

May 8, 2020

## FIRST NATION CONTROL GROUP WEEKLY REPORT

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

STATE OF EMERGENCY
LEVEL 3
COVID-19 PANDEMIC







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#### FIRST NATION CONTROL GROUP

### **COMMUNITY BRIEFING**

May 5, 2020

CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO = 169						
Timiskaming	Timiskaming Timmins/Porcupine Sudbury North Bay / Parry Sound Algoma					
18	61	59	18	13		
APPROXIMATELY 1,900 TESTS PENDING IN NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO						

As of May 4, 2020

#### **Food Security Group**

<u>Out of Stock</u>: coffee cream, marble cheese, old cheddar cheese, peppers, pepperoni, sloppy joe mix, and raisins.

We do have canned milk and powdered milk available as a substitute for coffee cream for the time being.

We also have frozen berries, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, yogurt and toilet paper available

Please call in orders for ham, stew, and chicken thighs on Tuesday and they will be ready for pick or delivery on Thursday.

Please be advised the Food Security Group fills orders on Tuesdays and Thursdays only, and orders should be placed before 11am on those days.

#### Fire Ban

Please be advised that a fire ban has been put into effect by Chief & Council on Wed. Apr. 22nd until the Community Level 3 State of Emergency measures have decreased. This is a measure to reduce unnecessary strain on our community emergency services during the Global Covid 19 Pandemic; including equipment supplies, calling in outside resources to assist (which may come at a cost), and instilling preventative measures when it comes to safety for the community volunteers. Be further advised that another Spring Pck-up of burnable yard debris will be organized in the coming weeks - watch for future notices. The community's cooperation is greatly appreciated.

#### **ICE ROAD STATUS**

As of April 29, 2020 Temagami First Nation (TFN) will no longer be monitoring the ice road for skidoo/ATV use.

Be advised that all TFN Skidoo or ATV's are not permitted to travel on the ice. Individuals choosing to continue to travel the ice road by passenger vehicle are doing so AT THEIR OWN RISK

#### **Mail Packages**

The FNCG has arranged for delivery of packages from Temagami to be delivered to the Mine Landing and picked up and brought over to Bear Island on the airboat with the mail run. These parcels can be picked up at the Pier Market. This service will extend over the Break-up period for community members.

#### **Health Services Update**

Please see the attached document as provided by Ontario Ministriy of Health to the Health Services Department regarding symptoms of COVID-19

#### Social Services

Mental Health counselling is available Wednesdays with Kevin McPhee. Please note: counselling services will be provided from your device. Please contact Linda Paul at 705-237-8022 ext. 403 to request appointment.

Updates on information surrounding the COVID-19 State of Emergency can be found at www.temagamifirstnation.ca

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#### **AFN MENTAL WELLNESS RESOURCES**

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has collected a variety of Mental Health and Wellness resources for First Nations to access during the COVID-19 pandemic. Seeking help is important and shouldn't be a challenge – there are people here to help.

#### **NIHB Mental Health Services:**

If you are in need of mental health supports, you may be eligible to receive 22 hours of counselling covered under the Non-Insured Health Benefits for First Nations and Inuit (NIHB). Your initial session (up to 2 hours) will be covered without any prior approval requirements. Eligible mental health counselling providers include Psychologists, Social Workers, Psychiatric nurses or other regulated mental health providers. For information on NIHB eligibility criteria please visit: <a href="https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1574187596083/">https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1574187596083/</a> 1576511384063

#### Telehealth:

The NIHB program covers mental health counselling through telehealth, including telephone or video conferencing. When inquiring about counselling, please confirm with your provider what telehealth services are available. To find an enrolled mental health counsellor in your area, please contact your NIHB regional office here:

https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/ eng/1579274812116/ 1579708265237

#### **Our Partnerships:**

**Thunderbird Partnership Foundation** is sharing harm reduction resources to help support your continued wellness during COVID-19: <a href="https://bit.ly/2W4UAGU">https://bit.ly/2W4UAGU</a>

 For the Thunderbird Partnership Foundation document library, please click here: <a href="https://thunderbirdpf.org/nnapf-document-library/">https://thunderbirdpf.org/nnapf-document-library/</a>

**First Peoples Wellness Circle** is sharing holistic health and wellness supports online and for download during COVID-19: <a href="https://bit.ly/2KO2Shc">https://bit.ly/2KO2Shc</a>

#### **Immediate Supports**

#### Hope for Wellness Help Line:

For crisis support and intervention please contact:
 1-855-242-3310 or via chat at hopeforwellness.ca

#### For Indigenous Women and girls:

 Talk4Healing is accessible across Canada, it is free and culturally safe for Indigenous women.
 Please contact: 1-855-554-HEAL (4325)

#### Assaulted Women's Helpline:

· Contact 1-866-863-0511

#### For Children and Youth:

- Kids Help Phone is accessible 24/7 across
   Canada and offers telephone or texting, supports.
  - For telephone support, please contact: 1-800-668-6868.
  - For texting support, please text CONNECT to 686868.

