



Songhees Nation

Statement from Songhees Nation Leadership

March 23, 2020

To: Songhees Nation community,

Songhees Nation staff and council are continuously monitoring the rapidly evolving developments regarding COVID-19.

Due to the ongoing and increasingly unsafe spread of the covid virus pandemic we regret to inform you that all Nation lead programs and events are postponed and the Songhees Wellness Center will remain closed until April 14, 2020. The Health and safety of our members, staff and community at large remains our top priority.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as our staff work diligently remotely to offer essential services, please be assured the following essential services are available:

- Social assistance
- Telephone and facetime counselling / mental health supports
- Nurse Practitioner – Danielle available at Cool Aid Society 250-385-1466
- Nurse Practitioner / Doctor available at VNFC – 250- 384-3211
- Child protection /MCFD advocacy and support
- Post Secondary living allowance
- Support / advocacy accessing public Health systems
- Infrastructure and public works
- Elder shopping support
- Telephone, video nursing; guidance

In addition to these services please take a moment to fill out a needs assessment survey available at: <https://www.songheesnation.ca/contact/support-survey>

This data is very helpful to our team to get as many supports to the community as possible, thank you in advance for your participation.

All updates in regard to closures, essential services and Ministry of Health announcements will be made on the Nations social media pages, and through email distributions.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to staff and contacts on the attached emergency contact list if you should have any further questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Chief Ron Sam

Rosa Horne
Executive Director