

# SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA NATION SPECIAL EDITION COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Events and Activities at Sioux Valley  
Dakota Nation

## Self Government

The Self Government staff would like to give special recognition and acknowledgement to all our Dakota Veterans. We give thanks for their sacrifices and achievements during times of war and peace. We are all descendants and relatives of those who have served, and we will always remember and honour them.

The recent spike in COVID-19 cases in Manitoba and the resulting provincial government's public health order and the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Community lockdown has resulted in changes to our office, community engagement sessions and committee meetings. The impacts to our office are as follows:

- The office is closed to the public and staff are working from home as a non-essential service.
- The office has postponed all in person community engagement sessions.
- The office will host online sessions at the end of November for community engagement.
- All committee meetings will be held via tele-conference or online via Zoom.

The Self Government Office staff can be reached at the email addresses below and through the following phone number **1-204-512-0873**.

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## Self Government

The Sioux Valley Governance office will be seeing clients and community members on an APPOINTMENT BASIS ONLY. Please call 204-512-0873 if you would like to schedule an appointment or email the staff member directly.

A reminder that masks are mandatory in all public areas and offices. We encourage all SVDN Community members to follow all recommended Public Health orders and guidelines regarding COVID-19 and community transmission.

WEAR A MASK

WASH YOUR HANDS

AVOID PUBLIC GATHERINGS AND STAY HOME AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

We encourage those who can to check the SVDN Website [www.svdngovernance.com](http://www.svdngovernance.com) for updates and important information regarding SVDN and COVID-19. All community information is shared to the "SVDN Governance Facebook page."

## Public Works

As an essential service, Public Works will remain open during the Manitoba Code Red and Community Lockdown. The office is closed to the Public. Our office hours are from Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

During this time we will be implementing a schedule for appointments which can be made by calling 204.901.2663. We are keeping our services contactless at this time. When you arrive for your scheduled appointment please park and leave your keys in the vehicle. Then call 204.901.2663 to let the staff know you have arrived.

We are still doing our regular routes for water delivery, septic and garbage disposal. If you need to contact the water trucks or septic truck below is the contact information for each driver:

North End Water Truck: 204.512.0852

South End Water Truck: 204.851.3681

Septic Truck: 204.908.0365

If you cannot contact the driver, please call the Public Works Manager at 204.512.0857.

## Social Development

Changes at the Social Development office are as follows

- Office is by appointment only - Clients **must** call ahead to book an appointment to attend the office. At this time staff will determine if it is absolutely necessary for the client to attend.
- Our doors will remain locked throughout the day.
- Anyone attending the office (including window service) **MUST** be wearing a mask. No exceptions.

Contact information:

Fax: 204-855-2679

**Lyla Tacan**, File Clerk:

Phone: 204-855-2617

[social.assistant@svdngovernance.com](mailto:social.assistant@svdngovernance.com)

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You can also contact us on our Facebook page "SVDN Social Development". At this time there is no need for any Social Assistance after hours services. Any messages received after hours will be answered during the next business day. We thank everyone for their patience and cooperation.

## Brandon Sub-Office - Off Reserve Housing

Sioux Valley Housing Authority Inc. hours of operation are from Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Those attending the office are for immediate needs only. Tenants paying rent, etc.

Sponsorship packages can be mailed, emailed or faxed. Contact the office at 204-728-6012, we will be happy to assist.

As of September 1st, 2020, the Band Membership Clerk will NOT be attending the Sub Office until further notice. Should you need to speak with her, please call 204-855-2671 ext 304 or email:

[membership@svdngovernance.com](mailto:membership@svdngovernance.com).

We are here to assist in any way possible over the phone, email, etc. Being in the Critical or CODE RED we are strongly following all protocols. All person(s) entering the Sub Office are asked to conduct the self-test that is posted on the door, we ask that you wear a mask or face covering that covers the nose, mouth and chin without gapping, hand sanitize. Persons are only allowed access into the lobby.

Pidamiya for your understanding and co-operation during this pandemic. Please be mindful, protect our communities and our families.

## On- Reserve Housing

The Housing office will be closed to the Public and will be available by telephone only during the community lockdown. The office will be available for calls from 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Housing Office- 204.855.3280

After Hours/Weekend: 204.574.8043

Please note that work orders must be given by SVDN Housing to any Contractors before going to any unit. SVDN Housing will be doing Emergency Plumbing and Heating calls only.

