



English River  
First Nation

## COVID-19 EMERGENCY MEASURES

### PUBLIC NOTICE – June 3, 2020

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English River First Nation Chief and Council declared a state of emergency under the ERFN Emergency Measures Bylaw No. 2020-001, effective March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as a result of the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Please note that several **legal orders** are now in place for English River First Nation's Patuanak and La Plonge reserve communities as part of ERFN leadership's efforts to protect and preserve the life, safety and health of the nation and its members. These legal orders are set out in Band Council Resolutions that are available on the ERFN website ([www.erfn.net](http://www.erfn.net)).

Below is a summary of the legal orders currently in place and the penalties for those who do not follow them:

- non-residents of the Patuanak and La Plonge reserves are prohibited from entering the reserves unless the non-resident is a spouse or child of a person resident on either reserve or providing an essential service or supply;
- a mandatory curfew is currently in place for residents who are 17 years old or younger and live on either the La Plonge or Patuanak reserves. They are to remain in their homes between the hours of midnight to 6:00 am;
- other than in limited circumstances, public or private *outdoor* gatherings in the Patuanak and/or the La Plonge reserves are limited to 30 people so long as each person can maintain a 6 foot distance between each other;
- other than in limited circumstances, *indoor* public or private gatherings in the Patuanak and/or the La Plonge reserves are limited to 15 people so long as each person can maintain a 6 foot distance between each other;
- it is recommended that residents self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms if they travel 15 km beyond Beauval, SK;

- all residents of the Patuanak and La Plonge reserves who travel outside the Province of Saskatchewan, including international travel, within the previous 14-day period must self-isolate upon their arrival back to either reserve for a 14-day period calculated from the date of their arrival back into either reserve;
- other than in special circumstances, residents of the La Plonge or Patuanak reserves are not permitted to leave or return to the La Plonge reserve unless, and in each instance only if a maximum of four people travel together in a vehicle, to obtain goods and services, seek medical attention, exercise traditional practices or other situations are pre-approved by Council in writing;
- the band office shall be open for a limited period of time between June 8 to 19 only and only between 10 am to 2 pm on week days.
- all ERFN residents who experience any COVID-19 symptoms (dry cough, difficulty breathing, or fever) must self-isolate in their homes and immediately notify the Pandemic Planning Committee for guidance;
- all ERFN residents who know, or ought to know, that they have been exposed to COVID-19 must go into self-isolation in their homes for 14 days and must inform the Pandemic Planning Committee;
- if any ERFN resident tests positive for COVID-19, then that person and all persons who are household members or close contacts of that person must immediately go into mandatory self-isolation in their house, and must not leave their homes until such time as they are formally permitted to do so by the Pandemic Planning Committee;
- Bylaw Enforcement Officers and/or the R.C.M.P. have been empowered to enforce these orders;
- anybody who violates any of these orders may be fined up to \$1,000, imprisoned for up to 30 days, and/or evicted and removed from any or all ERFN reserves;

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