



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

**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

At this time, we have 0 active cases of COVID-19 in the community. 40 have been resolved, with 1 death. Over 60% of our Community have received the Vaccine, with 1,577 doses of the Pfizer vaccine given at 10 MCFN clinics. 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.

### **Return to In-Person Learning**

Council would like to announce that effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, all lifelong learning programs will resume in-person programming. This includes classes at Lloyd S. King Elementary, childcare at Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre and programs with EarlyON.

We wish to acknowledge everyone's patience and dedication in ensuring the health and wellness of our children, our staff and our community over the past 18 months. Important information will be forthcoming to all families regarding enhanced infection prevention and control policies. As we move forward, it is important to remember that if you or your child are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please refrain from attending any MCFN building or workplace. We must work together to keep one another safe.

### **General MCFN Offices**

Please note, our offices are not set to open to the public until October 25<sup>th</sup>, in order to ensure all staff have had time to adjust to the workplace and to the COVID requirements outlined in the MCFN COVID-19 Policy. Reception is available in every department, and **appointments are required.**

If you require emergency assistance at this time relating to Social and Health Programs, you can contact their land line at 905-768-1181, and leave a voice mail at the applicable extension of the relevant party.

If you require emergency Administrative support, please contact Kerri L. King, Acting Chief Operating Officer / Executive Director of Operations at 289-527-0364.



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## Vaccine

If you have any questions about receiving the Vaccine, or if you wish to book an appointment at an upcoming clinic, email: [vaccine@mncfn.ca](mailto:vaccine@mncfn.ca). 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.

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](mailto: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.

As of September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the province is requiring people to provide proof of vaccination to access certain businesses and settings. Paper vaccine receipts from Indigenous clinics with community healthcare providers are valid and will be accepted as proof of vaccination. Please note that at this time, MCFN has not followed suit with the province regarding proof of vaccine for businesses.

### **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;



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- 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.

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)

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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