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Blueberry River First Nations on Level 1 Alert September 24, 2023

ATTENTION: Local Community Members of Blueberry River First Nations

Blueberry River First Nations remains at Alert level 1 due to the heavy smoke surrounding the community, the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) will be situated within the Blueberry Health Centre Boardroom from Monday – Friday, between 9:00am and 4:00pm. In light of ongoing fire monitoring and deteriorating air quality, we will be setting up a Clean Air Centre in the Community Hall. If you have any health concerns, please visit the band office.

Here are steps to maintain clean air indoors during the fire season. To maintain clean air indoors during the fire season, follow these detailed steps:

- 1) ******Stay informed****** Keep yourself updated about the local air quality and fire conditions through official sources, weather reports, or emergency alerts.
- 2) *****Seal Windows and Doors***** Ensure that all window and doors are tightly sealed to prevent outdoor smoke from entering your home. Use weather stripping or sealant if necessary.
- 3) *****Use Air Purifier***** Invest in high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters or air purifiers. Place them in common living areas to help remove smoke particles from the indoor air.
- 4) *****Avoid Using Combustible Materials***** Refrain from using fireplaces, candles, or gas stoves during fire season, as they can contribute to indoor air pollution.
- 5) *****Limit Outdoor Activities***** minimize outdoor activities, especially if you have respiratory conditions, children or the elderly in your household. Stay indoor as much as possible.
- 6) *****Create a Clean Room***** Designate one room as a “clean room” where you can go to breathe cleaner air. Use a HEPA filter in this room and keep the door closed.
- 7) *****Use N95 Masks***** if you must go outdoors, wear N95 masks or respirators to reduce exposure to harmful particles in the air.
- 8) *****Avoid Smoking***** if you or anyone in your household smokes, refrain from smoking indoors during the fire season, as it adds to indoor air pollution.
- 9) *****Cooking safety***** Use the exhaust fan when cooking to reduce indoor air pollution. Opt for microwave or toaster oven instead of gas stoves or ovens.
- 10) *****Monitor Indoor Air Quality***** Use indoor air quality monitors to track pollutant levels and adjust your activities accordingly.
- 11) *****Stay Hydrated***** Drink plenty of water to help your body cope with potential exposure to smoke and to stay hydrated.

- 12) *****Prepare an Emergency Kit***** As a precaution, have an emergency kit ready with essential supplies, including non-perishable food, water, flashlights, batteries, and first aid supplies.
- 13) *****Evacuation Plan***** Familiarize yourself with the community's evacuation plan and be prepared to follow it if the situation worsens.
- 14) *****Stay in Touch***** keep in touch with local authorities and community leaders for updates and instructions on how to stay safe during the fire season.
- 15) *****Regularly Clean Filters***** if you're using air purifiers or HVAC systems with filters ensure they are cleaned or replaced regularly to maintain their effectiveness.

Remember the severity of indoor air pollution during a fire season can vary, so it is essential to adapt these steps based on the specific conditions in your area. Prioritize your health and safety by following official guidance and taking appropriate precautions.

Please refer to Emergency Response Plan, for key contact personnel, we are committed to your well-being, stay calm, the community is not in Imminent Danger, this is a safety precaution.

Please for safety precautions have a grab and go back ready.

WHAT TO TAKE: Essential Items for each Family member, including,

- Medications: Bring adequate supply of prescription medication
- Clothes and personal items: Pack a few changes of clothes, including comfortable shoes. Don't forget personal hygiene items.
- Important documents: Carry Copies of identification cards, passports, and insurance policies. Include other vital records if possible.
- Pets and their necessities.

UPDATES:

- We will update members via FACEBOOK and all other Social Media Platforms owned by the Nation. All Post will be made by Trinity Desjarlais, and Carolyn Moore-Robyn

TRANSPORTATION:

- If you have a vehicle, help others without transportation if you require assistance for transportation, please contact Alan Apsassin

QUESTIONS:

- If you have any questions, please contact our EOC Director, Lynn Harvey, 250-261-2581, she is working closely with the Emergency Team or myself Chief Judy Desjarlais 250-224-7441



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BRFN Emergency Response Plan & Directory

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