

FIRST NATION CONTROL GROUP

# COMMUNITY **BRIEFING**

June 18, 2021

Happy National

# **INDIGENOUS**

Peoples Day June 21st





# **NO TRESPASSING**

## **BEAR ISLAND RESERVE #1**

Due to Covid 19 Global Pandemic; Bear Island Reserve #1 remains

#### **CLOSED TO GENERAL PUBLIC**

With the exception of the Pier Market and to essential workers (Hydro, Telecommunications, Water/Sewer, Contractors, Emergency Service Personnel) and Temagami First Nation Members & Teme-Augama Anishnabai Members and their significant others.

Please see page 2 for Letter to Community from the Pandemic Safety Coordinator.

**PLEASE NOTE: All Emergency Preventative Measures are listed with** the Band Council Resolution on pages 3-4. Please read carefully.



## COVID-19 Rapid Testing



**COVID-19 Rapid Testing** Available at the DPHC

**During regular business hours:** book your appointment by calling 705-237-8900 ext. 301

Weekends 10am - 2pm: book your appointment by calling 705-237-8900 ext. 316

Bear Island is currently operating in the below Phase of a Level 3 State of Emergency



Please be advised, Chief and Council hereby resolve that the community of Bear Island remains in the ORANGE-RESTRICT phase effective until July 2, 2021, unless that period is extended or abridged by a resolution by Council.

### Bear Island's Food Security Program

Weekly orders are due every Monday by 4:30pm. Community Support Service Clients please call Lynn White at 705-237-8900 ext. 311 Other inquiries, please contact Deva Belec or Linda Paul at 705-237-8022 ext. 407 or 403

**PREVENT** (Standard Measures) **PROTECT** 

RESTRICT

**CONTROL** (Stringent Measures)

**LOCKDOWN** (Maximum Measures)



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TO TFN Community Residents

**DATE:** Friday, June 18, 2020

**RE:** COVID 19 Precautionary Measure

Under the direction of Chief & Council, in an effort to take preventative measures to stop the potential spread of COVID-19, Bear Island remains under the ORANGE-RESTRICT phase effective until July 2, 2021, unless that period is extended or abridged by a resolution by Council.

Chief and Council would like to express their gratitude for your continued community effort as we cautiously move towards easing restrictions and resuming more services.

Please refer to the BCR #2021-034 for the complete list of Emergency Preventative Measures.

For up-to-date information related to the COVID 19 pandemic, please visit our website. We will keep you apprised on further updates as we receive them.

Sincerely,

Paula Potts,
Pandemic Safety Coordinator, Temagami First Nation

cc. Robin Potts, Executive Director

Temagami First Nation	Chronological no.
BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION	File reference no.

The council of the TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION							
Date of duly convened meeting	D   1.  7	м .   о.   в	Y . 2.  1	Province:	ONTARIO		

Do hereby resolve that the community of Bear Island is REMAINING in the ORANGE-RESTRICT phase.

**WHEREAS** the spread of COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March11, 2020.

**WHEREAS** the community of Bear Island remains with zero reported COVID-19 positive cases due to community effort.

WHEREAS TFN is in the Orange Phase until July 2 <sup>xt</sup> 2021.

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

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

#### Emergency Preventative Measures:

- Under the rules of law, a strict No-Trespassing restriction will remain in effect. Exemptions will be made of
  patrons to the Pier Market. Temagami First Nation Citizens. Teme-Augama Anishnabai Citizens, their
  significant others and those deemed to be essential workers, those in need of emergency medical care,
  caretakers, and for those participating in traditional harvesting.
- 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.
- Any Temagami First Nation members and Teme-Augama Anishnabai members who are not communityresidents of Bear Island are encouraged to remain in their family's household bubble.
- Community residents are encouraged to remain in their household bubbles.
- 5. All gatherings for personal/social reasons in the community buildings are discouraged until further notice.
- IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that no person shall come within 6 feet of another person who does not reside within the same household.
- Any Temagami First Nation members and Teme-Augama Anishnabai members who are not community residents of Bear Island with symptoms of COVID-19, including fever and cough should not come to Bear Island.

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- 8. Any Temagami First Nation members and Teme-Augama Anishnabai members who are not community residents of Bear Island who are coming from any of the designated Health Unit COVID-19 HOT SPOTS inOntario or any other place outside Ontario are encouraged to follow a rapid testing regiment of Day 1-4-7. If they are planning to be within the community for over a week. Or to Self-isolate for 14 days.
- 9. Any resident with symptoms of COVID-19, including fever and cough, should arrange for COVID-19 testingwith 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.
- 10. 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 rapid testing with their local health unit or the DoreenPotts Health Centre based on their place of residence; must adhere to the guidelines as provided by the applicable health unit.
- 11. Residents of Bear Island that travel away from the community or come into contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 are encouraged to arrange for COVID rapid testing with the Doreen Potts Health Centre; should self-isolate inside their residence and strictly avoid contact with others for fourteen (14) days OR until a negative test result has been returned.
- 12. All off-island employees are to work from home, except for those deemed Essential Workers, Managers, members of the FNCG, and teachers who reside in on-island teacherages.
- 13. TFN Staff who live in the community and have travelled to any of the designated Health Unit COVID-19 HOT SPOTS in Ontario or any other place outside Ontario are required to follow a testing regiment Day 1- 4-7 Rapid Testing protocol before going into the workplace and will be expected to work remotely until theyhave a 3<sup>rd</sup> negative result.
- 14. Essential Service Contract Workers TFN Program Managers will be responsible for coordinating Rapid Testing for the essential service contract workers they hire. Prior to bringing these workers into the community, TFN managers are required to schedule a Rapid Test each time for them at the DPHC Clinic.A negative test result must be received prior to them doing any work in the community.
- 15. Visits to Elders or individuals with underlying health issues shall be avoided where reasonably possible except for those who have limited mobility and cannot clean their own residence. Workers will follow all of the safety precautions and sanitizing rituals when entering a client's home. Groceries and supplies shall be delivered to such persons without direct contact or entry to their residences where reasonably possible.
- 16. Both the school and the daycare will be open to on-island families and on-island learners only. All other band owned buildings are closed to the public with patrons requiring an appointment to access the building. With the exception of the Pier Market. Also, with the exception of the North Star Building for elder'sprogramming as administered by the Home and Community Care Services.

#### **Temporary Effectiveness**

As per Council MOTION #2021-0617-034 passed on June 17<sup>th</sup> 2021, this BCR will remain in force until July 2<sup>rd</sup> 2021, unless that time period is extended or abridged by a resolution by Council.

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