

STATEMENT FROM THE MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION ON COVID-19

April 22, 2020

We want to thank members for being diligent and practising social distancing, yet even with this we have a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our community. We want the community and members to know that this person is in quarantine and under the supervision of Public Health.

Due to confidentiality reasons, we will not be revealing the identity of this person. Public Health is taking all the necessary steps to notify those who have come into contact with this individual, and to assist this individual as needed. This is standard practice when dealing with COVID-19 patients.

We want to assure you that MCFN Chief and Council are actively taking precautions and actions to address the potential impacts of COVID-19 in our community. The COVID-19 Working Group continue to meet regularly to strategize next steps and to discuss precautions to curb the spread of this virus.

We are continuing precautions and adherences to best practices. We must however, remain diligent.

At this time, all gas bars and variety stores in the community remain closed. The MCFN organization is operating with a reduced staff load and only essential services are being provided. This is being constantly monitored and recommendations are being brought to Chief and Council on a weekly basis.

On reserve care packages are being packed and will be delivered on April 24. These packages consist of various non-perishable goods, including oatmeal, canned soup, canned veggies and canned fruit. The COVID-19 Working Group are wearing gloves and masks throughout the process and are following safe food handling practices. Packages will be left at the door of every home. If you DO NOT want one of these food packages, please advise Kailey Thomson at Kailey. Thomson@mncfn.ca or Kerri King at Kerri. King@mncfn.ca as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can leave a message at 905-768-1133.

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The off-reserve gift cards will be mailed this week. We apologize for the delay, but additional cards were ordered to provide relief for the period of March through June. If you have not registered for the card, please contact either Kailey or Kerri at the emails above. You will need to provide your full name, registry number, your mailing address and identify the number of people in your household. Please note, one card will be provided per household. In the event that multiple people call in to register from the same household, the gift card will be sent out to the first person who registered.

At this time, the Band Administration main line is voice mail only. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Kailey at 905-979-2957 or Kerri at 289-527-0364 and they will be able to refer you to the relevant departmental contact. Additional information will be released next week regarding the potential reopening date of May 4.

Reminder that all track, playgrounds and recreational facilities are currently closed. Please practice social distancing and refrain from using these facilities.

If you are showing COVID-19 symptoms please contact the following Public Health Offices and follow their instructions:

- Haldimand Norfolk Public Health 519-426-6170, ext. 9999
- Six Nations Public Health 519-445-2672
- Brant County Public Health 519-753-4937
- Outside of regular business hours, you can contact Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000.

For more information on COVID-19, please check our website – <u>www.mncfn.ca</u> or check our social media sites.