

## Adams Lake Indian Band

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# ALIB Community Communique

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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*Submitted by Chief & Council & Justice  
Department*

### **ALIB Band Council have PAUSED any NEW Cannabis Businesses on their reserves.**

On January 25, 2022, Chief & Council passed a Band Council Resolution (BCR) to endorse a moratorium on any 'new' Cannabis retail operations on Adams Lake lands for a period of one year. This pause will enable the research, collation & presentation of a Cannabis governance model that will address public health, safety & environmental concerns.

When Cannabis became legal in 2017, it opened the opportunity for retail under a Provincial license, but First Nations were not included in the development of this legislation. The Federal Government left it up to each First Nation to initiate their own Governance model to regulate the industry within their own territorial boundaries. The situation gave opportunity for First Nations people to enter this market, exercising their own rights, within their own lands.

Some ALIB community members have taken advantage of the opportunity to enter the Cannabis market initiating retail businesses on IR4 & IR6 reserves despite the absence of ALIB regulations, guidelines, or bylaws. This lack of guidance has caused confusion and concerns around potential health, public safety, and environmental waste implications, in addition to creating over-saturation, congestion and traffic concerns. Band members who choose to enter this industry must exercise caution in their partnership selections, as any partnerships can affect fellow Band mem-

bers and businesses on a greater level.

Key considerations moving forward:

- ALIB must develop a Cannabis Bylaw & operational procedures to assist in management of new businesses post-moratorium.
- Public Safety is an important aspect for any business. Proper guidelines will be researched & options presented to Chief & Council at a future date.
- Depending on the Governance model, a compliance component will be required.

Thus, further Cannabis Meetings will be forth coming for further community input. In consultation with membership, residents, businesses, First Nations groups and others.

Band Council supports the BC Assembly of First Nations and First Nations Leadership Council representatives on the Joint Working Group on the development of a BC First Nations Cannabis strategy and to advocate for the provincial and federal governments to recognize First Nations jurisdiction with respect to cannabis on-reserve and within First Nations respective territories, whether implemented through inherent rights and laws, First Nations land management laws, government to government agreements, or any other self-determining means.

A coordinated and strategic approach to the development and implementation of a BC First Nations Cannabis Strategy which should address the topics of jurisdiction, law making and regulations, enforcement, economic development, taxation, revenues, health, safety, and education, among others, as they relate to cannabis.

Taking this pause will give ALIB the opportunity to address and manage the Cannabis industry to ensure we operate in the best way possible.



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### ALIB Community Health COVID Update

COVID in our Community: Active cases - 4

COVID in Interior Health Authority: Active cases - 5581  
(population 800,000)

COVID in BC: Active cases 37,224 (population 5,800,000)

#### Updated Public Health Orders (per Jan 19)

Exercise & group fitness are allowed with COVID safety plan required.

Indoor Events are also allowed with reduced capacity and COVID safety plan required.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions>

Masks: FNHA recommends continued 2 or 3 layer medical mask use. Fabric masks can be used, but should have an additional liner added.

N95 masks are used for high risk medical exposure only and are fit tested for effective use.

#### Covid Positive or Isolating?

1. Notify your Community Health Nurse
  - We will provide PPE and cleaning supplies
  - We will provide one household purchase order for up to \$100 for groceries
  - We can assist with shopping/delivery.
2. If you used a Rapid Antigen Test, follow isolating/ re-testing guidelines and please self report your positive results to [www.BCCDC.ca](http://www.BCCDC.ca)
3. Review FNHA benefits regarding COVID benefits
4. If your symptoms are worsening see your GP, or seek medical attention via Emergency Dept or 911 if required.
5. Follow healthy living practice; drink lots of fluids, rest, use Tylenol/ Ibuprofen as needed for fevers and aches, add in extra vitamins such as vitamin D, vitamin C, zinc.

#### Rapid Tests have arrived!

Rapid Tests are done at home by you!  
Easy to follow directions are provided.

We have specific criteria on who can access these tests, as we have no details on re-ordering more test kits.

Client **MUST** have COVID symptoms to access these tests.

**One or more** of fever, cough, loss of taste, loss of smell, or shortness of breath, Or

**Two or more** milder symptoms, such as sore throat, loss of appetite, extreme fatigue or tiredness, headache, body aches, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea;

#### AND be in a Priority test group:

Those 55 years of age and older;

Are pregnant;

Those working or living in high-risk settings,

Those with certain higher risk medical conditions,

Individuals receiving immunosuppressive therapy;

Essential service workers

During office hours, call your **Health Nurse** for screening. Contactless Pick up or Drop off is available.

Testing center In Salmon Arm can also provide RAPID or PCR testing :, call [1-877-740-7747](tel:1-877-740-7747) for assistance between 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. 7 days per week.

Please Follow the Positive test results handout, about isolation guidelines, isolate from the date of onset of symptoms

#### ISOLATION FOR CLOSE CONTACTS:

Isolation for Close Contacts is no longer required.  
Please self monitor x 10 days for symptoms

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### **ALIB Community Health Communique**

#### **Community Health Nurse Contact Numbers**

Chase Health Center 250-679-7726 ext 2356 Manon RN

Pierre Moyese Health Center 250-833-0356 ext 3106 Jacquie RN

Hello members,

The Health Team has been reviewing the 2022/2023 Operating Plan and Strategic Planning is coming up next month. Please contact your Community Health Nurse with suggestions, program planning, ideas that you would like to have considered. [jeden@alib.ca](mailto:jeden@alib.ca) or [mtremblay@alib.ca](mailto:mtremblay@alib.ca)

#### **House Accessibility**

Do you have a family member who requires a wheelchair or walker for safe mobilization?

ALIB Health Team is collecting information to see how many members may require a ramp to safely access their home.

[jeden@alib.ca](mailto:jeden@alib.ca) or [mtremblay@alib.ca](mailto:mtremblay@alib.ca)



#### **Traditional Healers/ Knowledgekeepers**

The Health team is looking to gather and incorporate traditional healing and medicines into our health care program. If you would like to be involved in this aspect, please contact [jeden@alib.ca](mailto:jeden@alib.ca) or by phone.

## Vaccination Clinic Information:

There are no on-site vaccination clinics available at Chase or Glen Eden at this time. Please access the publicly available Vaccine Clinics at the following locations:

### **Influenza and School Based Vaccinations:**

Please call Chase Public Health : 250-679-3312 or Salmon Arm Public Health 250-833-4100

Your Local Pharmacies also carry Influenza vaccines

### **Local COVID 19 Clinics :** [Call to book 1-833-838-2323](tel:1-833-838-2323)

#### **Age 5 – 11 at Chase Health Centre**

January: 26, February: 2, 9, 16 & 23

Booked Appts only

[Registration & Booking Link](#)

#### **Age 12 + at Chase Health Centre**

January: 26, February: 2, 9, 16 & 23

Dose 1 & 2: Walk-ins Booster Dose: Booked Appts.

[Registration & Booking Link](#) 9:00 am - 3:15 pm (Closed 11:45 am-12:45 pm)

#### **Age 5- 11 – at Salmon Arm Health Centre**

January: 28, February: 4, 11, 18 & 25, March: 4, 11, 18 & 25

Children 5-11: Booked Appts.

[Registration & Booking Link](#)

#### **Age 12 + at Salmon Arm Little Mountain Field House**

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

January: 24, 25, 27, 28 & 31

February: 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26 & 28

Dose 1 & 2: Walk-ins

Booster Dose: Booked Appts.

[Registration & Booking Link](#) 9:10 am - 3:50 pm (Closed 12 - 1 pm)