

COVID-19 UPDATE # 4

April 17, 2020



Thank you, Citizens and community members, for respecting and following the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer during the Easter weekend. Our actions now will determine what happens in the future.

Kluane First Nation government is working diligently to keep our Citizens and community members safe and healthy. On April 6, 2020, the Council of Kluane First Nation (KFN) passed a resolution in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Message from Council

“This resolution endorses the Yukon Chief Medical Officer’s directives and also gives our government the ability to enforce these directives. We hope Citizens and community members continue to follow this guidance. We recognise that it is not an easy time but **Together we can get through this. Please take care of yourself and each other.**”

Chief Dickson and Council

If you see risky behaviour happening, phone the RCMP and report it (867-634-5555). This includes traveling to communities when it is not essential. It is important that no visitors (non-residents) come to Burwash Landing and Destruction Bay.

Resolution Number: **2020-002**

Subject: **Response to COVID-19 Outbreak**

Date: April 6, 2020

WHEREAS:

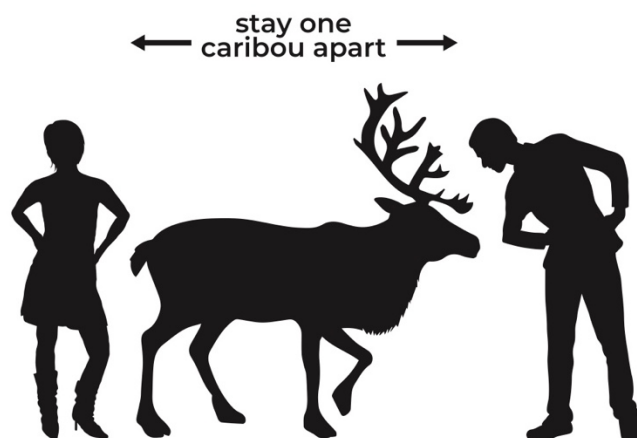
- A. There is currently a rapidly evolving global pandemic situation regarding the outbreak of novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”),
- B. The health & safety of the Kluane First Nation (“KFN”) community and citizens is of primary importance,
- C. In particular, the health & safety of KFN elders, who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 is vital,
- D. KFN faces increased risk resulting from COVID-19 due to its remote location, and reduced access to adequate health care,
- E. As of April 3, 2020, six (6) cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Yukon,
- F. The federal government has requested that people across the country stay home and not travel unless absolutely necessary-in order to curb the spread of COVID-19,
- G. Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer and Yukon Government have introduced measures to respond to COVID-19, including restrictions on non-essential travel and requirements for self-isolation, restrictions on group gatherings and changes to business operations of restaurants, bars, dental offices and mining,
- H. Consistent with KFN’s emergency powers under our Self-Government Agreement, Constitution, and Uk’à Dàts’säláy (Rules for the People) Act and pursuant to our inherent rights as self-governing Indigenous people.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. All KFN Citizens and community members returning from outside Yukon self-quarantine for 14 days.
2. Out of an abundance of caution, KFN also insists that Citizens and community members living on settlement land follow Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) strong recommendation to suspend any non-essential travel to and from Yukon’s rural communities
3. All KFN Citizens and community members living on settlement land feeling cold or flu-like symptoms are to self-isolate for 14 days.
4. All non-essential KFN government offices and public buildings under KFN authority shall be closed to the general public until further notice, staff are directed to work from home, if possible.
5. All KFN Citizens are to practice social distancing, and to try and maintain at least two (2) meters distance between individuals who do not live together in the same home.
6. All KFN Citizens are to not gather in groups. This includes not attending parties.
7. If staff are not able to maintain these recommendations and social distancing, they will be required to self-isolate.
8. All KFN Citizens are to follow the recommendations of federal and Yukon public health officials by staying home, limiting all non-essential travel (including within the community and to Whitehorse), and working from home, where possible.
9. All non-essential travel to KFN traditional territory from other regions in the Yukon and Canada be minimized, where possible, and where not possible, the instructions above will be followed.
10. All business in KFN traditional territory are strongly encouraged to take steps to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, including additional sanitization and implementing measures to ensure social distancing between patrons and staff, such as offering take-out only and locking doors when necessary. This could include asking RCMP for help.
11. KFN Council will continue to monitor the situation closely, and if required shall implement enforcement measures for the above to ensure health & safety to all members of the KFN community. This could include asking RCMP for help.
12. KFN Council will check reports daily and reconvene on an emergency basis as required.

What does physical distancing look like?

(also known as “social distancing”)



(or 2 metres/6 feet)

Note: please stay at least 90 metres / 300 feet away from actual caribou.

