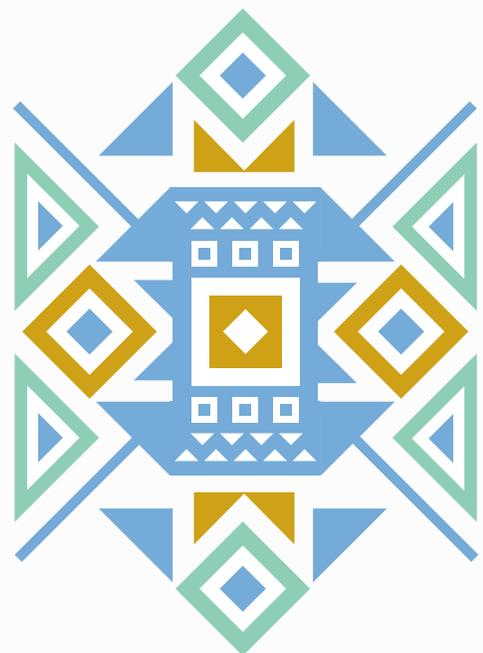
When your status card is expired it is free to renew. If it was lost or stolen there will be a \$50.00 fee for a replacement card. When registering your child please ensure you have a birth certificate as the original birth certificate has to be mailed with the application.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns by:

e-mail - membership@svdngovernance.com

Office phone- 204-855-2671 ext. 304

Cell: 204-922-2705



Dakota Nation Flag Raising

On Friday, August 14th, 2020, Chief Jennifer Bone and Council presented the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation flag to the City of Brandon. Dakota Nation Unity Riders and Dakota Hotain as well as numerous community members were honoured to bring the flag to City Hall.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Harold Blacksmith. Guest speakers included Mayor Rick Chrest, NDP MLA Wab Kinew and BUAPC Leah LaPlante. Through acknowledgement of our unceded territory, we will continue to develop our partnership with the City of Brandon and the Brandon Urban Aboriginal People's Council for all citizens and community members.



Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

Self Government Office – COVID 19 Protocols

Due to the inherent risk of COVID-19, on March 13, 2020 Sioux Valley Dakota Nation (SVDN) closed its public office spaces for the health and safety of the community and the staff personnel. Until the SVDN offices resume operation(s) without restriction, the Self Government Office (SGO) is operating within reduced hours with some staff working from home in a part to full-time capacity. Safety remains our top priority.

Despite the pandemic, there are a number of ongoing duties and activities at the SGO; staff are encouraged to adhere to the current physical distancing guidelines while at the workplace (i.e. spatial distancing of 2 metres or six feet). Outside of this setting, staff are encouraged to continue social distancing measures where practical/possible. Current best practice *Infection Control and Prevention* formulates the basis of our ongoing efforts. In addition, actions will remain consistent with Manitoba Public Health Orders which may be altered from time to time.

A hand sanitizing station will be provided at the front entrance. All individuals seeking access to the space must comply with hand hygiene requirements prior to entry.

For boardroom use, we ask that all programs/people utilizing the space wipe down the chairs and boardroom table before and after use; cleaning wipes and/or cleaners will be provided in the kitchen area of the SGO.

Programs are asked to practice safe social distancing during use of the boardroom – this includes both a reduced number of participants as well as strict adherence to the above noted physical distancing guidelines. In way of example, the SGO has resumed committee meetings, with a maximum number of 8 people, including both committee members and staff, at the table; additional participants are asked to sit on the perimeter of the room.

Telephone and digital communications remain our preferred route of consultation. For office visitors, the SGO will request scheduled appointments to ensure staff are available and are able to provide a safe and clean space. Scheduled appointments will extend to community members seeking assistance completing forms, seeking SGO advice, etc.

The SGO will also ensure regular cleaning each day of high traffic areas, paying particular attention to 'high-touch' objects such as light switches, chairs, tabletops/desktops, and doorknobs. We will continue to practice and monitor all required public health protocols as directed by SVDN and SVDN Leadership.



July 31, 2020

TO: SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA NATION CITIZENS

RE: SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA NATION RESERVE LANDS

It has come to our attention that band members have been entering into lease/rental agreements with non-band members for the use or occupation of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation reserve lands. Also, certain band members have attempted to claim "ownership" over portions of reserve lands to disrupt activities or projects being undertaken by our Nation.

Please be advised as follows:

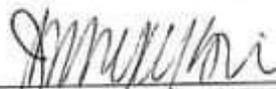
1. Band members do not own Sioux Valley Dakota Nation reserve land.
2. Sioux Valley Dakota Nation reserve land is set apart for the benefit of the Nation.
3. Sioux Valley Dakota Nation reserve land belongs to the Nation. No individual band member has private ownership rights to any part of reserve lands.
4. Any lease or rental agreements between band members and non-band members for use or occupancy or reserve land are illegal and void.
5. Any such lease or rental agreement will not be recognized or honoured by Chief and Council.
6. Chief and Council will be advising all non-band members using reserve land (i.e. farmers) that their lease/rental agreement is void and they are required to vacate the land.
7. Any further attempts by individual band members to interfere with the Nation's use or development of reserve lands will be dealt with by appropriate legal measures.

