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RESOLUTION

Amending Resolution 16-2018 Updating Phase 3 of the "Blackfeet Tribe Phased Protocols" of the "Blackfeet Tribal Emergency Operations Plan" (2018)

No. 222-2021

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council is the duly constituted governing body within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Indian Nation pursuant to Section 16 of Act of June 18, 1934 and Amendments thereof, and

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council has been organized to represent, develop, protect and advance the views, interests, and resources of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, and

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council is empowered, pursuant to Article VI-Powers of the Council, Section 1(e) to manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Blackfeet Reservation; and, Section 1(g) to manage tribal affairs in an acceptable and businesslike manner and in accordance with the administrative plan called the Plan of Operations; and, Section 1(k) to promulgate ordinances for the purposes of safeguarding the peace and safety of residents of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, and

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council enacted *Ordinance 121*, entitled "*Blackfeet Tribe COVID-19 Ordinance 121*" to limit the risk of infection from the pandemic outbreak of COVID-19 to members and residents of the Blackfeet Reservation on April 1, 2020 for the purpose of developing policy in response to the novel coronavirus outbreak, and

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council adopted Resolution No. 324-2020, entitled *“Amending Resolution No. 92-2018 to Include Pandemic Standard Operating Procedures within the Blackfeet Tribal Emergency Operations Plan of 2018”* to address communicable disease outbreaks, more importantly those outbreaks where the scientific and medical community were learning on a daily basis about the new Coronavirus to which, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issues changing guidelines in response to the new data on the virus, and

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council adopted Resolution No. 16-2021, entitled, *“Amending Resolution No. 92-2018 to Include “Blackfeet Phased Protocols”, “Data Management Policy”, and “Spreadsheet Reporting Model” as a Support Annex to the “Blackfeet Tribal Emergency Operations Plan (2018)”*,

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council has determined that Phase 3 of the Phased Protocol plan must be updated to allow for the updated regulations permitting the further opening of the Blackfeet Reservation, consistent with the current infection, hospitalization and vaccination rates, now


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. **Amending Phase 3 of “Blackfeet Tribe Phased Protocols” of the “Blackfeet Tribal Emergency Operations Plan (2018)”**. The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council hereby amends the “Blackfeet Tribal Emergency Operations Plan” (2018), Resolution No. 16-2021, updating Phase 3 of the “Blackfeet Tribe Phased Protocols” of the Support Annex, to which, is hereby attached and incorporated into this Resolution by reference.
2. **March 15, 2021 Effective Date for Phase 3.** The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council hereby approves the effective date of Phase 3 as March 15, 2021.
3. **Delegation of the Support Annex to the Blackfeet Incident Command Center under the Blackfeet Tribal Emergency Operations Plan.** The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council hereby delegates the administration of Blackfeet Tribal Support Annex addition to the Blackfeet Incident Command Center, including the discretionary power to make decisions within phases and to change phases when such decisions are based on recommendations from the medical and scientific community, as prescribed in the Blackfeet Tribal Emergency Operations Plan (2018) as amended, through administrative orders or notices. Changes to the Support Annex legislation shall require amendment by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council.
4. **Repeal and Replacement of Current Resolutions.** The Blackfeet Tribe Incident Command Center shall make legislative recommendations for repeal and replacing current Resolutions which may become outdated or conflict with current response-best practices.

5. **Transparency.** The Blackfeet Incident Commander shall approve all public notices and release of data according to current laws, and transmit such notices to the Public Information Officer for publishing to all local media.
6. **Public Advertisement.** The Public Information Officer shall make notice of this Resolution effective immediately to the local media.
7. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman in the Chairman's absence and Secretary of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council are hereby authorized to sign this Resolution and any other documents to effectuate the purpose of the intents of this Resolution.

ATTEST:



LAUREN J. MONROE, JR.
Secretary

THE BLACKFEET TRIBE OF THE
BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION

TIMOTHY F. DAVIS
Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council in a duly called noticed and convened Special Session assembled for business the 9th day of March, 2021, with Seven (7) members present to constitute a quorum and by a vote of Seven (7) For, Zero (0) Opposed and Zero (0) Abstained.

