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Additional Restrictions in M'Chigeeng First Nation

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Aanii M'Chigeeng Community Members,

As many of you are aware, there has been a significant spike of COVID-19 in the Sudbury District. On Manitoulin Island, we are also seeing a spike in cases that are impacting Manitoulin Island residents, several communities and schools on Manitoulin Island. As of November 10, 2021, there are 270 active cases in the Public Health Sudbury Districts with 7 active cases on Manitoulin Island. Health Sciences North as of November 10, 2021 has 20 individuals hospitalized.

Little Current Public School has received direction from Public Health the requirement for staff and students in the Grade 6/7 to be tested and to self-isolate up to and including November 19, 2021; the Grade 3 and Grade 4 classes to be tested and to self-isolate up to and including November 18, 2021.

Central Manitoulin Public School in Mindemoya has received direction from Public Health the requirement for staff and students in Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 5/6, Grade 7, Grade 8 and Levelled Literacy Intervention Class to be tested and to self-isolate to and including November 18, 2021.

Wiikwemkoong has also confirmed a positive case in their community via social media.

We have been informed that the bulk of the recent cases on Manitoulin Island are linked to hockey. The Emergency Operations Group met on November 10, 2021 to discuss the current situation. We have also received a recommendation from local physicians that it is advisable to institute additional restrictions for a period of time as proactive and preventative measures. The Emergency Operations Group put forward a recommendation to the Council out of an abundance of caution and as a preventative measure based on the current situation on Manitoulin Island, the upcoming Manitoulin Island Deer Hunt, and confirmation that all contact tracing related to the increase in cases has not yet been complete, to institute additional restrictions for a two-week period while in our Yellow Level of our Reopening Plan.

On November 10, 2021, the Council discussed the recommendation for the increased restrictions while in the Yellow Level of our Reopening Plan, the current situation and the need for preventative measures to keep our community safe. The Council voted in favour of additional restrictions for a two-week period commencing at 12:01 am Friday November 12, 2021 by a vote of 6 in favour and 4 opposed.

Therefore, the additional restrictions are highlighted in the attached Interim Yellow Level of Reopening document that will be in place until and including November 26, 2021. (Note* This will be monitored by the EOG with the hopes that we do not receive any confirmed cases within our community during this time)

As a reminder, Health Services offers COVID-19 testing for all residents if needed. Please contact Health Services to schedule an appointment for a COVID test, 705-377-5347. We will also be offering additional vaccination clinics for third doses (and if you require your first or second dose) on November 18 (for those aged 55+), November 23 and December 2.

M'Chigeeng First Nation is taking a proactive approach to ensure that we minimize the risk of exposures or outbreaks within our community and to keep our elders and vulnerable citizens safe and to keep our children safe and in school.

We appreciate your patience continued support and dedication to keeping our community safe.



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M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION – YELLOW LEVEL OF REOPENING –ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS– EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 12, 2021 (12:01 AM) TO NOVEMBER 26, 2021 (11:59 PM)

Accommodations to events, services and programs will be made for children under 12 years of age and to those who provide documentation to substantiate a medically protected ground for not being vaccinated.

LEVEL	REOPENING THRESHOLD	ACTIVITY	DEPARTMENTS	COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SERVICES
YELLOW	Confirmed Cases on Manitoulin Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resumption of program activities • New normal procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continued sanitization processes; ○ Active Screening and contact tracing; ○ Physical Distancing requirements; ○ Wear Mask in Public; ○ Frequent handwashing and ○ All Public Health Guidance in effect; ○ Capacity Limits in effect in all public areas; • All contact tracing documents shall be submitted to the Communications Officer for purposes of centralized location • Updated safety plans to keep staff/clients/community/patrons safe • Emergency Operations Group to meet weekly and as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Departments within the Organization to reduce programming and pre-covid activities respecting the new normal procedures. This shall be outlined within the respective Department's Updated Safety Plan. • Only essential travel will be authorized, must be pre-authorized by the respective Department Manager and Enaagdenjig together to ensure safety plan is in place for staff. • Organization meeting spaces shall be limited to 5. Meetings shall have a contact tracing record which shall be kept for 30 days. • All Departments shall operate based on their Updated Safety Plans for this level as approved by the Emergency Operations Group. • In person meetings/appointments with staff shall be virtual or by phone unless arrangements are made ensuring safety of both staff and band member/client. • Lakeview School shall remain open for in-person learning based on updated Safety Plan which will include option for online learning • M'Chigeeng Day Care shall remain open for daycare services only based on Ministry Guidelines and Updated Safety Plan. Daycare programming shall be suspended. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor social gatherings and organized M'Chigeeng First Nation Community events up to 10 people with proof of vaccination. Must ensure that there are handwashing stations available. Safety Plan and Event details must be submitted to the Emergency Operations Group in advance for approval. • Indoor social gatherings and organized M'Chigeeng First Nation Community events as specified in the orange level of the capacity document at the location being held, with proof of vaccination with physical distancing requirements and new normal procedures. • Bingo activities shall not take place in person. • M'Chigeeng First Nation Community Complex will not be available for use for the purpose of funerals and or wakes. • M'Chigeeng First Nation Community Complex will be unavailable for events. • Sports and recreational activities shall be suspended. • Indoor Ceremony or religious services shall be suspended. • Retail with capacity limits with physical distancing requirements and new normal procedures.