Also, for your information, Section 28(2) of the *Indian Act* states, "Any lease, contract or agreement of any kind by which a member of a band purports to permit a person other than a member of the band to occupy or use a reserve or otherwise exercise any rights on a reserve is void."

If a band member received rental payments in advance for use of reserve land, it is your responsibility to reconcile with the purported renter. Sioux Valley Dakota Nation will not accept any liability or responsibility resulting from an illegal rental/lease agreement.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA NATION CHIEF AND COUNCIL

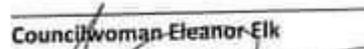


Chief Jennifer Bone

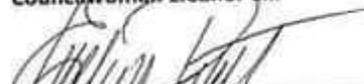


Councilman R. Jamie Hall

Councilman Anthony D. Tacan



Councilwoman Eleanor Elk



Councilwoman Evelyn Pratt



Councilman Elton Taylor

Prairie Mountain Health



Full Region: RESTRICTED

Community transmission of COVID-19 is occurring across much of the Prairie Mountain Health region. New clusters are occurring, but can be controlled through self-isolation, testing and contact tracing so they do not spread further. The health care system is currently able to manage COVID-19 case levels, however changes in restrictions and behaviours are required to prevent further level changes.

Individuals in the Prairie Mountain Health region must:

- Wear a mask in all indoor public places and at all public gatherings (indoor and outdoor).
- Limit public gatherings to a maximum of 10 people indoors and outdoors.
- Stay home when sick.
- Practice social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing and cough etiquette.
- Follow public health guidance on travel and self-isolation.
- Vulnerable people, such as seniors, are encouraged to exercise additional caution.

Previous provisions in place for all other sectors in this region remain in place.

Further direction or additional restrictions may put in place by public health at any time.

The rest of Manitoba remains in the Caution (yellow) level. Public health officials may place the province or other regions or facilities in an elevated response level at any time.

Additional Restrictions

What is considered an indoor public space?

An indoor public space includes:

- any part of an office building where the public has access;
- any part of a retail store or other business where the public has access;
- any part of the common areas of a residential building or shopping mall;
- a health care facility;
- a day care centre or nursery;
- a child care centre or a child care home centre;
- an educational institution or facility;
- a restaurant;
- an elevator;
- licensed premises;

- a motor vehicle used for public transportation, including a bus, taxi, limousine or other vehicle for hire;
- an enclosed place, other than a private residence, in which a private function is being held, including a private club where member or invited person has access; and
- a bus shelter, pedestrian tunnel or enclosed pedestrian walkway.

If masks are mandatory, does everyone have to wear a mask?

There are some exceptions. People who do not have to wear masks include:

- a child who is under five years of age;
- a person with a medical condition that is unrelated to COVID-19, including breathing or cognitive difficulties, or a disability, that prevents them from safely wearing a mask; and
- a person who is unable to put on or take off a mask without the help of another person.

In addition, people can temporarily remove their mask while in an indoor public place to:

- receive a service that requires the removal of their mask;
- actively engage in an athletic or fitness activity, including water-based activities or act as a lifeguard;
- consume food or drink;
- deal with an emergency or medical purpose; or
- establish their identity.

When mask use is mandatory, are there exceptions when masks are not needed?

Masks are not required if people are seated at least two metres from others, or if there is a physical barrier, such as a plexiglass barrier. However, people need to wear a mask at all times while moving to or from their seated position within the indoor public place. In addition, employees, contractors or operators of an indoor public place do not need to wear a mask while they are in an area where members of the public do not normally have access, or if they are behind a physical barrier, such as a plexiglass barrier.



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August 24, 2020

RE: VISITATION RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION

The Dakota Oyate Lodge recognizes that among adults, the risk for severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age, with older adults at highest risk. It is especially important for people at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, and those who live with them, to protect themselves from getting COVID-19.

Due to the increased COVID-19 activity within the Prairie Mountain Health Region as well as the escalated Provincial Pandemic Response of orange, in consultation with Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Leadership, it is decided that the Dakota Oyate Lodge will again implement visitation restrictions effective August 24, 2020. **All visitations are suspended until further notice.**

At this time, we again invite family and loved ones to join us 'digitally' for a visit. For additional information, please feel free to contact me at the above noted numbers or reach us through email at: nurse@svdngovernance.com

We appreciate and value your understanding during this critical time.

Christopher Hersak RN BN

cc. SVDN Chief and Council
SVDN Public Health



Grand Opening



COMMUNITY CENTRE

OCTOBER 2, 2020
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

COME & GO
INVITATION

Refreshments Served



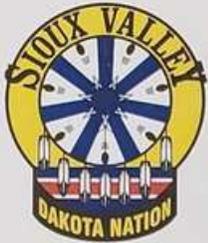
Bannock Hut



SEPT 20-23, 2020

**LOCATED AT SVDN
PETRO PARKING LOT
ORDERS START AT
11:00AM**

COVID-19 MEASURES IN EFFECT



SIOUX VALLEY HEALTH CENTRE

P.O. Box 38 • Griswold, Manitoba • R0M 0S0
Phone 204-855-2690 • Fax 204-855-2833 • Toll Free 1-866-721-0293

August 24, 2020

Chief and Council are providing a Family Care Package for every house in the community.