#### **Native Youth Crisis Hotline:**

Offers 24/7 telephone support.
 Please contact, 1-877-209-1266

#### Online Resources for Youth:

• Culture for Life: http://cultureforlife.ca/

• Wise Practices: https://wisepractices.ca/

Wapikoni Mobile: <a href="http://www.wapikoni.ca/home">http://www.wapikoni.ca/home</a>

• We Matter: <a href="https://wemattercampaign.org/">https://wemattercampaign.org/</a>











Contact Linda Paul at FHWC 705-237-8022 ext. 403 To get your kit.

Limited Quantities Available First Come, First Serve

### Community Energy Champion Harri Makivirta



# The Covid - 19 Time-Of-Use Electricity Period has been Extended to May 31st

Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, on March 24th 2020 all residential and small business time-of-use rates were set at 10.1 cents/kWh for all periods for 45 days ending on May 8th. On May 6th the Ontario Government extended the ending date to May 31st.

Off Peak	Mid - Peak	On-Peak
10.1	10.1	10.1
Cents/kWh	Cents/kWh	Cents/kWh

Covid 19 Time-of use rates

On June 1st the Summer Time-of-use periods will resume. The scheduled rates are :

Off Peak	Mid - Peak	On-Peak
10.1	14.4	20.8
Cents/kWh	Cents/kWh	Cents/kWh

#### Summer Time-of-Use Schedule (June 1st\* - October 31st)

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday Sunday
Mid-Peak	7am-11am						Weekends and
Peak	11am - 5pm						Holidays are Off-
Mid-Peak	5pm-7pm						Peak
Off-Peak	7pm-7am						

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For Any Questions Please Contact Harri Makivirta 705-237-8600 Ext. 214 Email: cec@temagamifirstnation.ca

<sup>\*</sup>Covid 19 Time-of-use rates schedule



The Clinic remains closed to public, however if needing to see a nurse or access food bank please call ahead for screening and setting up an appointment. Also we will continue to accommodate prescription pick up once a week when the lake opens up. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

Note: leave a message on the phone, we will return your call ASAP

### The Fallacy of the Flattened Curve

Flattening the curve does not mean people are now safer or that the coronavirus is going away. Flattening the curve only protects the healthcare system. It means healthcare capacity is not exceeded and the system doesn't collapse. A flattened curve still describes the same number of cases and the same number of deaths, only over a longer period so the healthcare system can accommodate cases. Safety will not be achieved until we reduce the population described under the curve, i.e., fewer cases and fewer deaths. This will only be achieved with therapeutics that reduce the number of deaths and a vaccine that reduces deaths and cases. In the absence of a vaccine, dropping numbers of cases means we are postponing disease, not preventing it. The curve is flattened, but the risk of infection is still there. We are not controlling whether infection occurs, we are merely controlling the RATE at which infection occurs. Stop what we're doing to control the rate and the rate will go back into runaway mode until there is a vaccine or the virus burns through the population.

Facebook: Speaking Truth Page

Submitted by: Wayne Potts, Health Service Manager

# MEMORIES OF MOM

# MOTHER'S DAY May







In celebration of our mothers, grandmothers, step mothers, aunties and caregivers, share a photo and a memory that we could publish to our facebook page and in next month's BI Blast. Let her know about the moments that stayed in your heart.



include your names, a photo and a special memory and send to: communication@temagamifirstnation.ca or PM to Temagami First Nation on facebook 🕧





# YARD CLEAN UP CONTEST

This year we will are organizing a contest to help make Bear Island look better after a long winter that provided a lot of snow that buried items we lost up until recently.

Participants are to send in 3 pictures of your property along with your name, lot number and phone number. You can also request photos be taken by us when you register.

Judging will take place on May 26th and 27th and the winner will be announced in the June Issue of the BI Blast.

