

FLOOD PREPARATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **WHERE WILL I BE SENT IF THERE IS AN EVACUATION?**

Most likely a hotel in Yellowknife. But the situation is changing daily with the number of COVID cases and, if another community is forced to evacuate there may be a shortage of hotel rooms so this could change.

- **WHAT ABOUT OUR PETS? CAN WE TAKE THEM WITH US IF WE ARE EVACUATED?**

No. We cannot guarantee that pets will be allowed to travel on the plane so you should make arrangements to have your pet stay with a friend or family member off-island if possible. If that is not an option, the Dog Pound will have extra capacity for taking dogs.

- **IF THE ISLAND FLOODS, WILL WE STILL HAVE POWER AND WATER ON THE HILL?**

Yes. The Power Plant can keep operating long after the island is given the evacuation over. If the flood water does get high enough to close the plant, the Power Corp will set up a generator on the hill and continue to supply power to residents off-island. Residents should prepare for some power outages while this transition is happening.

In the unlikely event that the Water Treatment Plant is forced to shut down, residents should conserve water and plan for a delay in water delivery.

- **DO WE HAVE TO LEAVE?**

No. No one will be forced to leave their home. Ultimately the choice is yours.

- **IF WE DECIDE TO STAY, WILL WE HAVE SUPPORT? WHAT ABOUT FOOD AND WATER?**

If you chose not to evacuate, then you should be aware that you are responsible for taking care of yourself. However, the Village will have some supports only for people who really need such as tents, sleeping bags, food, and water. Emergency camping will be at the fire department training ground area.

- **HOW CAN WE SAFELY EVACUATE WITH COVID-19 IN YELLOWKNIFE?**

Officials will take all possible safety precautions when evacuate and housing people. Residents should continue to follow recommendations such as wearing masks and social distancing. However, we recommend that residents only evacuate to Yellowknife if they have no other option.

- **I'M SCARED THAT IF THE WATER COMES UP QUICKLY IT WILL BE CHAOTIC AND SOME PEOPLE MIGHT GET LEFT BEHIND?**

The Village will be registering people for evacuation at the Recreation Centre and at an RCMP checkpoint on the way to the airport. MACA will also be registering people for evacuation at the airport and RCMP will be going door to door to ensure that no one is left behind.