



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

November 24th, 2021

At this time, we have 5 active cases of COVID-19 in the community, impacting 4 households. 45 cases have been resolved, with 1 death. We have 2 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. It is anticipated that 2 of the cases will be resolved in the next 48 hours.

To note, we can confirm that there have been three cases involving children of Lloyd S. King Elementary School. Please note that through the investigation, it has been determined that the children were **not in attendance** at the school during the infection period. Following confirmation with the Communicable Disease (CD) Team, there is a very low risk to other students and/or staff. We recognize that these situations can be stressful, but please rest assured that the Community Health Unit is diligently working to keep everyone safe.

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.

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 a couple hours or 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

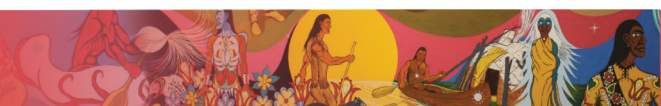


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isolation. Please note, that all steps will be taken to ensure an individual's right to privacy during this process and only in rare situations and thorough consultation, would any identifying information be released to the public.

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 the 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.

Surrounding Numbers

Six Nations currently has a total of 43 active cases of COVID-19 in their community, with 119 people in isolation. Please be mindful of this and recognize the importance of continuing with the public health guidelines.

COVID-19 Booster Clinic

Miigwech to MCFN staff, and Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit staff for ensuring our COVID-19 Booster Clinic on November 19th was a success. Just over 200 Members came out to receive either their first, second, or third dose of the Vaccine.

Children's Vaccine Clinic

As you may know, Health Canada has approved the pediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, for children aged five to 11. We are currently planning for a Children's Vaccine Clinic, which will take place at the MCFN Community Centre. The administration of these vaccines will be done with a period of 8 weeks in between doses. Please continue to stay updated for more details as they come. If you have the opportunity to receive the Vaccine prior to one of our Clinics, we highly recommend you do so.

If you have any questions about receiving the vaccine please reach out to 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**



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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 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 vaccinations.

Registration with COVaxON

If you wish to update your vaccine information into COVaxON, please contact your local public health unit after following these steps:

Forward your request by email to vaccine@mncfn.ca and be sure to include;

- Full first and last name, date of birth, address and updated phone number
- Correct dates of vaccinations
- Correct Health Card Number or Status Number

You will have a choice of:

- 1) curbside pickup with a personal identification card (drivers license, status card, OHIP card),
- 2) permission and consent to receive information by email or
- 3) mail hard copy to a mailing address provided

Expect a response between 5-10 business days. Alternatively, you can provide consent to the MCFN Community Health department to work with the local public health unit to have your vaccinations uploaded into CoVaxON.

MCFN Operations

As a reminder, all MCFN Offices are opened to the public with COVID-19 requirements in place, as outlined in the MCFN COVID-19 Policy. Please note, this includes the need for two-staged screening upon entering a MCFN workplace, including a temperature check and contact tracing info.

In addition to COVID-19 precautions, all lifelong learning programs will continue to adhere to their standard health care guidelines for programming. This includes exclusion from the programming for health-related concerns not related to COVID-19. It is important for your child to remain home if they or anyone in the household is not feeling well.



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Community Wellness – Second Distribution

MCFN Chief and Council have approved a second distribution for the 2021-2022 Community Wellness allocation in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Please note, it is important that you use the proper application for the 2nd distribution. Applications are available on the website. Payments have started and are being processed on a weekly basis. If you have any questions, please contact the LMR office at 905-768-0100.

As a reminder, the following precautions are currently in place for the MCFN:

- Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events gatherings be permitted for up to 100 people (masks mandatory if a distance of 2m cannot be maintained);
- Indoor social gatherings and organized public events be permitted with up to 25 (twenty-five) people (masks mandatory);
- Indoor and outdoor dining permitted, no limits to people per table, with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2m;
- All retail be permitted, with a capacity limited to ensure physical distancing (masks mandatory);
- Indoor religious services, rites and ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services with capacity to ensure physical distancing (masks mandatory);
- Outdoor religious services, rites and ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services permitted with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2m;
- Indoor fitness and personal training permitted, with maximum capacity of 50% (masks mandatory if a distance of 3m cannot be maintained);
- MCFN in-person programming will continue to be offered with COVID-19 enhanced precautions in place, which includes kit pick up for on and off reserve members;
- Personal care services open, including those that require removal of masks, with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2m.

Council is permitting OPP to answer reports of violations of any of the above precautions in place.

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.



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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

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 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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