



PBCN-EOC Update

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Repatriation, Security Measures and Public Health Advisory for Pelican Narrows Evacuees

Due to improved weather conditions, healthy evacuees with their own vehicles may begin returning to Pelican Narrows.

✅ **The road from Smeaton to Pelican Narrows will reopen tonight at 7:00 PM to allow safe travel.**

🚧 CHECKPOINT & SECURITY MEASURES

Security checkstops will continue to be in place at the Pelican Narrows bridge to support both wildfire-related safety operations and ongoing community security priorities.

CPS staff may:

- Request photo ID
- Ask brief screening questions
- Conduct vehicle checks if necessary
- All vehicles and adult occupants will be logged, including license plate numbers and times of entry.
- No sensitive personal information will be collected.
- These logs help monitor suspicious activity and individuals who may be barred from entering Pelican Narrows or nearby communities.

We ask everyone to be respectful and cooperative with staff stationed at the checkstops.

⚠️ **PRIORITY 1 (P1), PRIORITY 2 (P2), HOME CARE CLIENTS & ELDERS – DO NOT RETURN YET**

Evacuees in the **Priority 1 (P1)** and **Priority 2 (P2)** categories are **strongly advised to delay their return**. This includes:

- Children under 5
- Pregnant or expecting mothers
- Individuals with respiratory (e.g. asthma, COPD) or cardiac conditions
- Home Care clients and Elders
- Anyone with chronic or vulnerable health issues

These individuals are at higher risk due to **poor air quality, reduced medical services, and limited support infrastructure**.



HEALTH SERVICES NOTICE

- **Bring Your Medications:** All individuals planning to return must ensure they have a minimum two-week supply of their medications. If you are short on medication, please contact the health team at your evacuation site **before leaving** to make arrangements.
- The Pelican Narrows Health Centre is operating with minimal staff and is only able to respond to extreme or life-threatening emergencies
- Ambulance service is also limited at this time due to staffing shortages
- The Flin Flon Hospital remains closed
- A Boil Water Advisory is in effect:
 - Please boil all water used for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, or washing produce for at least one minute

GAS FOR PRIVATE VEHICLES

Evacuees returning in private vehicles should fuel up in advance. Gas is available at:

1. **Petro-Canada – Prince Albert**

 [1202 2nd Avenue West, Prince Albert, SK](#)

2. **Kahkewistahaw Gas & Convenience – Saskatoon**

 [2150 Markham Road #10, Saskatoon, SK](#)

3. **Regina Area**

 Contact your local evacuation site coordinator to obtain a gas card prior to departure

We thank all evacuees and community members for your continued cooperation. These coordinated efforts are in place to ensure your safe and sustainable return.

—Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation Emergency Operations Centre (PBCN-EOC)