Each package includes:

20 Face Masks

1 Digital Thermometer

1 Bottle Hand Sanitizer

10 Pairs Medium Nitrile Gloves

10 Pairs Large Nitrile Gloves

Family Care Packages may be picked up at the Health Centre between 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday to Friday. Please provide your house number and your signature is required as well.



Resistance Band Training Classes

September 1, 3, 8 and 10

First Come, First Served

11AM or 1PM

Sioux Valley Veteran's Hall

NOTE: Only 9 people per class. Sign up with Kristi at the SVHC.
204-855-2690 Please bring your mask. Resistance Bands provided.

COMMUNITY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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EMERGENCY (FIRE, POLICE)	911	Sub Office Fax	1-204-728-7528
Crisis Help Line	1-204-512-0874	SVDN School	1-204-855-2536
Toll Free Crisis Help Line	1-888-316-3511	School Fax	1-204-855-3208
SVDN Administration/Finance	1-204-855-2671	SVDN Headstart	1-204-855-2358
SVDN Toll Free Admin/Finance	1-866-721-0293	SVDN High School	1-204-729-2770
Admin Fax	1-204-855-2544	Toll Free	1-877-300-9375
E&T/Post Sec Fax	1-204-855-2436	High School Fax	1-204-727-2054
SVDN Health Center	1-204-855-2690	SVDN Daycare	1-204-855-2413
Health Center Fax	1-204-855-2833	SVDN Daycare Fax	1-204-855-2240
Medical Van	1-204-512-0860	SVDN Gaming Center	1-204-855-2043
SVDN Housing	1-204-855-2380	Gaming Center Fax	1-204-855-2471
Housing Fax.....	1-204-855-2768	SVDN Petro Canada	1-431-645-1000
SVDN Public Works	1-204-855-2052	Dakota Tiwahe Services	1-204-855-2205
Sanitation	1-204-512-0870	Dakota Diner	1-204-855-2956
Water Truck - South End	1-204-851-3681	Dakota Quick Stop (Gas Bar)	1-204-855-3062
Water Truck - North End	1-204-512-0852	Dakota Oyate Lodge	1-204-855-2354
SVDN Social Development	1-204-855-2617	DOL Fax	1-204-855-2908
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Social Development Fax	1-204-855-2679	DOCFS Toll Free	1-866-460-4952
SVDN Governance Office	1-204-855-2760	DOCFS After Hours/ Emergency ...	1-800-263-6237
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Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Election Law Review Committee – Survey #4

Purpose

The current SVDN Election Law was passed in November 2015 and was utilized to run both the 2016 and 2018 Chief and Council elections. Based on the experience and feedback from these last two elections, it was identified that there needed to be additional enhancements to this law to ensure it will run more smoothly for the next SVDN election. The Election Law Review Committee will undertake a review of the current law, provide information and seek feedback from community members both on and off reserve. The Committee has identified a need to ensure community discussions first to hear issues and concerns with the current law, before developing recommended options for change. The recommended changes will be put to a vote in a revised law in the spring of 2021 before the next SVDN Chief and Council election in the fall of 2021.

In this survey the Committee is looking at the 2 specific sections of the current Election Law including: Section 15 Appeal Procedures; and Section 7 Term of Office and comparison to the *Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate Constitution of the People* (December 2007).

Section 7: Terms of Office

The current Election Law outlines a term of office for three years, however this number does not match with the SVDO Constitution Article V 5.03 The Elected Council shall be democratically elected by a majority of the citizenship age eighteen (18) years or older during a general election which shall be held every two (2) years following completion of the second (2nd) year of the term which election shall be conducted and held pursuant to the election laws passed by the Government of Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate to be developed in accordance with this Constitution.

Question: Should the proposed Election Law term go back to a 2-year term of office? Please provide your reasons for yes or no.

Section 9: Appeal Procedures

The current Election Law states the following:

15.1 Within fifteen (15) days after an Election, an Eligible Candidate, who reasonably believes that:

- a) a person declared elected was not qualified to be an Eligible Candidate;
- b) there was corrupt practice or fraudulent practice in connection with the Election; or
- c) there was a violation of this Election Law that might have affected the result of the Election;

may file an appeal to the Brandon Registry of the Court of Queen’s Bench of the Province of Manitoba in accordance with the provisions herein. Upon the establishment of a Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate court, all appeals will be filed in such Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate court, and the procedures referred to herein will similarly be followed with the Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate court.

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Question: Do you agree that appeals should only be heard in Court of Queen’s Bench of the Province of Manitoba or should SVDN develop a specific Appeals Committee encompassed of impartial SVDN members to review and make final decisions on appeals similar to previous Election Codes in the past?

Upon completion of this survey please drop off at the Self-Government Office, or email your answers to info@svdngovernance.com, or call (204) 855-2760 for someone to pick up your survey.

Thank you for your feedback.