



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

Oct. 16, 2020

The MCFN Chief and Council and the COVID-19 Working Group are continuing to actively take precautions and actions to address the potential impacts of COVID-19 within our Nation.

Currently, we have one confirmed case of COVID-19 in the community, one probable and two resolved. We have also had a number of our Members tested in the past few weeks due to contact issues. We were fortunate that these tests have come back negative.

Everyone is aware of the high number of COVID-19 cases that Six Nations is experiencing. We wish to offer our thoughts and prayers, as they are not just our neighbours in most cases, they are our family.

It is important to remember that we all play a vital role in keeping our Community free of the virus. Due to the number of cases here and in Six Nations, and the fact that the cases appear to be community spread, the MCFN Chief and Council are asking all members to join together in a voluntary, community wide self-quarantine. This will be effective as of 12:01am, Sunday October 18th, 2020. Basically, this means taking a step back to the beginning of the Pandemic.

In accordance with Public Health guidelines, the MCFN Chief and Council are encouraging all members to adhere to the following:

- Limit yourself to essential travel only (to get groceries, go to work, go to the pharmacy, doctor visits)
- Practice social distancing measures, including maintaining a distance of 2 meters with those outside of your social bubble, wearing a mask when in public and when social distancing is not possible
- Practice frequent hand washing with soap and warm water, or sanitizing hands when hand washing is not available
- Limit social bubbles to members of your household
- Refrain from all types of social gatherings, both on and off the territory
- Ensure full cooperation with the Community Health Nurse or Public Health, in the event of contact tracing.

For the purposes of COVID-19 exposure, please note that **Close Contact** is a person who:

- Provided care for case (health care worker, family and caregivers)
- Had close physical contact (e.g. intimate partner) without consistent and appropriate use of PPE
- Live with or had prolonged (>15 min.) close contact (within 2 m) with a probable or confirmed case

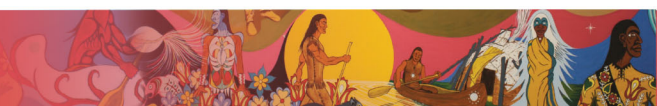


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- 48 hours prior to symptom onset while the case was not self-isolating.
- Had direct contact with infectious body fluids of a case (e.g. was coughed or sneezed on or shared personal items) without the appropriate use of PPE.

Non-Close Contact is a person who:

- Provided care for the case, (health care worker, family members or other caregivers)
- Had other similar close physical contact with consistent and appropriate use of PPE and the case was self-isolating.
- Lived with or had contact (<15 min.), not within 2 m. of a case while the case was symptomatic and not self-isolating.

During the 14-day self-isolation, the MCFN organization will revert back to offering essential services only. As such, all in-person appointments will be postponed until a later date.

The MCFN Administration Building will continue to be manned during the shut down period. If you require MCFN assistance, please contact 905-768-1133, and the Reception will direct your call to the appropriate party. Phone lines will be open between the hours of 8:30am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:30pm daily, excluding weekends. Offices will resume regular operations (COVID restrictions in place) as of November 2nd, 2020, at 8:30am. Please note, we are requesting that all payments be made via the on-line banking process, or that they be held until the offices re-open.

In addition, the MCFN Chief and Council would like to remind everyone how important it is to take these additional personal precautions to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. These include:

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- 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. If you travel outside of Canada, it is important to self-isolate upon re-entry to the country.
- If you feel ill, stay home. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and follow their instructions.

Correspondence will be provided to all MCFN businesses, asking them to also join us in this community wide self-isolation.

Public Health Information

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, 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



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- Brant County Public Health – 519-751-5818 or via email at covid.assessment@bchsys.org
- 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 for those who reside on MCFN.

We cannot stress enough, how important it is to follow the Public Health guidelines. We learned during the first wave, that we can effectively curve the spread of COVID-19 when we work together. Let's keep our community safe.

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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