



FIRST NATION CONTROL GROUP

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

August 13, 2021

NO TRESPASSING BEAR ISLAND RESERVE #1

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

CLOSED TO GENERAL PUBLIC

Exemptions will be made of patrons to the Pier Market, Temagami First Nation Citizens, Teme-Augama Anishnabai Citizens, their family/friends, off-island TFN Staff, those in need of emergency medical care, caretakers, and for those participating in traditional harvesting.

2nd call out

CALL OUT FOR RAPID TESTERS

In an effort to keep our community safe, the DPHC is seeking to recruit additional Rapid Testers.

Rapid Testers will be required to test community members and staff for the COVID-19 virus.

Training and certification will be provided.

If you wish to apply for this paid, casual position or for further details, call 705-237-8900 x. 304 or email pandemic@temagamifirstnation.ca

Bear Island's Food Security Program UPDATE Food Services will continue operating biweekly.

The next order is due
Monday August 16th by 4:30pm.

Please be advised that Client Shopping Trips will begin the week of August 30th.

Community Support Service Clients please call
Lynn White at 705-237-8900 ext. 311
Other inquiries, please call 705-237-8943 ext 304

Please ensure you book your appointment for Covid Testing

to avoid any delays.

Those with appointments will be prioritized.

Call 705-237-8900 ext. 301 on weekdays
regular business hours
or 705-237-8900 ext. 316 on weekends
10am - 2pm

Please be advised, Chief and Council hereby resolve that the community of Bear Island is remaining in **STAGE 2** of re-opening until August 27, 2021, unless that period is extended or abridged by a resolution by Council.

90% OF DELTA VARIANT CASES ARE REPORTED TO BE UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS

The news is reporting that we are in a **fourth wave** of the Covid-19 World Pandemic with the Delta Variant being the predominant strain. The Delta Variant is very contagious; however, studies have shown that 90% of cases are among the unvaccinated.

Bear Island has been super fortunate and all of our efforts and vigilance has helped in assisting to keep those of us who work and live here safe and Covid-free. Although things are opening up more and more, now is not the time to let our guard down against this invisible virus. We need to still protect each other and ourselves.

As for the vaccinated folks, studies have shown that they can still get the virus but have symptoms that are less severe. However, we need to be mindful that the vaccinated people can spread the virus to those who are unvaccinated, to the children, to the immune comprised and elderly folks. If you feel that you have enough information regarding the vaccine, please help contribute to creating herd immunity within our community and get vaccinated.

Once again, please use a mask, sanitize and practice social distancing. If you feel that you would like more information about the vaccine, please don't hesitate to reach out to pandemic@temagamiirstnation.ca or call 705-237-8900 ext 304.

Paula Potts,
Pandemic Safety Coordinator

STAGE TWO: Re-opening Plan

WHAT DOES **STAGE TWO** LOOK LIKE FOR GRADUAL **RE-OPENING** FOR THE **COMMUNITY OF BEAR ISLAND?**



No-Trespassing Order in effect – with exception to TAA/TFN Members and their friends/family.

Outdoor programming is operational as organized by TFN department service and program providers with measure in place at a maximum of 100 people.

Food Security Program will operate bi-weekly and is available to all community residents.

Band owned **buildings are open to provide indoor programming and services** to community members. The buildings will be operational at a 50% capacity (including both staff and clients)



The wearing of **masks or face coverings** in all public places is **mandatory** for all Bear Island residents and non-residents where physical distancing of 6 feet is not possible.

Medical Transportation services will operate with measures in place and modifications as needed.



Shuttle Services will operate with measures in place. Sanitizer and masks are required.

The **Laura Mckenzie Learning Centre is open for services** while following the protocols outlined in the BCR and the BIEA Covid Policy.

The **Tillie Missabie Family Centre is open for on-island residences** for services while following the protocols outlined in the BCR, TMFC Covid Policy and the Ministry of Education measures.



TFN /TAA members and their guests, along with community residents of Bear Island are encouraged to **remain in their family's household bubble**.

Emergency/ Essential Services are operational.

Police Services are operational and Police will enforce the no trespassing order.



Temagami First Nation

Chronological no.

2021-037

BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

File reference no.

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TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION

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Do hereby resolve that the community of Bear Island is extending Stage 2 of re-opening.

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

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

WHEREAS TFN is in the Second Stage of Opening until August 27th, 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 effort 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:

1. 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 family/friends, off-island TFN staff and 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. Temagami First Nation members and Teme-Augama Anishnabai members and their guests, along with community residents of Bear Island are encouraged to remain in their family's household bubble.
4. Band owned buildings are open to provide indoor programming and services to community members. The buildings will be operational at a 50% capacity (including both staff and clients).
5. All TFN Staff can return to office in consultation with the manager.
6. All contract workers can access Bear Island; however, they would require a rapid test with a negative result before they deliver their service and under the approval of the department manager.

7. Outdoor programming will resume following covid prevention protocols at a maximum of 100 people which will be supervised by the workers hosting the program.
8. Indoor programming will resume following covid prevention protocols including client transportation and shopping under the approval of the department manager.
9. Band Employees are allowed to travel for band business to the three local districts where services are offered, Sudbury, Nipissing, and Timiskaming Districts or in special circumstances it must be approved by the department manager.
10. Regular Medical Transportation services will resume with measures and modifications as needed.
11. Shuttle services are available, with Covid-19 prevention measures in place. Sanitizer and masks are required.
12. Catered events are permitted with no buffet style.
13. Covid testing is operational at the clinic, residents and staff are strongly encouraged to utilize this service. A 1-4-7 Rapid Testing Regime is required for TFN staff who travel to and from a Health Unit declared HOT SPOT before returning back to office. Residents who have visited a Health Unit declared HOT SPOT are strongly encourage to follow the 1-4-7 Rapid Testing Regime or self-isolate for 14 days.
14. The Laura Mckenzie Learning Centre is open to on Island learners and follow the policies outlined by the BIEA and the BCR.
15. The Tillie Missabie Family Centre is open for on Island children and follow the policies as outlined in the BCR and the Ministry of Education.
16. Police Services are available and will enforce the no trespassing order.
17. Emergency/ Essential Services are available.
18. 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 protocols 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.

Temporary Effectiveness

As per Council MOTION #2021-0812-015 passed on August 12th, 2021, this BCR will remain in force until August 27th, 2021, unless that time period is extended or abridged by a resolution by Council.