



June 8, 2021

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In follow-up to our letter dated June 3, and the recent announcement from Premier Ford on Ontario's move into Step 1 of their Re-Opening plan, we are writing to let you know that all Lessee's are welcome to return to their cottages on June 11, 2021.

The fact that our Community, and the rest of the province is beginning to slowly open does not mean personal precautions should not be taken. When you or your family consider coming to Hiawatha, please remember the risks involved and the importance of keeping those who are vulnerable due to potential COVID-19 complications safe.

Please note that even though vaccinations are well under way, we are still diligently protecting our Community and upon re-entry strict rules will be in place, as our children are not yet vaccinated, nor some of our Citizens.

Ontario's Step 1 Re-Opening will allow more outdoor activities to resume with smaller, well-managed crowds where risk of transmission is minimized.

### **Ontario's Step 1 Re-Opening Plan Includes, but is Not Limited to:**

- Outdoor gatherings up to 10 people
- Outdoor dining up to 4 people per table
- Outdoor fitness classes, personal training and sports training up to 10 patrons. No games, team sports or practices permitted
- Essential retail at 25% capacity and discount and big box stores can sell all goods
- Non-essential retail at 15% capacity and can sell all goods
- Retail stores in malls closed unless the stores have a street facing entrance
- Indoor religious services, rites and ceremonies including weddings and funerals at 15% capacity of the room
- Outdoors religious services, rites and ceremonies including weddings and funerals are permitted with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres
- Horse racing, motor speedways without spectators
- Outdoor pools and wading pools with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres
- Outdoor zoos, landmarks, historic sites, and botanical gardens with capacity limited to 15% for ticketed areas
- Day camps
- Campsites, campgrounds and short-term rentals
- Overnight camping at Ontario Parks

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*"We, the Mississaugi of Hiawatha First Nation, are a vibrant, proud, independent and healthy people balanced in the richness of our culture and traditional way of life."*

As a reminder, the province will remain in Step 1 for at least 21 days to evaluate any impacts on key public health and health system indicators. If at the end of the 21 days the province has vaccinated 70 per cent of adults with one dose and 20 per cent of adults with two doses and there are continued improvements in other key public health and health system indicators, the province will move to Step 2 of the Reopening Plan. However, Hiawatha First Nation has the right to implement it's own guidelines and restrictions and will do so as deemed necessary.

**Hiawatha Guidelines and Restrictions:**

- You must only have those inside your cottage with whom live in your permanent residence
- No campers, tents, etc. to be set up for visitors to stay on your leased property
- No more than 10 people total to gather outside on your leased property. Covid-19 health and safety measure apply (ie: mask wearing, physical distancing)
- Boat Launch is open for your use
- ORRS Store and Restaurant is open for your use
- All other public areas remain closed (ie: beach, ball diamond, play grounds, etc.)

Please ensure to follow all COVID-19 health and safety measures that are in place at our places of business, boat launch and the above noted Hiawatha guideline and restrictions. Failure to follow Ontario's and/or Hiawatha's guidelines and restrictions will result in fines and you will be removed from the First Nation.

Your patience and respect for our Community is truly valued during this difficult time. We welcome you all back, and wish you a safe and healthy summer season.

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Chief Laurie Carr  
On Behalf of the HFN COVID-19 Task Team and Council