### Registration due by May 15th at 4pm

Contact Raymond Katt, 705-237-8900 ext.307 chr@temagamifirstnation.ca

Winners of 1st place - Weed Wacker; 2nd place - \$100 Walmart Gift Certificate 3rd place - \$75 Garden Store Gift Certificate



#### **BEAR ISLAND ALL AGES**

# \$1000.00 ZUCCHINI CONTEST

Its ok if you dont have any gardening experience, we encourage you to reseach anything and everything you need to know about growing zucchinis. You never know, that little bit of research just might give you the slight advantage over our well seasoned gardeners

### **Prizes**

15T - \$1000.00

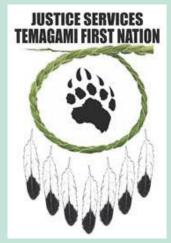
Runner up - SURPRISE

Consolation for most Creative Zucchini

#### **Rules**

- Open to all ages
- Registration due by **May 15**th (Phone 705-237-8636 to register)
- Plants will be dropped off at end of May to all participants
- Keep brief documentation of process (research, planting, care, picking)
- Weight will determine the winners
- Closing Date is August 27th, 2020
- If you choose to pick your prize winning zucchini prior to the closing date, please phone to make arrangements for weighing and photos before picking.

Sponsored by



Nancy Shipman 705-237-8636 ext 804

Temagami First Nation

### Family Healing & Wellness Centre

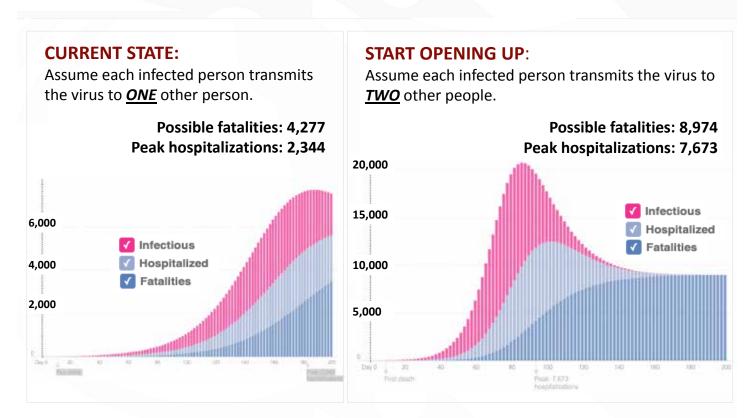


Linda Paul 705-237-8022 ext 403



# Model: Impact of "opening-up" First Nations

- "Opening-up" First Nations could increase spread of COVID-19
- The following graphs show what <u>MIGHT</u> happen if spread increases from ONE new case from every infected person to TWO
- HOWEVER, there is now way to know how much spread might increase (could be more OR less than shown here), not what <u>WILL</u> happen as actions are taken that might increase spread
- Outcomes may be different if other actions to reduce spread are strengthened at the same time as First Nations start to open up



Data for All First Nations people in Ontario (approximately 200,000); assumptions used in model same as previously shared by COO; based on publicly available Epidemic Calculator: <a href="http://gabgoh.github.io/COVID/index.html">http://gabgoh.github.io/COVID/index.html</a>;



### Recommendations



- The data tells us that it is not the time to ease our efforts to stop COVID-19 from spreading in our communities.
- Efforts to date appear to be working: Closing borders and other measures seem to have kept number of cases in FN communities low.
- Keep in mind, cases are still increasing so First Nations do not yet appear to be ready to open up.
- Keep encouraging social distancing, washing hands, and self-isolating once experiencing symptoms.



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#### **FOOD CONTROL GROUP UPDATE - MAY 8, 2020**

Hello everyone,

The Food Control Group has been busier than usual this past week with it being break up. We are glad the community is using the service.

Earlier this week in our daily updates we mentioned that we were out of a few items. We are getting another food order in today, and the following items will be restocked: milk, lactose free milk, coffee cream, marble cheese, old cheese, peppers, and sliced pepperoni.

We would like to thank the infrastructure crew and airboat operators for ensuring that any food for the community has made it to the island. Thank you also to John Shymko for delivering the produce from the Timiskaming Health Unit from Temagami to the end of the access road.

Just a reminder that the Food Control Group completes and delivers orders on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure to have your orders in by Tuesday and Thursday mornings if you would like your order that day. It would be helpful to even have them in the day before if you could. Thank you everyone for your co-operation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Michelle or Rachel. Miigwetch.

