

### **COMMUNITY BRIEFING**

September 10, 2021

## **RED ALERT** WARNING WILL BE **LIFTED** ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Chi Miigwetch to the community for complying with the Red Alert safety measures.

# Please ensure you **book** your appointment for Covid Testing

to avoid any delays.

Those with appointments will be prioritized.

### Please call 705-237-8900 ext. 316

to book an appointment. Leave a message and your call will be returned.

Please note ext. 301 will no longer be utilized for taking Covid-19 Testing Appointments.

#### **BEAR ISLAND'S**

### **FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM**

### The Bear Island Food Security Program is operational

Please send your food order lists to the Pandemic Safety Coordinator on Monday September 13, 2021.

#### Miigwetch

Paula Potts, Pandemic Safety Coordinator 705-237-8900 ext. 304 pandemic@temagamifirstnation.ca

Please be advised, Chief and Council hereby resolve that the community of Bear Island will resume in STAGE 2 of re-opening as of Tuesday, September 14, 2021 and be in effect until September 24, 2021, unless that period is extended or abridged by a resolution by Council.

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

### **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.

### Chief Shelly Moore-Frappier

# VIDEO UPDATE TO COMMUNITY

**SEPT. 10, 2021** 



Kwe Kwe Temagami First Nation Citizens

I hope you all are keeping in good health.

I'm speaking to you this morning to advise that the Covid-19 positive case reported on Bear Island has now been resolved and we will resume re-opening plans in Stage 2 for Bear Island starting Tuesday, Sept. 14.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of community in complying with our red alert and also to citizens continuing to act responsibly and use rapid testing.

I also want to acknowledge our staff and the Timiskaming Health Unit for working collaboratively in keeping the community safe and mitigating the spread of the virus. You all have done a great job in keeping the community safe from Covid-19 and we thank you for your continued perseverance and the sacrifices you have had to make.

With this in mind, we have decided to postpone the VIRTUAL Community Meeting that was scheduled for this Saturday until next Saturday – Sept. 18th so that we can meet in person. Watch for a revised notice that will be circulated.

All my relations, I wish you good health, In the spirit of unity. Wai Winai Miigwech, and stay safe.

Ogimaa Shelly Moore-Frappier

Temagami First Nation	Chronological no. 2021-045
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 is resuming Stage 2 of re-opening.

**WHEREAS** as of September 10, 2021 the Temiskaming Health Unit has deemed the positive case of COVID 19 as resolved.

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

**WHEREAS** TFN is resuming the Second Stage of Opening effective Tuesday, September 14, 2021 until Friday, September 24, 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.

- Outdoor programming will resume following covid prevention protocols at a maximum of 100 people which will be supervised by the workers hosting the program.
- Indoor programming will resume following covid prevention protocols including client transportation and shopping under the approval of the department manager.
- 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.
- Medical Transportation services will resume with measures and modifications.
- Shuttle services are available, with Covid-19 prevention measures in place. Sanitizer and masks are required.
- 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 HOT SPOT before returning back to office. Residents who have visited a HOT SPOT are strongly encouraged 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.
- 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 #2021-0909-005 passed on September 9, 2021, this BCR will remain in force until September 24, 2021, unless that time period is extended or abridged by a resolution by Council.