



Statement from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation On COVID-19

June 14, 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 within our Nation.

Currently, the MCFN continue to have no active cases of COVID-19 in the community. Miigwech for your continued diligence in following the personal precautions aimed to protect one another from this virus.

1. Tobacco Sales Resume: Effective Monday, June 15, all tobacco retailers on MCFN will be permitted to resume tobacco sales. Social distancing rules will be in effect, stores will allow a maximum of two customers in at one time and hand sanitizer must be available for patron usage.
2. Council Meetings: As part of the return to work plan, the MCFN Chief and Council have resumed their in-person meetings. Social distancing is being adhered to, and Council are wearing cloth face masks when necessary. At this time, the public are asked to refrain from attending the meetings so we can ensure adequate space for this necessary business.
3. On Reserve COVID-19 Survey: The COVID-19 Working Group is interested in obtaining your opinions on how the First Nation operations should resume. We want to know how you see the program and services re-opening, as well as the precautions and safeguards our community businesses need to implement to ensure everyone's safety. In the next few weeks, calls will be made to a sampling of households and surveys will be distributing for members to contribute to the plan.
4. On Reserve Bulk Food Packages: If you are interested in receiving part of a bulk food purchase, please call 905-768-1133 and leave a message with your name and contact number. Alternatively, you can send the necessary information to Admin.Clerk@mncfn.ca These bulk food packages will consist of dry goods split and bagged by the COVID-19 Working Group, who will be adhering to the necessary Safe Food Handling procedures. Pick up procedures will be contactless, similar to the garden boxes.
5. MCFN Payment Arrangements: As a reminder, the First Nation is encouraging all payments to be made on-line. Please note that the payee name is now Mississaugas of the Credit FN. For all existing on-line customers, your institution will automatically update the file to reflect this name change. There is no action required on your part. Communication will be forthcoming as to how in-person payments will resume when the organization opens.

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6. On Reserve Care Package: Please note that the final on-reserve care package will be delivered on Thursday, June 18. This delivery will be another fresh food basket, as well as a donation from Global Medix. Please ensure you have your pets tied up to ensure the safety of the COVID-19 Working Group.
7. Off Reserve Gift Cards: Please note, that any remaining requests for off reserve gift cards must be received by Friday, June 19. These cards are designated as one per household and cover the period of March through June. You must provide your full name, registry number, mailing address and identify the number of people in your household. Please contact Kerri.King@mncfn.ca to register. Please note that due to a mail delay, some members are just receiving cards that were sent out in April. There have also been a few cards that have also been returned to the First Nation as undeliverable. If you initially called in to register, and have not received your gift card, please contact Kerri at 289-527-0364 and confirm your address.
8. LSK Graduation Parade: On June 17, beginning at 6:00 p.m., the Grade 8 graduating class will be participating in a recognition parade to celebrate and honour their time at LSK. Please take a moment to congratulate this group of future leaders on a job well done.
9. Group Gatherings: It is recognized that the Province has increased the group gatherings to up to ten people. MCFN Chief and Council are requesting the community continue being diligent for a few more weeks and limit their exposure to groups larger than 5 people.
10. MCFN Organization: The MCFN organization is set to potentially resume operations as of July 6. Staff will be brought back on a gradual basis, once all health and safety matters are addressed and the comprehensive COVID-19 Return to Work plan is complete. We ask the community continue to remain patient with the programming as we prepare for the “new normal.”
11. At this time, the Band Administration main line continues to be 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.

The MCFN Chief and Council and the MCFN 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.
- No group gatherings of more than 5 people.

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If you are experiencing symptoms, contact the following public health offices and follow

- 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, the MCFN Community Health office is not a public health office, although it does assist with contact tracing and wellness checks.

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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