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COMMUNITY MEMO

TO: All Community Residents
FROM: TFN Chief & Council
DATE: January 15, 2021
RE: **Lockdown Update**

Dear Community Residents,

We wish to express our gratitude to residents for efforts taken to keep our community safe from Covid-19. We all, individually are having to make some drastic changes in behaviours. Physically only remaining with our household members, working and schooling from home and our strict hygiene efforts are a few of the measures we're taking and we thank you all for your continued support and participation.

Bear Island continues to remain without any reported Covid-19 positive cases. We need to continue in our diligence to keep our community safe. This is a critical time with other surrounding districts still logging increasing numbers with a more contagious strain and so we mustn't get complacent at this time.

Last week we released a Community Memo that notified the community of Bear Island that we shall align with the Ontario Provincial government's measures to extend the lockdown period until January 25th. Ontario has since issued their stay-at-home order, effective Thursday January 14th, 2021 which requires everyone to remain at home with the exception of essential purposes in effort to curb the Covid-19 case surges. At this time, we urge all residents to follow suit and stay in your own homes with only the members of your household. We remind everyone that there is to be No Trespassing on Bear Island from non-residents and that fines will be levied for this **and** inter-household gatherings are also prohibited.

Our community is privileged to be able to provide essential services so that members can minimize travel off-island. The Doreen Potts Health Centre will provide any prescription pickups as well, are equipped to provide Covid-19 testing. Please contact them rather than traveling off-island. The DPHC Medical Transportation service is being reinstated today under strict **essential-only services**. Call 705-237-8900 ext.301.

The Family Healing and Wellness Centre and the Home and Community Care are working hard in providing grocery and household necessities to residents also. To increase availability of this service, they've decided to increase food orders to weekly rather than bi-weekly. Please reach out to them on Mondays with your orders by calling 705-237-8022 ext. 409.


And further, we will be opening up shuttle service for community members next week to allow for **essential-only trips** off-island for those residents who are without travel means. Watch for the schedule to be distributed soon.

During this lockdown period, the LMLC continues to provide virtual learning to students and the daycare will remain closed. All TFN offices remain closed but staff can still be reached as normal by phone and email.

You all have done a great job in keeping the community safe from Covid-19 and we urge you to continue maintaining distancing from others outside of your household and limiting trips outside of the community. Thank you for respecting and continuing to participate in these health and safety measures. We are asking you to isolate yourselves but rest assure that we are all in this together.

In unity,
Temagami First Nation Chief and Council

Attached: BCR 2021-002
 DPHC Medical Transportation Update
 Food Security Update

 Temagami First Nation	Chronological no. 2021-002
BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION	File reference no.

The council of the TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION							
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Do hereby resolve that the community of Bear Island shall enter into a strict lockdown to ensure the continued safety of the community, mitigating potential infection and spread of the virus, in alignment with the GREY – LOCKDOWN zone implemented by the Ontario Provincial government.

WHEREAS the spread COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020.

WHEREAS Ontario is now in the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic with a total of 3,519 new cases as of January 7, 2021.

WHEREAS the Temagami First Nation, First Nation Control Group (FNCG) was formed and includes representatives from all departments.

WHEREAS the FNCG and Chief & Council are aware of the continued risk to the community members of Bear Island.

WHEREAS the community needs to ensure that the essential infrastructure and services at the daycare, school, Doreen Potts Health Center, and all other workplaces remain strong and healthy while they implement the strictest measures.

WHEREAS the FNCG has determined that the community of Bear Island must re-open at a slower rate than the rest of the province due to a high percentage of community members with pre-existing conditions that place them at high risk, and due to the community's limited health infrastructure to manage a COVID-19 outbreak.

WHEREAS the Timiskaming Health Unit has confirmed ten (10) new cases in the district. We must continue to practice the safety measures due to the upward progression of the virus and increasing infection rate.

WHEREAS the Temagami First Nation has an inherent right to self-government and existing Aboriginal and treaty rights throughout the whole of n'Daki Menan, rooted in the pre-colonial occupation of our Homeland by our ancestors and in our pre-existing systems of law and governance.

WHEREAS Chief & Council have the authority and jurisdiction pursuant to the inherent and treaty rights of Temagami First Nation and sections 81 (1)(a), (c), (d), (p), (q), and (r) of the *Indian Act* to enact emergency measures to prevent the spreading of contagions and infectious diseases.

NOW THEREFORE Chief & Council hereby execute the following BCR for the protection of public health and safety of Bear Island.

Emergency Preventative Measures:

1. Under the rules of law, a strict No-Trespassing restriction will remain in effect. Exemptions will be made only for those deemed Essential Workers, those in need of emergency medical care, caretakers, and for those participating in traditional harvesting.

