



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

**November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

At this time, we have 4 active cases of COVID-19 in the community, impacting 3 households. 48 cases have been resolved, with 1 death. We have 5 residents in self isolation (close contacts of a confirmed case) and 1 member is currently hospitalized. All impacted individuals are isolating, contact tracing has been completed and any direct contacts are adhering to the instructions provided by our MCFN Community Health professionals.

We are asking everyone to please continue to do your part to ensure our Nation is as safe as possible during these challenging times. We are all in this together.

### **Surrounding Numbers**

Six Nations currently has a total of 61 active cases of COVID-19 in their community, with 197 people in isolation. Please be mindful of this and recognize the importance of continuing with the public health guidelines.

### **Contact Tracing**

When the MCFN Community Health team is notified of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our community, an extensive contract tracing process is initiated. Our Community Health Nurse and our Pandemic Response Nurse contact the individual or individuals and goes through a series of questions to and depending upon a few factors, on or off the territory, the type of contact (direct or indirect) with the confirmed case, the length of the contact, vaccination status of individuals and whether public health guidelines, including masking, hand washing and social distancing determines level of risk. This process may take several hours depending on accurate contact information and this will take time.

Consultation is made with the Indigenous Services Canada Communicable Disease Team and the Medical Officer of Health and contact is made with impacted individuals. Instructions are provided if an individual has to self-monitor, or if they need to isolate and test. Follow up takes place with the impacted household during any period of isolation. Please note, that all steps will be taken to ensure an individual's right to privacy during this process and only in rare situations and thorough consultation, would any identifying information be released to the public.

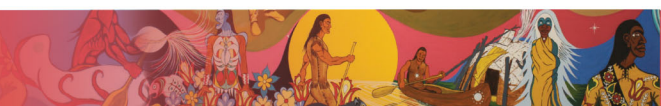


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Public safety has always been a top priority for MCFN. If at any time, there is a risk to this, communication will be made with the Members.

## Public Health Measures

The measures recommended by Public Health are working. Masking, hand washing and/or sanitizing and social distancing, along with vaccination, are all important steps in keeping our families safe. The mandatory daily health screening for all MCFN offices, and both the Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre and Lloyd S. King Elementary School is helping to keep the risk of exposure low.

It is important that you stay home and get tested if you are not feeling well. If you do not wish to be tested, you should stay home for a period of 10 days if you are vaccinated, and 14 days if you are not.

Please also note, Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre and Lloyd S. King Elementary School still adhere to their Management of Ill Students policies and if children are showing signs of illness not related to COVID-19, follow up will continue to take place with parents and students may be required to refrain from attending school.

## Children's Vaccine Clinic

The COVID-19 Working Group will be hosting our first our first Children's Clinic on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This clinic will be for children aged 5-11 only. If you are interested in registering your child for the Pfizer Vaccine, please call 905-768-0141, extension 240, by Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 4pm. You can also register your child via the [vaccine@mncfn.ca](mailto:vaccine@mncfn.ca) email.

Please note, we are hoping to secure a second clinic for children in the near future. As a precautionary measure, NACI (National Advisory Committee on Immunization) recommends that children receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (10 mcg) at least 14 days before or after another vaccine. To note, this is only recommended for pediatric clients and does not apply for those over the age of 11.

If you have any questions about receiving the vaccine please reach out to [vaccine@mncfn.ca](mailto:vaccine@mncfn.ca) and a Member of our Community Health team will follow-up. Please ensure you are always receiving information on the Vaccine from a reliable source to avoid the spread of misinformation. If you have received the Vaccine, you still **must** follow public health measures, which includes social distancing, masking, handwashing and staying within your own social bubble.

## Flu Shots

Please note, Community Health is also offering Flu Shot clinics at the Social and Health building. Please contact 905-768-1181 to book an appointment. There is no mandatory



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wait time between when an **adult** can get the flu shot and the COVID Vaccine. The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) are recommending a period of 14 days between children's (age 5-11) vaccinations.

## Registration with COVaxON

Community Health has taken steps and will obtain your consent at the time of your vaccine, to register you within COVaxON. If you have previously received your vaccine and have not registered it to COVaxON, but wish to do so, please reach out to the Community Health office and we will assist. The contact number is 905-768-0141. Alternatively, you can email at [vaccine@mncfn.ca](mailto:vaccine@mncfn.ca) and a representative will follow up.

## Testing and Self Isolation

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or have come in contact with someone who tested positive, please get tested. The results can be delivered to you in as quick as 24 hours.

Please contact the following Public Health Offices and follow their instructions:

- Haldimand Norfolk Public Health – 519-426-6170, ext. 9999
- Six Nations COVID-19 Assessment Centre – 1-855-977-7737 or 226-446-9909
- Brant County Public Health – 519-751-5818 or at [covid.assessment@bchsys.org](mailto:covid.assessment@bchsys.org)

You can also reach out to the West Haldimand General Hospital COVID-19 Assessment Centre at 905-768-3311, extension 1113, to arrange testing.

For 10 days after their last exposure, individuals who are fully immunized should:

- wear a mask and maintain physical distancing when outside of the home to reduce the risk of transmission to others in the event they become a case;
- Self-monitor for symptoms daily and self-isolate immediately if symptoms develop.

If you have not received the vaccine you still must self-isolate for 14 days. 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.

The precautions currently in place for the MCFN is available on our website, we will continue to update if anything changes. Council is permitting OPP to answer reports of violations of any of the above precautions in place.

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



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