



Beausoleil First Nation **Office of Council**

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Re: Message to the Community

Aaniin Chimnissing,

On Monday March 16, 2020, Beausoleil First Nation Council declared a Health Emergency to protect our community from the spread of COVID-19.

Council has declared this emergency allowing the release of resources to deal with the current emergent situation. We have now enacted our Emergency Preparedness Plans and have activated our Emergency Control Group who will be issuing instruction and directing immediate changes to our operations during this time and until the termination of the situation.

Based on the recommendations of the Emergency Control Group and carried by Council Motion #19-0316-02 to approve BCR #141-2020-35, the following extraordinary measures are being put into effect.

- Removal of spending limit of disbursements over \$5,000.00 in relation to emergency only.
- Suspension of P&P in relation to short-term employment contract, not to exceed 89-days.
- Implementation of COVID-19 screening at Christian Island and Cedar Point Ferry Terminals.
- Approval of all official communication to come from the Communications Department, Chief and First Nation Administrator.
- Restrict Ferry Service to essential services only.
- Restrict access to those members who reside on Christian Island year-round, effective Wednesday, March 18th 2020.
- Shutdown of all non-essential Beausoleil First Nation Services, effective immediately.
- Process standard payroll for staff sent home, however staff to remain on stand-by.

If you are a resident who works outside of the community, you have until March 18th 2020 to make arrangements. We are recommending that you do your best to protect you and your family through Social Distancing. Use this time for family time and activities.

- Basic Needs, buy only what you need!
- Don't Panic
- Only go out to Public Places if you have to, but protect yourself at all times
- If you are affected, go into self isolation and call Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000, if you are concerned that you have been exposed.
- A dedicated information line will be developed for daily updates.

Our Communications Department will be providing regular updates as necessary through email, radio and our FaceBook Page. Please assist with getting information to residents who don't have any means of communication.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy Monague', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chief Guy Monague