(SEAL)


LAUREN J. MONROE JR., Secretary
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council

Phase 3: New Normal

How to determine when to be in this phase:

1. Continued decline in daily cases; and
2. Continued decline in hospitalizations per week for two (2) consecutive weeks; and
3. All symptomatic people, all asymptomatic high-risk individuals, or contacts can access testing; Increasing number of tests per day, nearing sufficiency; and
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5. As recommended by Health Officials, vaccination statistics for the Blackfeet Reservation reach 50%, indicating that all elders and other vulnerable members of the population have received the opportunity to become vaccinated.

Sector	Protocols
Tribal Workforce	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All tribal employees will be supported to conduct work from home, if appropriate for their position.2. Tribal Offices will remain closed until further notice.3. All Programs are required to ensure public services continue to the public remotely when possible.4. Tribal staff presenting for in-person work will be screened for COVID symptoms at the beginning of every shift and will routinely submit to a COVID test on a bi-weekly basis for purposes of quickly identifying outbreaks.5. Breakrooms and employee gathering spaces may be open.6. Employee travel may resume with approval by Incident Command, factoring in the risk of travel.7. Program Infection/Response Plan <u>Resolution No. 332-2020</u> shall remain in effect.
Community	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Community members</u> continue to practice social distancing, mask wearing, and proper hand hygiene while in public settings; and, are encouraged to regularly test and receive vaccination.2. <u>Masks</u> are required in all public places.3. <u>Travel</u> should be reconsidered if such locations are experiencing outbreaks.4. <u>Tribal Laws regarding COVID-19</u> to remain in effect under <u>Resolution No. 222-2021</u>.5. <u>Curfew</u> is 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. for persons under the age of 18 years.6. <u>Public gatherings</u> are required to maintain social distancing, mask wearing, and proper hand hygiene. Gatherings, including but not limited to funerals, weddings, birthdays, sporting events, and spiritual gatherings must have a plan following COVID guidelines and be approved by the Safety Officer, Tribal Public Health Officer and Incident Commander.7. <u>Recreation</u> is open to all residents of the Blackfeet Reservation, until further notice.

Businesses	<p>Additional business activity may open upon administrative order of the Revenue Director under the current Business Regulation Order, pursuant to <u>Resolution No. 224-2021</u>. Businesses to comply with the "Minimum Standards" as listed at the bottom of this table.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>CAPACITY</u>. 50%-75% maximum occupancy allowed for indoor facilities with approved businesses plans by the Revenue Director. Outdoor facilities shall follow the same capacity if social distancing cannot be maintained. 2. <u>ADDITIONAL PERMITTED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES</u>. In addition to those business openings permitted under Phase 2 and the current Business Regulation Order the following business activity is permitted by administrative order. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Restaurant Dine-in. b. Lodging common areas. Reservations related to tourism are not permitted until approved by Council. c. Bars. d. All other NBO's as approved by incident command/Public health pursuant to administrative order of Director of Revenue. 3. <u>ALCOHOL SALES</u>. Alcohol Sales shall resume under current Alcohol Ordinance with hours from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.
Schools	Schools offering in-person school instruction shall have appropriate plans to reduce or eliminate COVID-19 transmission in school settings. Plans for re-opening should be shared with BTBC and Tribal Public Health Officers.
Sports	Sporting events shall require a safety plan for players and spectators that follow COVID-19 guidance as approved by the committee including the Safety Officer, Tribal Public Health, Incident Commander. Such plans shall follow public gathering rules as listed in "Community" above.
Further Opening	<p>Upon sustained decline in statistics for COVID-19, the Council shall consider the following further action under this Phase:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening the Tribal Offices to the Public; 2. Eastern border opening to Glacier National Park; 3. Removal of capacity limits; 4. Reduced regulation by Blackfeet Incident Command and Blackfeet Department of Revenue; 5. Permitting non-resident recreation on the Reservation, including fish wildlife recreation (unless allowed by current Fish and Wildlife lotteries); 6. Tourism activity, including lodging reservations; and 7. Permitting large events regularly scheduled on the Blackfeet Reservation such as North American Indian Days, Rodeos, etc.
Moving Past Phase 3	Upon future availability of vaccines to children and achieving herd immunity, the Council shall consider the conclusion of the Blackfeet Tribe's State of Emergency (Declared March 15, 2020); Ordinance #121 (April 1, 2020), and this Phased Protocol Plan (Amended March 9, 2021), depending on the guidance of the medical and scientific community.
	*If an outbreak of infection occurs, Blackfeet Incident Command and Department of Revenue shall regulate closure and opening upon successful infection response control.