



PIB Notice to Community

February 1, 2021

PIB Chief and Council and the Emergency Operations Centre fully support the recommendations of the Health Team, to close down all services and buildings for a two (2) week period. They are our front line of defense against this virus and have done an exemplary job.

PIB teams and community have held back COVID for nearly a year. We have had time to plan and make preparation for this and the number one message was (and still is), "We cannot overburden our Health Care System by not abiding by these restrictions".

The PIB Health Care System consists of a handful of trained staff. With a Community of our size and with Twelve (12) positive cases and over 100 people self-isolating and monitoring for symptoms, we cannot deny that we risk overwhelming our staff and will need the support from other departments and professionals from outside our community.

When we complied with the Provincial shutdown in the spring of last year, it was a very difficult time because we had not really done that in contemporary times. Our departments and community have had time to prepare for the eventuality of another serious situation like this.

We had S&S continue, had online community engagement and activities with Natural Resources and Custom Election Code, we held a referendum



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and two elections, and even see people playing stickgames and bingo online. Band Meetings are a cool place to be again!

We want to send out our appreciation for people like Percy Lezard, they are offering Zoom Check-in sessions and drop-in online socializing, so our people don't get as lonely as we did last year.

PIB's Natural Resources are stepping up with support from our Guardian Program

To clarify, this is not a lockdown, however we are asking all residents of PIB to stay home and only go out when necessary.

What does “when necessary” mean? It means:

- If you have not been told to self-isolate and must go to work...go to work.
- If you have not been told to self-isolate and have a doctor's appointment...go to it
- If you have not been told to self-isolate and need groceries...go but try to do it only once a week.
- Neither myself nor anyone in my household have been told to self-isolate, do I send my kids to school...yes you may, but please note, PIB Schools and Daycare remain closed.



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- It's my uncle's birthday and we always go to his place and have cake and a bonfire....NO. PIB Chief and Council, PIB EOC, PIB Health, the Provincial and Federal Health Officers have all said that gathering outside of our own households is too much of a risk.
- The idea is only to be away from your home for a minimum period of time.

What does this mean for our PIB Businesses:

- will continue to operate safely.
- will continue to have staff complete the wellness check before reporting to work
- will ensure that Provincial and Federal Health Guidelines as recommended by Worksafe BC will be applied

This period of extreme caution is in effect until February 13 but is subject to change based on new case and exposure information because it will change the incubation period for our community population.

If you need a COVID Test, please call PIB Health (250)493-7799