All of SVDN vendors and contractors will provide a COVID-19 negative screening before entering the community. All of the proper guidelines will be in place for our contractors, masks/gloves and social distancing will be required.

# Sioux Valley Education

Recent provincial code red restrictions and health requirements have caused Sioux Valley Education to make adjustments to some of our plans and dates.

Please see below.

- No teaching or support staff will be on-site during Provincial Code Red Restrictions. Teachers will continue to provide support through weekly phone calls and online support. Teachers will be available Monday to Friday from 9:00AM to 3:30PM to their students through online support. If students are needing support, please contact the teacher by email. Teacher emails are included in this notice.
- Homework Box will be available at the local school site Monday to Friday from 9:00AM to 5:00PM. Maintenance staff will be monitoring drop off boxes and administration will create a safe teacher pick-up plan to ensure teachers receive student work.
- November's Report Card and parent teacher conferences have been postponed until December.
- November 30th to December 11th extra time will be given for students to finish any outstanding work. We have received many calls of the overwhelming amount of work sent home, this will help offset this issue. This will be a great time to improve grades in all areas.
- Any outstanding school work must be handed in by December 4th to be included in Midterm Report Cards.
- Package #4 and Midterm Report Cards will be delivered on December 10th and 11th.

We appreciate the ongoing efforts of the parents, students, staff, and Sioux Valley Chief and Council. Working together, we will continue to have our students learn and grow through these challenging and unprecedented times. Please remain safe!

## Teacher Emails

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- Daynon.Pratt@siouxvalleyschool.com
- Delonna.Pratt@siouxvalleyschool.com
- Graham.Atkinson@siouxvalleyschool.com
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- Miles.Whitecloud@siouxvalleyschool.com
- Mrs.Innes@siouxvalleyschool.com
- Sherisse.Mckay@siouxvalleyschool.com

Thank you, Sioux Valley Administration

## Membership

Our office continues to be open but closed to the public. Appointments can be booked for status cards and registration. We are opening from 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday to Friday

Please call or email the Membership Clerk at:  
Office: 204.855.2671 ext 304

Cell: 204.922.2705

[membership@svdngovernance.com](mailto:membership@svdngovernance.com)

Please call if you have any questions.

## Post-Secondary Education & Employment and Training

Our location at the Wichozani Center will be open but will remain closed to the Public, this will be effected November 12, 2020 for the duration of the Community Lockdown.

Our current Business Skills program will continue with distance and on-line delivery. We are doing what we can to continue support for all students enrolled in Post-Secondary. Please give us a call or make appointment to come see us if you have any questions or concerns.

You can contact us the following ways:

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[employment.training@svdngovernance.com](mailto:employment.training@svdngovernance.com)

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You can also call the toll-free number at 1.866.721.0293 and ask for the extension number.

Thank You  
Post Secondary and Employment and Training Team.

## Dakota Oyate Lodge

The Lodge remains open 24/7 during the Pandemic, providing nursing care for the Elders.

The contact information for the Lodge is:

Main telephone line (204) 855-2354

Fax number (204) 855-2908

Christopher Hersak (Director) can also be reached via cell phone at 1 204 483-0238 or through email at

[lodge.director@svdngovernance.com](mailto:lodge.director@svdngovernance.com)

We remain committed to keeping our Elders safe and have hired additional Environmental Services Workers. We are utilizing state of the art disinfecting equipment to ensure a clean and sterile environment at the Lodge.

As the risk of COVID-19 transmission is high, only Dakota Oyate Lodge and essential service workers are permitted entrance to the Lodge at this time. Staff and Elders are screened twice daily, and temperatures are monitored closely. All staff at the Lodge are required to wear a mask to reduce the risk of virus transmission.

Unfortunately, in-person visitations remain suspended, but the Lodge can facilitate 'virtual' visits through FaceTime. Loved ones are encouraged to contact the Lodge if they would like to inquire about a virtual visit. Since winter has officially arrived, window visits have concluded and will resume in the spring.

The Lodge is working diligently with Indigenous Services Canada to obtain an outdoor visitation space that would facilitate visitations safely in a temperature-controlled environment throughout the winter months.

# Dakota Tiwahe Services

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As you know Manitoba is now in Code Red under the Pandemic Response System which means we now have to limit some aspects of our agency, in order to protect ourselves and our community.

Effective immediately, due to the most recent update all transports are suspended until further notice. This will be updated as the situation evolves.

As an Essential Service, Dakota Tiwahe Services will remain open however, we ask that you please contact the agency prior to your arrival. Our phone number is (204)855-2205. Contact can also be made via DTS Facebook page.