Michelle Polson (705) 237-8698 ext 601

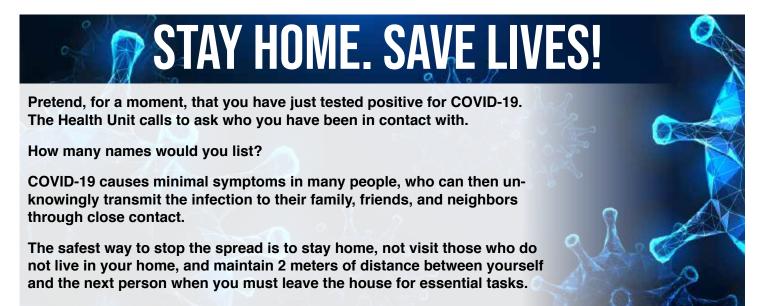
# FIRST NATION CONTROL GROUP ROLES AND CONTACT INFO

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Community Emergency Management Coordinator Ensuring that all members of the FNCG have necessary plans, resources, supplies, maps, and equipment	Jamie Koistinen OFFICE: (705) 237-8943 EXT. 103 cim@temagamifirstnation.ca jamie.koistinen@temagamifirstnation.ca	Tom Mathias OFFICE: (705) 237-8631 EXT. 705 pwsuper@temagamifirstnation.ca
Police Representative Notifying necessary emergency and community services, as required;	Brad Kerr OFFICE: (705) 237-8963 DISPATCH: 1 (888) 310-1122 brad.e.kerr@opp.ca	Tom Saville OFFICE: (705) 237-8963 DISPATCH: 1 (888) 310-1122 thomas.saville@opp.ca
Fire Chief Activating the emergency notification system through the Community Emergency Coordinator;	Jamie Saville DISPATCH: 1 (866) 762-0911 5tfncouncillor@temagamifirstnation.ca	Louis LeFrancois DISPATCH: 1 (866) 762-0911 2fire.chief@temagamifirstnation.ca
Public Works Rep Providing and maintaining all equipment necessary as well as keeping the water/sewer services running	Derek Green OFFICE: (705) 237-8631 EXT. 701 derek.green@temagamifirstnation.ca	Tom Mathias OFFICE: (705) 237-8631 EXT. 705 pwsuper@temagamifirstnation.ca
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Social Services Rep Ensuring the well-being of residents who have been displaced from their homes by arranging emergency lodging, clothing, feeding, registration and inquiries and personal services;	Annette Paul OFFICE: (705) 237-8022 EXT. 401 sss@temagamifirstnation.ca	Alice Moore OFFICE: (705) 237-8022 EXT. 402 3tfncouncillor@temagamifirstnation.ca hbhc@temagamifirstnation.ca
Emergency Medical Service Rep Ensuring emergency medical services at the emergency site	Marie Paul DISPATCH: (705) 569-3434 efr@temagamifirstnation.ca	Delma Peshabo OFFICE: (705) 237-8900 EXT. 305 delma.peshabo@temagamifirstnation.ca
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Emergency Information Coordinator The Emergency Information Coordinator is responsible for the dissemination of news and information to the media for the public	Heidi Jobson OFFICE: 1 (705) 237-8943 EXT. 107 communication@temagamifirstnation.ca	Courtney Saville OFFICE: 1 (705) 237-8943 EXT. 110 courtney.saville@temagamifirstnation.ca

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Community Spokesperson The voice of the community for outside organizations; provides updates and constant communication for media etc.	Arnold Paul OFFICE: (705) 237-8943 EXT. 105 chief@temagamifirstnation.ca	John Turner OFFICE: 1 (705) 237-8982 EXT. 504 2ndchieftfn@temagamifirstnation.ca
Citizen Inquiry Spokesperson Point of contact for community members that may have questions or require an update on developing situations.	Wayne Potts OFFICE: (705) 237-8900 EXT. 302 hsm@temagamifirstnation.ca	Delma Peshabo OFFICE: (705) 237-8900 EXT. 304 delma.peshabo@temagamifirstnation.ca
Food Service Lead Ensuring that the most vulnerable population within the community will have their basic needs met during the duration of the emergency plan.	Michelle Polson OFFICE: (705) 237-8698 EXT.601 michelle.polson@temagamifirstnation.ca	Rachel McKee OFFICE: (705) 237-8900 EXT. 312 hcc@temagamifirstnation.ca
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Stay home. Save lives!