



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

April 29, 2020

The MCFN Chief and Council and the COVID-19 Working Group are actively taking precautions and actions to address the potential impacts of COVID-19 in our community. Please see the following updates:

- 1) **Limiting Access to the Community –** In order to ensure the safety of our members and in an effort to discourage outside traffic in the community, MCFN Chief and Council have directed that “Local Traffic Only” signs be placed at all our entry points. These signs have been installed as of April 29, 2020. Please be aware that the COVID-19 team is doing everything that can be done to ensure our community’s safety. This includes allowing emergency services quick and unfettered access to the First Nation.
- 2) **On Reserve Establishments -** After careful deliberation and to ensure the continued safety of our community, the MCFN Chief and Council have deemed gas sales an essential service and will allow gas bars to reopen effective May 1, 2020. All operations are to adhere to the following preventative safety measures:
 - No sale of tobacco products;
 - Limiting staff contact with the public by switching to self-serve (where available);
 - Staff should be using Personal Protective Equipment such as gloves, practice regular hand sanitizing
 - Sanitize gas pumps on a regular basis
 - Access to stores will be limited to up to 2 people at a time
 - Drive through windows will be utilized where available
 - Debit/Credit transactions only (no cash)

Please note that in order to curb the transmission of COVID-19, Tobacco sales are prohibited until further notice. MCFN Chief and Council, MCFN Administration and MCFN business owners will continue to engage in

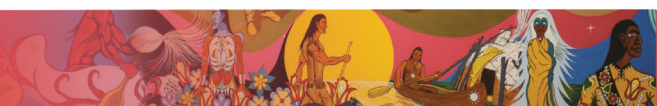


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discussion in order to determine an appropriate plan to allow the sale of tobacco products in the community.

- 3) **Organizational Closure** - Due to the ongoing pandemic, all MCFN offices will continue to be closed until June 1, 2020. Essential services as previously designated will remain status quo. The COVID-19 Working Group will meet prior to this date to re-evaluate.
- 4) **The off-reserve gift cards have been mailed.** 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 Thomson via email: Kailey.Thomson@mncfn.ca or Kerri King via email: Kerri.King@mncfn.ca. 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.
- 5) **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.
- 6) **Playgrounds and Recreational Services – As a reminder, all MCFN playgrounds and recreational services are deemed closed.**
- 7) **Group Gatherings-** MCFN Chief and Council prohibit group gatherings of 5 or more people. The OPP have agreed to enforce this expectation. If there is a gathering within the MCFN community of 5 or more people, please call the OPP to report: (905) 772-3322.

The MCFN Chief and Council and the COVID-19 Working Group would like to remind everyone to take personal precautions to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. These include:

- **Regular hand washing with soap and warm water or an alcohol-based hand cleanser.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.**
- **Maintain social distancing and ensure you practice good respiratory hygiene. Cover your cough or sneeze with your bent elbow or tissue, then dispose of the tissue immediately.**



- **Be cognizant of travel advisories and limit your exposure to large gatherings.**
- **If you feel ill, stay home. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and follow their instructions.**

If you experiencing symptoms, 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.**

Please note that the MCFN Chief and Council are responsible for making decisions that impact the Membership. If you have any concerns, please contact any member of the table.



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