



Hiawatha First Nation

Administration Office

Hiawatha's Precautionary Measures on COVID – 19

As you may be aware First Nations are at greater risk of becoming ill from COVID-19 due to our higher incidents of diabetes, heart disease and cancers. We want to be pro-active and give our due diligence to prevent the spread of the virus in our community. We take the health of all our Citizens, especially those most vulnerable, our seniors, young children, and all those who are immune compromised, of the utmost importance.

We are following recommendations from Ontario and Canada to try and mitigate risk, not only for our Community, but to all work together to help slow/stop the spread of this virus. Noted below, are the measures we are taking as precautionary steps and to help mitigate risks for all our Citizens.

Due to the on-going concerns of the COVID-19 virus and its spread, this notice is to advise that our Child Care Centre will be closed effective Monday, March 16, 2020 and will re-open April 6, 2020.

Our Youth Centre, including March break and regular Youth Centre activities will be cancelled until April 6, 2020.

All activities, events, meetings will also be cancelled/postponed until April 6, 2020. We will monitor and re-assess the situation over the next 3 weeks and determine next steps moving forward.

At ORRS we will take all precautionary measures to mitigate risk (set up of hygiene station, disinfect surfaces/equipment on a regular basis) and will continue to monitor the situation.

Council and Staff will be on a travel ban, and will not host any meetings in the Community until further notice. We will conduct our meetings by conference call and/or video conferencing.

Any Staff who have travelled out of the Country will not be permitted to work for 2 weeks, however those Staff who are able can work from home. We suggest any Citizens who have travelled out of Country to read the attached travel information.

In follow up, please read the information provided. We will keep you updated if changes occur and as we know more. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our Office.

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On behalf of Council

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