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Provincewide Shutdown/Stay at Home Order

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On Thursday April 1st, 2021 and subsequent, Provincial Officials announced on April 7th, Ontario has enacted a State of Emergency where a Provincewide shutdown and Stay at Home Order is in place in an effort to mitigate the rapid spread of COVID-19 within Ontario. We have been noticing confusion about what these measures mean for us here in M'Chigeeng First Nation. This notice is intended to clear up confusion regarding these new imposed measures and how it affects M'Chigeeng First Nation as a whole.

M'Chigeeng First Nation has developed and to implemented effective COVID-19 protocols to ensure the continued safety of our Community Members, Employees, Vulnerable People, and Businesses. The protocols implemented by M'Chigeeng First Nation have either matched the provincial protocols or have increased measures more stringent than the province to ensure the safety of our most vulnerable.

On January 18th, 2021 M'Chigeeng initiated a Travel Advisory that remains in effect to this day. This travel advisory recommends that MFN Community Members refrain from travelling to "Hot Spots" and only travelling for ESSENTIAL purposes such as groceries, pharmacies, or medical appointments. IF you must travel, the recommendation is to follow all protocols when in public spaces: Hand Washing/Sanitizing, Social Distancing, and Mask Wearing. At this time, we want to remind everyone that **Sudbury is a Hot Spot and you should refrain from travelling to Sudbury unless for essential purposes such as medical appointments.**

M'Chigeeng First Nation has effectively vaccinated our elders and vulnerable people and continue to vaccinate the rest of our community. We have been successful in our vaccine rollout and will continue to run Vaccination Clinics until the majority of our community members are vaccinated. Knowing that our community continues to receive vaccines and our implemented measures are more stringent than the Province, M'Chigeeng First Nation Offices will remain open **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

Lakeview School will remain open for in-person learning. The risk to our students and staff is very low with the protocols implemented and with Lakeview Staff receiving their first vaccination. We want to ensure that our students get the education they need and will be safe doing so. Biinoojinh Gamgoonhs will remain open for **working families only during this time.**

M'Chigeeng First Nation is committed to service excellence and safety for our community during this time. While our offices and schools remain open, we want to remind you that MFN is taking all precautions to continue the delivery of services and education in an effective and safe way so our community can continue to operate.

We appreciate the continued support from you, our community, and together we will navigate through this pandemic.
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BREAKING

ONTARIO-WIDE STAY-AT-HOME ORDER OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED

BEGINS THURSDAY APRIL 8 UNTIL AT LEAST MAY 6
INFORMATION ACCURATE AS OF **APRIL 7 AT 4:15PM**

INDOOR: ONLY ALLOWED WITH OWN HOUSEHOLD OR WITH ONE OTHER HOUSEHOLD IF LIVING ALONE.

OUTDOOR: MAX. 5 PEOPLE SOCIALLY DISTANCED.

ANIMAL SERVICES: (E.G. VETS AND GROOMING) OPEN.

CHILDCARE: OPEN UNLESS LIMITED BY REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER.

ESSENTIAL STORES: CAN ONLY BUY GROCERIES, CLEANING SUPPLIES, PHARMACY ITEMS, PERSONAL CARE, AND PET SUPPLIES. **NON-ESSENTIAL AISLES** (E.G. TOY AISLE, CLOTHES AISLE) TAPED CLOSED. LCBO IS OPEN.

LIBRARIES: PICK-UP AND ESSENTIAL COMPUTER USE ONLY.

NON-ESSENTIAL STORES/MALLS: CLOSED. DELIVERY AND CURBSIDE ONLY.

OUTDOOR RECREATION: PLAYGROUNDS, GOLF COURSES, DRIVING RANGES, AND COURTS OPEN.

RESTAURANTS: CLOSED. TAKE OUT, DRIVE THRU, DELIVERY ONLY.

RELIGIOUS/WEDDINGS/FUNERALS: 15% CAPACITY.

SCHOOLS: OPEN UNLESS CLOSED BY REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER.

WORKPLACES: AGRICULTURE, CONSTRUCTION, FILM, LANDSCAPING, MANUFACTURING, TRANSPORT, ETC. ALL OPEN

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Provincial Shut Down/ Stay at Home Order FAQ

Q: What are the consequences of social gatherings exceeding the limits or just visiting a friend, neighbor, parents etc.

A: Primarily, the OPP says officers will focus on non-compliance in businesses and restaurants, complaints from the public and outdoor gatherings of more than five people. Operating under the province's Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMPCA) and the Reopening Ontario Act (ROA), the OPP says officers can disperse and ticket individuals found to be in contravention with the acts. "Fines are \$750 for failing to comply with an order and/or \$1,000 for preventing others (including individuals, employees or other workers) from following an order," the news release reads. "Maximum fines for individuals are up to \$100,000 and \$10 million for a corporation. Failure to follow the rules can result in prosecution or jail time." Those fines aren't new, but the powers of those who distribute them are. Earlier this week, when the order was first announced, Premier Doug Ford said that all enforcement and provincial offences officers, including the OPP, local police forces, bylaw officers, and provincial workplace inspectors, would now have the authority to issue tickets as they see fit.

Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/opp-reveals-how-it-is-enforcing-ontario-s-stay-at-home-order-1.5268877>

Q: What is considered an ESSENTIAL trip?

A: The Ontario government admitted during the first stay-at-home order back in January they can't determine what is essential for every person in the province. They provided a list of categories people should consider before leaving their home, which include food, health-care services (including medication and vaccines), exercise, or work when someone's job can't be done at home.

Q: Can people leave home to exercise?

A: Yes. Exercise is considered an essential reason for leaving your home.

Q: Is massage/physio therapy essential?

A: Registered massage and physio therapists are regulated health professionals in Ontario and can remain open.

Q: Can I go to my cottage or secondary residence?

A: No. The government says that because it is asking residents to stay home, trips to a cottage or secondary residence should be avoided, unless it is for an essential purpose like emergency maintenance. The government is asking that people do not travel between regions for non-essential reasons.

Q: What if I live alone?

A: The government says individuals who live alone and single parents may consider having exclusive, close contact with another household to help reduce the negative impacts of social isolation.

Q: Can I still go to a golf course?

Yes. According to the government, golf courses will remain open because outdoor activities are permitted. The following outdoor activities are allowed to continue if physical distancing can be maintained:

Parks and recreational areas, baseball diamonds, batting cages soccer, football and sports fields, tennis, platform tennis, table tennis and pickleball courts, basketball courts, BMX parks, skate parks, frisbee golf locations, cycling tracks and bike trails, horse riding facilities, shooting ranges, including those operated by rod and gun clubs, ice rinks, tobogganing hills, snowmobile, cross country, dogsledding, ice-skating and snow-shoe trails, playgrounds, portions of parks or recreational areas containing outdoor fitness equipment..

Q: How do shared custody orders work during the Stay at Home Order?

A: As per M'Chigeeng's levels of activation, any access to visitation through M'Chigeeng Family Resource or Kina Gbezhgomi will strictly be ONLINE or through TELEPHONE. Those with court ordered shared custody agreements must work out a plan between the other parent who holds custody.