



April 23, 2020

**Re: “Shelter In Place” Order - Notice**

Aannii Citizens,

Due to the pandemic a number of First Nations and Municipalities across Canada have put in “Shelter In Place” Orders as part of containing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. On April 1, 2020 Hiawatha First Nation Council also put a “Shelter In Place” Order for our Community. It has come to our attention that this Order is not being followed.

For our Citizens who live inside the Community - this Order means:

- Avoid leaving the Community unless you have to go to work or for the necessities such as groceries, to attend medical appointments or pharmacy pick-ups;
- Stay in your own home, except for your daily exercise/play outside;
- Only those who live with you permanently in your home should be in your home;
- Do not bring non-Citizens, non-residents into your home;
- Do not hold large gathering or parties;
- Do not gather in large groups outside of your home – there is a limit in place of 5 people and everyone must maintain social/physical (6ft) distancing measures.

For our Citizens who live outside the Community, we ask that you please respect this Order for the safety of yourselves and others. If you are coming to the Community for gas, drop off supplies to family members, etc:

- Please do not go inside the home and maintain social/physical (6ft) distancing measures while outside of the home;
- If you have a cottage/second home here, please choose which home is your permanent residence during this time, so that there is less exposure of transmitting the virus;
- If you are coming in to go for a walk or sit by the lake, again please maintain social/physical (6ft) distancing measures.

We each have a role and responsibility to protect our Elders, our Children and our most vulnerable, and it is vital during this deadly pandemic to protect our Community.

If the Shelter In Place Order is not followed it will leave us no choice but to issue fines under the Ontario Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. Fines will range from \$750.00 to \$5,000.00/person depending on offence.

We would like to say “Chi-Miigwetch” and acknowledge everyone for doing their role as it will take each and every one of us to ensure we keep ourselves, our families, our friends, our neighbours and our most vulnerable people safe.

If you have any questions regarding this notice please do not hesitate to call our Office at 705-295-4421 and leave a message for Chief Laurie Carr or Administrator Trisha Shearer. We will be checking our messages regularly and return your message as soon as possible.

Miigwetch,  
HFN Council

***“Our Citizens and Community remain our first priority and we will work to mitigate risks for best possible outcomes moving forward through the COVID-19 pandemic.”***