2. The wearing of masks or face coverings is mandatory for all Bear Island residents and non-residents in all public places where physical distancing of 6 feet is not possible.
3. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that community residents **do not visit any household**, including those of relatives.
4. All gatherings in the community are banned until further notice, unless deemed essential by the FNCG.
5. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that no person shall come within 6 feet of another person who does not reside within the same household.
6. Any resident with symptoms of COVID-19, including fever and cough, should arrange for COVID-19 testing with the Doreen Potts Health Centre; should isolate inside his or her residence and strictly avoid contact with others for fourteen (14) days OR until a negative test result has been returned.
7. Any non-resident that has been deemed an Essential Worker, with symptoms shall not access Bear Island for any reason. He or she must arrange for COVID-19 testing with their local health unit based on their place of residence; must adhere to the guidelines as provided by the applicable health unit.
8. Residents of Bear Island that travel away from the community beyond, New Liskeard, North Bay, and Sudbury, must quarantine for fourteen (14) days upon returning to Bear Island.
9. Visits to Elders or individuals with underlying health issues shall be avoided where reasonably possible and groceries and supplies shall be delivered to such persons without direct contact or entry to their residences where reasonably possible.
10. Both the school and the daycare on Bear Island are to remain closed until lockdown is lifted.
11. All sports and recreational activities that are held outdoors are exempted from this BCR, as long as safety measures are implemented.

Temporary Effectiveness

12. As per Council MOTION #2021-0107-009 passed on January 7, 2021, this BCR will remain in force until January 25, 2021, unless that time period is extended or abridged by a resolution by Council.

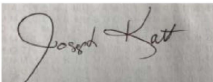


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Councillor Tom Mathias

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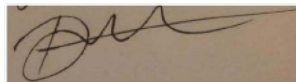
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January 14th 2021

Community Residents,

Re: Medical Transportation Reinstatement – During COVID-19 Pandemic

The Medical Transportation Program will start back up January 15th on a much smaller scale due to COVID-19. Safety for our Driver and Clients are of the utmost importance; therefore, we will be implementing the following changes during this time.

- Medical Transportation will operate on a first come first serve basis.
- Priority will be given to Clients without vehicles and Specialist appointments.
- Only members of **one household** will be able to travel per trip with maximum of (3)
- Clients will be screened, and temperature taken prior to trip. Clients who exhibit Fever, Cough or Difficulty Breathing will not be permitted on trip.
- Clients are required to hand sanitize and put on a mask prior to entering vehicle.
- Passengers are required, as much as possible, to keep 2 meters distance from one another.
- Clients will be driven to their appointment and Driver will wait outside for them to finish.
- Clients will remove gloves/mask, sanitize hands and put on a new mask before re-entering the Medical Transportation Vehicle.
- Driver will continue route with picking up prescriptions and getting gas for vehicle.
- Driver will stop during route to ensure the Clients are able to get themselves a snack. (Drive Thru)
- EXTRA STOPS  NOT PERMITTED. Clients are not to pressure drivers to make stops other than outlined in this notice.
- Drivers are expected to strictly follow that which is outlined in this notice.

Thank you for your cooperation during this time.

Sincerely,

Donna Mattias
Office Manager





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Friday, January 15th, 2021

Dear Bear Island Residents,

The Food Security Program is now available for all community members during the lockdown period, with the purpose of limiting travel off-island. The program has also been changed, **as of Monday, January 25th orders can be placed weekly.** When you place your orders please mark the items that you absolutely need to avoid stockpiling food. We have a large amount of people to reach and we want to be able to help everyone as best we can.

Orders can be placed every Monday by 4:30pm and delivery/pick-ups of this order will be Wednesday's. We ask clients who can, to pick up their orders at the Gathering Hall themselves. People who are picking up orders will be notified by phone call on Wednesday's when their orders are ready.

Please see contact information below to place orders or inquire about the program.

- Community Support Service clients
 - o Lynn White 705-237-8900 ext. 311 lynn.white@temagamifirstnation.ca
- Other community members
 - o Alyssa Paul 705-237-8022 ext. 409 fhwc.admin@temagamifirstnation.ca
 - o Linda Paul 705-237-8022 ext. 403 cww1@temagamifirstnation.ca

Please take into consideration that the food security program can only supply so much, we encourage using the Pier Market for any other items you may need.

Sincerely,

The Food Security Workers

FAMILY HEALING AND WELLNESS CENTRE

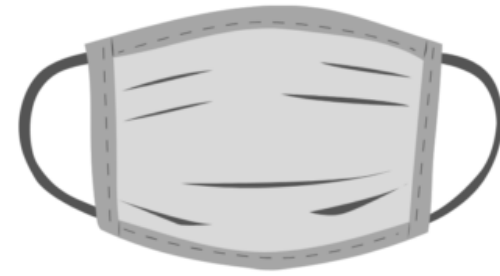
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**Stay Home.
Absolutely no
guests at this time**



**Wear cloth face
coverings when
less than 6ft away
from others**

**The Golden Rules
to Follow to
Keep our
Community Safe**



**Clean hands frequently
with soap and water or
hand sanitizer**

Physical distancing;

6ft



**Do not come in close
contact with anyone
outside of your household**