Please note clients may be telephone screened for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or exposure to a person with COVID-19 before each visit/contact. Home visits will be limited to door knocks. This will be updated as the situation evolves.

Programming will be limited to small groups of no more than 4 participants per session. PPE will be provided. Programming can also be available on a one to one basis, if preferred.

Services currently offered by DTS

- Meat packs-please refer to post on DTS Facebook page-hamper program (based on need)
- curbside delivery of groceries-please refer to post on DTS FB page
- Smudge kit (available upon request & free of charge)

Dakota Tiwahe Services strongly encourages clients/community members to utilize services currently being offered in the community. i.e: doctor, nurse practitioner, lab work, medication delivery, medical transportation. We will work with you to the best of our ability.

## ***Dakota Ojibway Child & Family Services***

Dakota Ojibway Child & Family Services has an office in the community. Our office is located just past the daycare at the former site of Sioux Valley High School Transition, used to be a store location at one point. Our office hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

We do not have a land line yet but we are using a cell phone 1-431-541-6482 until we can get our phone lines installed at our office.

Public access is through the north door of the building. At this time we are following COVID-19 regulations set out by DOCFS as follows:

- Screening of individuals coming to the office.
- Face mask use is mandatory
- Hand sanitizing is mandatory and will be made available.

Our 24/7 after hours number is:  
1-800-263-6237

Thank you and if you have any questions please call.



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Griswold, Manitoba  
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Phone: 204-855-2671  
Fax: 204-855-2544  
Toll Free: 1-866-721-0293

November 10, 2020

**ATTENTION MEMBERSHIP:**

**RE: SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA NATION – COMMUNITY LOCKDOWN**

Community transmission of COVID-19 is happening in Manitoba.

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation (SVDN) will be imposing a community lockdown **effective Thursday November 12, 2020**. A lockdown involves a series of measures that are intended to minimize risk to the Oyate and staff. Early strategic planning and groundwork for evolving and established challenges are crucial to assemble resources and react in an appropriate timely manner.

Reductions of COVID-19 caseloads have been linked with the cessation of public transport, educational institutions, the closing of entertainment and business centers, and the prohibition of public meetings.

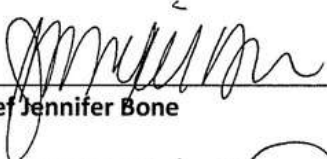
Effective November 12, 2020, many SVDN Programs will be operating from a “*by appointment only*” principle including DakotaNET, the Self-Government Office, Public Works, Health, and Central Finance which remains closed to the public.

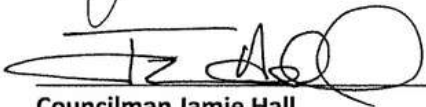
Nonessential travel out of the community is **prohibited**.


Social gatherings are **prohibited**.

Fines that violate public health orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic has more than doubled to \$1,296.00.

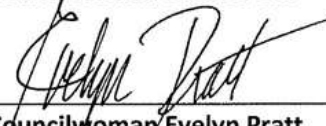
Additional details will be forthcoming.

  
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Chief Jennifer Bone

  
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Councilman Jamie Hall

  
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Councilman Anthony D. Tacan

  
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Councilwoman Eleanor Elk

  
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Councilwoman Evelyn Pratt

  
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Councilman Elton Taylor

# ***Committee Meetings***

***Election Law Review Committee  
Lands Committee  
Dakota Language Committee  
Citizenship Committee***

***Please be advised that all in person committee meetings that were schedule at the Self-Government office are now cancelled due to the new public health restrictions, Manitoba Code Red.***

***The Self-Government Office will be working to schedule online and tele-conferance meetings in the next few weeks.***



# ***Dakota Quick Stop***

**Effective November 14, 2020, Dakota Quick Stop's new hours are:**

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00 am - 4:00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 am - 4:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am - 4:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am - 4:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am - 4:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00 am - 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am - 2:00 pm</b>

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**Please note the following:**

**One (1) person allowed in at a time.**

**Masks are Mandatory.**

**Hand sanitizer use is Mandatory and is provided at the door.**

# COMMUNITY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation  
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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
.....	1-204-855-2592	Dakota Ojibway Child and Family ...	1-204-834-2323
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
.....	1-204-855-3087	KODA 93.5 Radio .....	1-204-855-2532
Governance Fax .....	1-204-855-2131	KODA 93.5 Fax .....	1-204-855-2557
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